



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

UPPER MEETING ROOM  
LACOMBE SPORTS AND LEISURE COMPLEX  
LACOMBE, ALBERTA

**April 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

**Brent Talsma called the meeting to order @ 7:05 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Jacki Talsma  
Michelle Barefoot  
Darin Gill  
Lin Luymes

Brent Talsma  
Edith McKinlay  
Tom Fisher

Kari Pilote  
Thalia Hibbs  
Jacqui Rider

**CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kari Pilote **made a motion** to accept the minutes from the March 6, 2014 meeting as presented. Brent Talsma **seconded the motion. Voted and all in favor. Motion carried.**

**Initiation ½ Ice Format Update**

- Held a meeting for informational purposes that invites were sent to all of this season's Initiation parents and Bears parents who will be moving into Initiation next season. Less than 20 people came to the meeting. Bob Rutz spoke on the benefits of the ½ ice program and spoke to our association at no charge.
- At beginning of meeting there was a show of hands and 17 of those present were against the ½ ice program. At the end of the meeting the same poll was taken and there were only 2 people against.
- Bob Rutz presented great arguments for a positive program. Most minor hockey associations in Ontario run a similar program.
- Request for Grant from Hockey AB to fund some of the equipment such as board dividers. They are requesting more info to apply.
- There is a joint application with the Lacombe Ringette Association to City for \$10000 but have not heard.
- We need to order the boards 4 weeks in advance and a cost of \$8500 for a full height set of one boards.
- Brent Talsma, **as Executive voting, makes motion** to introduce ½ ice hockey at the Initiation Level for the upcoming season. **Kari Pilote seconded the motion. Four out of six of the Executive were present to vote. All four voted in Favor. Motion passed.**

**Bears Program**

- Bears Program was ran by George Saganis, Cheyne Law and Brent Talsma. There were 12 sessions with 35 kids registered. 24 of those kids participated in the Pre-Skate program from Skate Canada
- Questions regarding availability of ice to be able to run a full year program. This program was always intended to evolve into a full year program.

