



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

June 11, 2013 at 8:00 P.M.

Brent Talsma called the meeting to order @ 8:05 P.M.

PRESENT:

Jacki Talsma	Trevor Jevne	Josh Smith
Blair Zilinski	Darin Gill	Les Richardson
Tom Fisher	Alison Stangeland	Joey Ingram
Dave Jacobi	Lori McCrea	Edith McKinlay
Lin Luymes	Jacqui Rider	Kari Pilote
Haley Kirsch	Michelle Barefoot	Troy Rider
Anita Brown		

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reviewed last meeting minutes from the April 2nd, 2013 meeting. Josh Smith made a **motion to accept** the minutes as presented. Les Richardson **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

Introductions of new Operating Committee

- Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves, what position they are holding and what their expectations for their position/season are.

Evaluation Process

- The Midget process is still cumbersome. At Bantam and Midget levels there was a suggestion to change the coach picks to 50/50. More associations are doing this and both Bantam and Midget directors are interested in doing this. At this level, the coaches know more of the skills that each player would bring to the team.
- Also possible switch from a scrimmage type game to an exhibition games. As a coach, you know the players at this level and measuring their skills is not always effective. As they play in a game is what a coach is looking for.
- Have recommendations on changes to the Evaluation Process sent to Brent by June 25th.

Red Deer Rebels Game

- Contract has been signed with the Rebels. Date is set for September 13th at 7:30. Same amount as last year.
- Trevor will provide list of things to be done and organized for the event.

Hockey Alberta AGM

- Trevor Jevne is registered for the event. Friday there is a forum on Body Checking. Saturday there is workshops and coach evaluations. That evening there is a Gala. On Sunday is the AGM.

Coach Training

- Body contact will still be part of the game. Need to understand that and differentiate between a hit vs. body contact.
- Checking clinics will be different yet still available. Still required to have PeeWee coaches attend the checking clinics.
- Coach seminars in Sylvan in July. Coach Level up to Level 1 on July 12th to 14th. Any coaches can take the clinics. They are listed on the Hockey Alberta website.
- Both Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada websites are excellent resources for coach training and development.
- As Coach Mentors would like to have resources pulled and have an in-house training session on a weekend afternoon to help with practice plans, fundamental skills and drills, etc.
- Coach Evaluations need to be summarized. Brent to use them in the fall for coach selections. Directors to have access to them in the fall.

Goalie Training

- Discussed the idea from last year on having some goalie training available to our association's goalies. Need to get it planned for this year so we can get some ice time set aside.
- Scott Gelenza was approached last year. Trevor offered to discuss with Scott Gelenza on pricing for this year.
- Darin offered to talk with ATC Goalie company.

Tournament for 2013-2014 Season

- Ice must be submitted to town by June 28th.
- Provincial Curling will be taking the front ice from January 31st 2014 to February 11th. There will also be no back ice from February 9th to 10th.
- Initiation and Novice tournament needs to be moved. Discussed and will be moving to the weekend of March 14/15/16.
- Female Ponoka and Lacombe tournament will be held November 15th to 17th.
- Atom tournament will be on December 6th to 8th.
- Spring break starts March 21st and need to hang back that ice.
- No interest in hosting a Bantam tournament.
- Is there any interest in a AA tournament to start off the season. Three team format with Sylvan Lake, Innisfail, Olds and Red Deer. Will discuss further.

Bears Program

- Cheyne Law has volunteered to put his name forward. Blair Zilinski will help out when he is available.

Hockey Alberta Summit

- Summit will be held in Banff on August 22nd to 24th. Not a lot of information yet on agenda but will keep updated. Highly recommended that a few people of the Executive attend.
- Troy Rider **made motion** that two members of LMH Executive go to the Hockey Alberta Summit in Banff with hotel and meal expenses paid for by the association. Lori McCrea **seconded the motion. Voted and all in favor.**
- Brent Talsma and Lin Luymes will be attending the Summit.

Size of Teams

- Discussed having 4 teams of 10 players or 3 teams of 16 players. Smaller teams gives you the opportunity to use your affiliates. Affiliates get more ice with a higher level of hockey.
- It is suggested to have smaller team sizes instead of a crowded bench.

LMH Golf Tournament

- Someone heard that Justin Grabo was still interested in doing the event for LMH.
- Edith McKinlay is also interested in helping organize.
- Will discuss with Justin for a possible date of August 9th.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT – Brent Talsma

- Nothing further to discuss

VICE-PRESIDENT – Blair Zilinski

- Nothing further.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes

- Registration numbers are as follows:

○ Bears	6		
○ Initiation	21		
○ Novice	37		
○ Atom	36	6 Goalie	
○ PeeWee	46	4 Goalie	29 Tryout for AA
○ Bantam	40	3 Goalie (1 Blackfalds Goalie)	29 Tryout for AA
○ Midget	39	3 Goalie (1 Sylvan Lake Goalie)	31 Tryout for AA
○ Female	not sure of numbers yet		

- Not sure on numbers for imports yet.
- On Early Bird night we took in \$148 and \$30 on the credit card machine.
- Have had some inventory issues with jerseys that trying to get all straightened out.
- Allot of missing pucks and 1st Aid Kits.
- Working on photographer for the fall.
- Apparel is to be the same.
- Ordering new jerseys for Atom and PeeWee as well as Initiation Black.

SECRETARY – Jacki Talsma

- Nothing new to report.

TREASURER – Kari Pilote

- Nothing new to report.

PAST-PRESIDENT – Trevor Jevne

- Nothing more to report.

DIRECTORS REPORT

INITIATION – Open Position

- Our Initiation Director is no longer able to fill the position.
- **Motion made** by Brent Talsma that Lori McCrea/Dave Jacobi to replace Chris Hutchingame as Initiation Diretor. **Seconded** by Alison Stangeland. **Voted and all in favor.**

NOVICE – Haley Kirsch

- Nothing more to report.

ATOM – Edith McKinaly

- Nothing more.

PEEWEE – Trevor Jevne

- Nothing more to report.

BANTAM - Darin Gill

- Nothing to report.

MIDGETS – Les Richardson

- Advice to everyone is to get evaluators that are non-partial.
- Is there a pool of evaluators that could be brought together.
- Discussion on goalie evaluators. At what cost to the association?

FEMALE – Tom Fisher

- Female jersey logo will be presented at next meeting.
- Female exhibition game on September 20th and 7:30 p.m. U of A Pandas vs. the U of C Dinos.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING CONVENER – Alison Stangeland

- Nothing to report.

SPONSORSHIP – Dave Jacobi

- Nothing to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Josh Smith

- Referee Clinics to be held on front ice September 3rd and back ice September 28th. Will get ice from Jacqui.
- Arbiter has been arranged as the referee scheduling website for next season. Josh will pay and be reimbursed for the fees.
- The PeeWee decision from Hockey Canada regarding body contact vs. body checking will require some training on the players line of travel.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Lori McCrea

- Nothing further.

ICE CONVENER – Jacqui Rider

- The user group stats are back from the city. We had 11 no shows for the year. 63 open ice time slots, 28 of which were in the month of March. Would be interesting to know what is ice usage % compared to other users.
- Having a March tournament and giving back ice in March will help for next year.
- Jason Petrie is running a camp on Sept 7th to 9th so no ice available then.
- Bentley Generals are taking ice for practice and games time.
- Decision made to give back ice after the weekend of March 24th and keep weekend time for possible provincials.
- Ice Policy needs to be discussed. Currently the policy to return ice is that ice can be returned 7 days prior to ice time. Have had problems this season with the Initiation/Novice groups turning back ice because they did not want to use the early morning Saturday and Sunday times.
- **Motion made** by Lori McCrea to update the Ice Policy to read “At beginning of the season you are allocated your ice times. These ice times cannot be returned with the exception of attending a tournament or other similar circumstances with the approval of the LMH Executive. **Seconded by** Jacqui Rider. **Voted and All in favor.** Jacki Talsma to update the policy.
- Ice for South Central submitted by end of July.
- If Female PeeWee is going to host provincials, Tom is to let Jacqui know.

UPPER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Anita Brown

- Nothing further.

LOWER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Michelle Barefoot

- Nothing to report.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Mike Kozak

- Absent

COACH MENTOR – Joey Ingram/Cheyne Law

- Nothing more to report.

SOUTH CENTRAL MINOR HOCKEY LAEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE – Troy Rider

- South Central AGM is being held on June 23rd. At meeting we are to let know what teams are participating this year.
- PeeWee meeting was held last night. Need to make play more even. Major/Minor was voted against and will remain the same. Would have been excessive travel.
- AA program needs to be promoted to other communities like Blackfalds, Ponoka. Brent to speak with other presidents regarding feeding into a AA program.

NEW BUSINESS

- None to report

ADIJOURNMENT

Josh Smith made motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Lin Luymes. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

BRENT TALSMA, PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

(Please indicate position and print name)

Next meeting to be held Tuesday, July 9th, 2013 at 8:00 pm
at the Lacombe Sports and Leisure Complex.