



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

MEETING ROOM  
LACOMBE MEMORIAL CENTER  
LACOMBE, ALBERTA

**February 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

**Brent Talsma called the meeting to order @ 7:07 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Jacki Talsma	Mike Kozak	Edith McKinlay
Les Richardson	Solveig Riggins	Darin Gill
Thalia Hibbs	Jacqui Rider	Troy Rider
Michelle Barefoot	Lori McCrea	Lin Luymes
Brent Talsma	Kari Pilote	

**CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mike Kozak **made a motion** to accept the minutes from the January 8, 2014 meeting as presented. Lin Luymes **seconded the motion. Voted and all in favor. Motion carried.**

**Initiation Information Session**

- Brent discussed having a ½ Ice Hockey Information Night in the spring. Most parents that are unsure of going this direction are just not informed about the benefits of moving to ½ ice format.
- Would like to have someone come to the association and speak about the benefits and changes of moving to this format. Would like to speak with other associations like Red Deer who have already made the change.
- Discussion on what to do with 1<sup>st</sup> year initiation players and 2<sup>nd</sup> years. Also, do we have surrounding association participation. Although we have the numbers within our own association to support. There was belief that Ponoka, Wetaskiwin and Red Deer does split their 5 year olds and 6 year olds.
- Do we have the ice times to allow us to do a program like this. Also, do we have the equipment. i.e. nets, rink dividers

**Bears Program Update**

- Program is running very well. There were two sessions in January, two sessions in February and will have eight sessions in March. Allot of registered players. And allot of parent volunteers on the ice has made it easy work for everyone.

**Fundraiser for Caden Tellier**

- LMH Association is promoting a benefit to be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Letos Restaurant. This is a young 4 year old player that was registered to start Bears this year. He was diagnosed with Leukemia and was unable to start his hockey career with LMH. Please come out and make a donation or support this family at the event.

### **Referee Conduct**

- During a Lacombe game there was an altercation between a linesman and a player who had been in the penalty box when a timeout was called. The parent running the time box thought he could let the player out of the penalty box to participate in the timeout with his teammates at the players bench. The Linesman confronted the player and told the player to go back to the penalty box. Apparently, there were words or facial gestures made by the player and the linesman gave the player a one game suspension.
- When North Central called to discuss the Referees report, they called the linesman when they should only discuss with the Referee.
- Should discuss with Josh as there is no known rule against letting the player out of the penalty box. It was an honest mistake by the parent running the time box.

### **Curling Provincials**

- Parking was a big issue but we need to prepare our teams and visiting teams for this inconvenience. Snow removal from the parking lots and surrounding streets would have provided more parking stalls.
- Discussion on taking ice that weekend or giving it back to the city. We had 6-7 hours of unused ice that weekend because so many teams chose to participate in away games or tournaments.
- We should request earlier ice for those times next year so we can prepare better.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Jersey Concerns**

- LMH agrees that in a Midget players third year, he should get a keepsake jersey from LMH. We want a unified look for the third jerseys that teams are ordering no matter if they are from the PeeWee to Midget levels. We need to protect our sponsors, most importantly.
- This third jersey would only be worn if the team makes it to their provincial playoffs.
- Bauer has contacted Lin and would like to present our association with an optional jersey that would be available through Tom Bast Sports. Not sure if this would be able to be kept to a local supplier. Lin will look into options.
- Table discussion.

### **Red Deer Rebels Exhibition Game**

- Have contact the Edmonton Oil Kings regarding them hosting the fall exhibition game. Unfortunately, there are boundaries they have to abide by and we fall into Rebels territory.
- Brent is currently discussing with Dean from Red Deer Rebels marketing because we feel that with paying the Rebels cash to attend our game, our profit is very limited. Is this something we would like to continue hosting as it does provide a great atmosphere for the beginning of the season. Will discuss more.

### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

#### **PRESIDENT – Brent Talsma**

- Has heard that there are concerns from 2<sup>nd</sup> year Atom players regarding our PeeWee team participating in South Central League next year. There is a misinformation with regards to the cost and being competitive in that league.
- With PeeWee we need the neighbouring associations participation to be competitive. This may be slightly resolved next season with the associations that will not be allowed to only submit one team from their associations. With more teams competing, it may make for a more even playing field.
- The Hockey Alberta AA Model – no one knows when this model is going to be implemented. Some say next season, and some say this is only the first draft of many.

- North Central has been contacted by Wainwright, Provost and Erma regarding joining the association from the East Central League. They would likely move to a two division association, East and West.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Blair Zilinski - Absent

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes

- Has been contacted regarding pucks made from a tournament. The parents of Damian Pannenbecker would like to have one of these pucks. Several committee members are going to contact Lin if they have any of these. Lin would like to do something in a shadow box to present to the family.
- There was discussion on adding items such as pucks, under armor, warm up t-shirts, etc.
- Sponsor pictures are ready. Lin will send email out to each team as would like to coordinate with the sponsor banners from Dave Jacobi. If possible, Dave would like to attend when the team presents to their sponsors.
- Lin would like something on our website regarding the Volunteer of the Year Award that will be presented for 2014. We should be setting up a gmail account that the members of the association can send their nominations to. Jacki will look after setting this up.
- Awards Night will be set for April 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night to be set for April 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.

SECRETARY – Jacki Talsma

- Nothing to report.

TREASURER – Kari Pilote

- Nothing to report.

PAST PRESIDENT – Trevor Jevne - Absent

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

INITIATION – Lori McCrea

- Also had to deal with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jersey issue for a Banff Tournament. In this division there is another color of jersey as an option or the tournament could provide pinnies as well.

NOVICE – Haley Kirsch - Absent

ATOM – Edith McKinlay

- Atom went well. All three teams are currently in playoffs now.

PEEWEE – Trevor Jevne - Absent

BANTAM – Darin Gill

- Both teams are doing alright.

MIDGETS – Les Richardson

- Everything else is good.

FEMALE – Tom Fisher - Absent

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

FUNDRAISING – Alison Stangeland - Absent

SPONSORSHIP – Dave Jacobi - Absent

- Sponsor Banners are complete. Dave would like to attend when presenting to the team sponsors.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Josh Smith – Absent

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Lori McCrea

- PeeWee tournament profits were \$850 per team. This is good considering there was a team that dropped out last minute.
- Now there is the Initiation and Novice tournament left in March.

ICE CONVENOR – Jacqui Rider

- Provincial Curling Ice went alright. Went to work to get extra ice from other places and then some teams turned back their ice times.
- Spring Break Ice – received email that must use ice through to March 27<sup>th</sup>. Because of a private function or tournament being held March 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, the city is now forcing our user group to use ice during the spring break period. Currently that ice is not allocated out to our divisions as we had followed protocol and returned that ice to the city as per their rules and timelines. This would amount to 26 hours at \$100 per hour.
- Is dealing with Sylvan Lake not having their arenas. Did receive some phone calls but we heard they were advised not to call Lacombe as with the curling provincials they realize we are in an ice shortage situation as well.
- Provincial Ice allocated. Playoff Ice now.

UPPER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Anita Brown - Absent

LOWER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Michelle Barefoot

- Nothing more to report.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Mike Kozak

- Given a suspension to a player for the rest of the year.
- Another suspension given to a father and son for the month of January.
- Coaches of this team have expressed that the team has been better since this disciplinary action was taken.
- Received a letter from another association regarding the conduct of one of our coaches during a tournament. Unfortunately this occurred over two months ago and the letter is just being written now. We need to have situations like this addressed in a timely manner. It is hard to discipline when it occurred over two months ago. Regardless, the coach has been contacted and this matter was discussed with him.

COACH MENTOR – Cheyne Law & Joey Ingram - Absent

- Would like to get some package together for new coaches.

SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE –Troy Rider

- Late game sheets will not be tolerated and there will be fines.
- Must play all games. There will be no four point games.
- Playoffs posted February 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. Must utilize PA announcers to announce goals and penalties. Singing Oh Canada is not mandatory.
- There is a committee being formed to discuss the AA proposed model from HA. Troy would like Brent to sit on this committee.
- Next season Airdrie, Okotoks and Bow Valley will not be allowed to participate in South Central with only one team. They will be required to submit two teams to the league.
- Zone 4 Winter Games there was no medal this year. Lost in overtime against Lethbridge 5-6.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Brent Talsma moved to adjourn meeting at 9:31 P.M. Seconded by Mike Kozak.

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**BRENT TALSMA, PRESIDENT**

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**EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

(please indicate position and print name)

The next meeting will be scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.