

LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

UPPER MEETING ROOM LACOMBE SPORTS AND LEISURE COMPLEX LACOMBE, ALBERTA

March 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Brent Talsma called the meeting to order @ 7:00 PM

PRESENT:

Brent Talsma Lin Luymes Jacki Talsma
Kari Pilote Lori McCrea Haley Kirsch
Les Richardson Alison Stangeland Dave Jacobi
Josh Smith Jacqui Rider Michelle Barefoot

Mike Kozak Troy Rider

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Josh Smith **made a motion** to accept the minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting as presented. Les Richardson **seconded the motion**. **Voted and all in favor**. **Motion carried**.

LMH Mascot Costume

o It was brought forward that there is a parent who would like to design and make a costume as a mascot for the LMH Association at their own expense. We advised that this design has to be passed by the Executive. It was supposed to be presented to us by this evening but we have not seen anything presented. Will discuss further if something is brought forward.

3rd Jersey Option

- A novice coach wrote a letter suggesting a uniform 3rd jersey to be used by all teams wanting a 3rd jersey as an option for LMH. There has been some push back from a couple teams and not wanting only one option and also not wanting it limited to just wearing the jerseys at provincial playoffs.
- As an Executive, we have already decided that the 3rd jersey has to be approved by the LMH Executive. LMH controls that 3rd jersey and the sponsor bars will have to be on the jersey.
 Need parameters around how many times the teams wear this jersey. Suggestion of 25% or 5 games total per year or home vs. away games.
- o Troy Rider **made a motion** that LMH Executive manages the 3rd jersey selection & design on a year to year basis. And those options are to be presented to the Association each year. All teams are eligible to purchase the 3rd jersey at their own expense through LMH apparel line. This 3rd jersey is to be worn no more that 25% of that teams regular season and playoff games. Lin Luymes **seconded the motion. Voted and all in favor. Motion Carried.**

Apparel Options or Additions

o Is there any suggestions or is all apparel options fine? It was discussed that warm up tshirts and shorts are okay to be ordered from outside but coats and pant covers need to be ordered through the association. It was suggested that there is a need for smaller sizes in warm up pants and small ball caps to fit the Initiation players.

Power Skating Option for Next Season

- Discussed the possibility of providing an option for our divisions next season. There are 4
 PeeWee teams and would run one power skating session per each team's practice. All
 teams would attend that power skating session. There would likely be a total of five
 sessions per division from Novice to PeeWee. Coaches would be part of the sessions so they
 could continue on with developing those skating skills through the season.
- o Brent Talsma **made a motion** to introduce Power Skating for Novice to PeeWee divisions starting in September and ending in November. There will be up to five sessions per age group to be funded for the 1st year by LMH. It will then be re-evaluated. Josh Smith **seconded the motion. Voted and all in favor. Motion Carried**

Initiation ½ Ice Format

- Have been in discussion with Red Deer Minor Hockey. They are willing to do some jamborees with us. Red Deer association does ½ ice format up to Novice level.
- For our association there would be 50 kids on ice for practice based on this year's number of Initiation returning for 2nd year and number of Bears registered this season. That would be 5 teams of 10 players. Would do games in a 3 on 3 formats.
- o Looking at foam vs. hard rink dividers and the costs on both. Will advise.
- Have not heard back on the grant that was applied for.
- o Bob from the Red Deer College Kings is willing to come and speak to the association and parents. Brent is looking at setting up a meeting with Bob.
- Need extra equipment like pylons, sticks, small nets.

Player Evaluation Updates

- Problem with evaluators not showing up and that ice now has to be turned into a free skate
 if there are no qualified evaluators on hand to fill in last minute. Need an independent
 evaluator pool.
- Suggestion on sharing evaluators between divisions such as coaches of one division doing evaluations in another division.
- o Need to send Player Evaluation Process suggestions and changes to Brent Talsma.

Executive and Operating Committee Position for Next Season

- Need to have succession planning in place for key positions on our Executive and Operating Committee. There is a possibility that Lin will need to be replaced in future seasons. So we need to have a plan in place to replace such a key position. Should be training the next Registrar in our next season so that person is ready to take that position on.
- o Please let Brent know if you are planning on returning or not to your position next season.

Fundraiser for Caden Tellier

- o Reminder of the fundraiser on Saturday at 6 p.m. at Letos Lounge.
- There is also a Midget vs. Coach games being planned. Please contact Lin regarding the game.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT - Brent Talsma

• Coach Evaluations Survey will be put on website and email will be sent out.

- Bentley Generals game in Red Deer this coming weekend. They are looking for volunteers in the beer gardens and will donate \$500 if we can get some volunteers to work a shift from 6:30 to 11:00. Please contact Lori McCrea.
- Email from Dean Williams from the Rebels saying they will no longer be doing Pre Season Exhibition Games. As another option of fundraising for local minor hockey associations, they will be offering a block of 250 tickets for \$10 per ticket to a game at the Centrium on September 12th. The association can sell or donate the tickets as their fundraiser.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Blair Zilinski - Absent

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes

- Awards have been emailed out to each team and are due back by the 10th. Awards night has been scheduled at the Lacombe Memorial Center for April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night is April 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Boston Pizza lounge.
- Team Photos have been delivered to all sponsors.

SECRETARY – Jacki Talsma

• Nothing to report.

TREASURER – Kari Pilote

Nothing to report.

PAST PRESIDENT - Trevor Jevne - Absent

DIRECTORS REPORT

INITIATION - Lori McCrea

• Nothing more to report

NOVICE – Haley Kirsch

• Tournament coming. Looking for extra ice that would be available at year end for a fun skate.

ATOM - Edith McKinlay - Absent

PEEWEE - Trevor Jevne - Absent

BANTAM - Darin Gill - Absent

MIDGETS - Les Richardson

- AA team is all done.
- A is playing Viking

FEMALE - Tom Fisher - Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING - Alison Stangeland

- Has received the Casino license.
- All finished up with the grocery cards for the year. Only \$200 remaining for the year. Over \$256200 Grocery cards sold for the season with a 10% profit to the association.

SPONSORSHIP - Dave Jacobi

- Banners are hung in both arenas.
- Only eight Sponsor Banners left to deliver.

REFEREE IN CHIEF - Josh Smith

- Refereed 397 games at a cost of \$24558 with \$1110 in fines.
- Discussed repeat offenders in not using their black out times/dates.
- Travel costs are down.
- Not much more for the season.
- Moving to Arbiter has been a good change.
- The 4-man system has to be approved provincially.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Lori McCrea

• Only tournament left is the Initiation tournament. Are introducing offside in the tournament for the Initiation division.

ICE CONVENOR - Jacqui Rider

• Play off ice is all scheduled.

UPPER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Anita Brown - Absent

LOWER REFEREE ASSIGNER - Michelle Barefoot

• Nothing more to report.

GAME AND CONDUCT - Mike Kozak

• Nothing more to report.

COACH MENTOR - Cheyne Law & Joey Ingram - Absent

SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE -Troy Rider

- Both teams are done for the season.
- Need to wait and see what is done with the AA proposal from Hockey AB. Will be discussed at April meeting and voted in June at the AGM. Communication is very mixed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Brent Talsma **made motion** that LMH will donate an amount of \$1000 to Caden Tellier Benefit. Mike Kozak **seconded the motion**. **Voted and All in Favor**.
- Josh Smith **made a motion** that from the referee fine fees an amount of \$1000 be donated to the Caden Tellier Benefit. Dave Jacobi **seconded the motion**. **Voted and All in Favor**.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed the City Council is passing spending a significant amount on revamping the Lacombe Sports & Leisure Complex. Would like to see them contact the users for their suggestions on what is needed for a better complex. There has been no amount of money confirmed or the timeline.
- Spring Break Ice is all handed back to the City. None will be penalized

ADJOURNMENT

Brent Talsma moved to adjourn meeting at 8:42 P.M. Seconded by Mike Kozak.

| BRENT TALSMA, PRESIDENT |
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| EXECUTIVE MEMBER |
| (Please indicate position and print name) |

The next meeting will be scheduled at a future date.