



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

LACOMBE SPORTS AND LEISURE COMPLEX
5210 - 54 AVENUE
LACOMBE, ALBERTA

March 4, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Trevor Jevne called the meeting to order @ 7:06 PM

PRESENT:

Jason Bessette	Jeff Heindel	Thalia Hibbs
Kari Pilote	Mike Kozak	Anita Brown
Kathy Pallister	Rhonda Brandon	Les Richardson
Darin Gill	Josh Smith	Rod Guilbault
Troy Rider	Jacqui Rider	Lin Luymes
Trevor Jevne	Dave Davidson	Jacki Talsma

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

Trevor Jevne occupied the Chair and Jacki Talsma acted as Secretary of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reviewed last meeting minutes from the February 4th, 2013 meeting. Josh Smith made a **motion to accept** the minutes as presented. Jason Bessette **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

Awards Night

- LMH Annual Awards Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Lacombe Memorial Center.
- Lin will be sending a list out to all teams on the awards for their divisions. She will also inform them of when their nominations must be submitted by.
- The Keith Randall Memorial Award will be presented by the Randall family that night. It has been decided that since Keith's name is on the PeeWee A Defense trophy, that would be a good choice for this memorial trophy.
- Idea presented to redo trophies to not say the level (i.e. AA, A, B) but just use it as a divisional trophy in PeeWee or Bantam or Midget.
- Discussions on naming a youth/player/parent as some type of volunteer award that would be Executive picked for each season. More details and criteria to be set over the summer for next season.
- Discussion on possible dollar amount available as a scholarship to be used by the youth within three years of graduating school. But the logistics of tracking a small dollar amount is not worth Kari's time as the Treasurer. Decided that the dollar amount would be given to the youth to be used at their discretion. Amount is recommended to be \$500.
- Award to be named LMH Outstanding Volunteer Award.
- Motion made for the LMH Outstanding Volunteer Award to be selected each year to the Executive and Operating Committee based on his/her contribution to the hockey association during their hockey years. An honorarium of up to \$500 is to be included. **Motion made** by Lin Luymes. **Seconded** by Trevor Jevne. **Voted and all in favor. Motion carried.**

- Brandon Woltjer nominated for the 2012/2013 season's recipient of the LMH Outstanding Volunteer Award. **Motion made** by Josh Smith. **Seconded** by Lin Luymes. **Voted and all in favor. Motion carried.**
- Volunteer Appreciation Night for all coaches, manager, operating committee has been scheduled for Monday, April 8th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Boston Pizza. Please RSVP to Lin.

Provincials

- Atom Provincials are hosting in Lacombe on the weekend of March 15th to 17th.
- Volunteers are stepping forward and planning is going good.

Bantam AA Team

- Troubles with the team this year and Josh Smith cancelled a game recently because the officials would not go on the ice for an exhibition game. Referee would have tolerated it if it would have been a provincial or playoff game.
- Complaints on giving game sheet, the way referee called a period and troubles when referee exited the arena after the game. The team didn't want any official from town and wanted to pull officials from another town.
- A member of their team explained there were emails back in December and from those emails had not gotten information that were having issues with the bench.
- More and more officials were requesting not to officiate games from this team.
- In future, can emails be included to the President and Executive so that problems can be avoided in the future. We need to use our Operating Committee, Coach Mentor and Game & Conduct people effectively. That is what their duties are is to be mentors and supports to the team/coaches/managers when there are problems with a player/parent or otherwise. We need to use these positions to talk with the individual and have communication with the Executive. More warnings need to be documented and recourses taken.
- In this type of situation the Referee or Ref-in-Chief should have met with the Coach Mentor and Game & Conduct who would then discuss with the Director. The Director would communicate with the team/player/coach.

Coaches Evaluations

- Directors to encourage parents to fill out the evaluations this year.
- Jacki to have set up link in next few days. Will have it posted on the website and email the association members.
- In future, we need to look at setting up a system to store information on coaches for future use. Some ideas of having a coach binder with all of their documentation in it for use when selecting coaches and verifying their RIS Coach is complete, etc.
- Then when coach selections are made we would have an interview committee with 4-5 people who would host the interview with set questions, reviewing their experience for the coaches position.

Paid Coaching Positions

- As an association, we struggle sometimes to get coaches to that caliber.
- Advertise for paid coaching positions and promote for paying for courses.
- This may cost more for the players but would benefit the player.
- Coach Mentor should be communicating to our coaches the courses and opportunities for development that are available to them. Hockey AB is hosting specialized clinics on developing skills, skating and goal tending coaching. Details are available of what is available this summer on their website.

AA Promotion Packages

- Looked at a promotion package for the Badlands Longhorns Hockey League. It is sent as a communication package promoting their association to other associations, parents and families.
- Would like to develop such a package to be able to promote our AA programs to other communities such as Clive, Blackfalds, Rimbey and Bentley.
- Associations don't understand Provincial categorization and where the boundaries are. There is room for lateral movements. All associations need to understand that it is not to the detriment of one association over another. But it is to benefit players with a higher caliber of playing.
- We need to promote our association and those players that have moved through LMH and gone onto AAA teams.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT – Trevor Jevne

- Went to a novice tournament in Calgary and won the tournament!

VICE-PRESIDENT – Jason Bessette

- Nothing new to report.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes

- Will look at having some jersey options made up for the Spring Early Bird Meeting.
- Changing to Reebok socks for next year.

SECRETARY – Jacki Talsma

- Discussed a date for the Spring Early Bird Meeting. Will contact the LMC to see if May 30th is available.

TREASURER – Kari Pilote

- Wants to get permission for preprinted window envelopes from Strand. No objections made.
- Request to purchase Simply Accounting for her records instead of using Excel spreadsheets and doing the work twice. No objections to purchasing.

PAST-PRESIDENT – Jeff Heindel

- Nothing to report

DIRECTORS REPORT

INITIATION – Thalia Hibbs

- Tournament went well. Received several compliments on how well it ran. \$550 profit for each of the six teams.

NOVICE – Thalia Hibbs

- Looking to have some fun ice times during spring break where the 2nd year Initiation players would play with the 1st year Novice players in a scrimmage style practice. Will need a Special Event Permit.

ATOM – Kathy Pallister

- Nothing to report.

PEEWEE – Dave Davidson

- Provincials have been played. AA team lost to Leduc and A team lost to Beaumont.
- From their tournament the profit was \$1360 per team.

BANTAM - Darin Gill

- AA team is finished as they lost to Beaumont in Provincials and didn't make the Playoffs.
- B team lost to Ponoka and Stettler. Now another round with Ponoka.

MIDGETS – Les Richardson - absent

- Midget AA are 3rd from bottom of league. Lost to Beaumont in Provincials.
- A team won against Daysland. Now up against Sundre.

FEMALE – Tom Fisher – Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING CONVENER – Natalie Broderson - Absent

SPONSORSHIP – Justin Grabo – Absent

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Josh Smith –

- Provincial tournament for Atom has been assigned to referees and sent to Hockey AB for approval. It is a 10 team tournament.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Deanna Zunti - Absent

ICE CONVENER – Jacqui Rider

- 84 hours of unused ice. Has gone up as the February weekend was to be used by ringette as a Provincial tournament but they lost the bid. League games were already set by this time and the only use was for rescheduled games. Jacqui will be talking with City regarding those hours of unused ice.
- Spring break ice was not able to be returned to the city. Need to use the ice that week.
- 21 hours of unused ice at the 7:30 ice slot on the weekend for the Initiation and Novice levels. Need to have a policy in place for ice use next season. This should be explained to the teams at the beginning of the year.

UPPER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Anita Brown

- Nothing to report.

LOWER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Cam Penstone

- Nothing to report.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Mike Kozak

- Nothing to report.

COACH MENTOR – Jason Petrie - Absent

SOUTH CENTRAL MINOR HOCKEY LAEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE – Troy Rider

- Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- None to report

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Kozak made motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Jason Bessette. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

TREVOR JEVNE, PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

(Please indicate position and print name)

Next meeting to be held Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013 at 7:00 pm
at the Lacombe Sports and Leisure Complex.