



**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.

- Discussion on fees, discount for early bird registration and grocery card fundraising.
- Kari Pilote **made a motion** that Bears be a full year program with a Director position listed at our General Meeting. Increase the fees for Bears to \$150 per season with no Early Bird Discount available. There will be no grocery card fundraising required for Bears. **Lin seconded the motion. Voted and all in favor. Motion passed.**
- Brent is to discuss with the Lacombe Figure Skating Club President.

North Central Meeting Update

- Brent attended meeting. There were some minor changes to by-laws. There was also a vote to include Edson, Wainwright, and Provost to be included in the association. Driving and travel time were brought up as a concern. But they are committed as their association they are with now is a complete disaster. So they were voted in on a one year trial with the intention of doing a east/west split in future seasons.
- Steven Holt is President, Lance Chalmers is Vice-President and Ellen Bonde is Treasurer.

LMH Mascot Costume

- Not good reviews. Will table to see if this is pursued further.

3rd Jersey Option

- Would like to present the options that the Executive is considering at the Spring General meeting. Lin and Jacqui will gather their best options to be hung for display at the meeting.

Player Evaluation Updates

- Brent has sent a request for information to the directors. Would like to set a meeting for the end of this month to discuss.
- Coach Mentor would like to go over evaluations that have been submitted and a review sent out to the coaches. Brent to discuss with Coach Mentors.

Executive and Operating Committee Positions for Next Season

- Discussed the positions that may need possible replacements. Please email or contact Brent with your intentions.

Lacoka Female Team

- Female team won the Silver Provincial Metal! Great year. Lost final game in Overtime. Bantam league lost by 1 goal.
- Atom won consolation round.
- Meeting this week with Leduc and the Rocky Mountain League to discuss their league which includes Sylvan Lake, Rocky, Olds, Innisfail, Cochrane, Airdrie and Red Deer. Excited about the possibilities with this league.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT – Brent Talsma

- Nothing further. VICE-PRESIDENT – Blair Zilinski - Absent

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes

- Scheduled Spring Meeting and Early Bird Registration for May 29 at the LMC. Will be giving tickets at the door to be able to be registered.
- Discussed no increase to fees for any division this next season.
- Need to discuss the Non-refundable \$75 AA Tryout Fee for Local Residents.
- Any player names to AA team will require a \$150 AA Team Fee that will be collected after tryouts are completed.

- \$150 Import Fee will be reduced to \$75 if make the team.

SECRETARY – Jacki Talsma

- Nothing to report.

TREASURER – Kari Pilote

- There is a loss posted on our financials. Explanation coming with extra expenditures.

PAST PRESIDENT – Trevor Jevne - Absent

DIRECTORS REPORT

INITIATION – Lori McCrea

- Nothing more to report. Everything good.

NOVICE – Haley Kirsch - Absent

ATOM – Edith McKinlay

- Everything went fairly well. A few bumps in the process.

PEEWEE – Trevor Jevne - Absent

BANTAM – Darin Gill

- Had a good year.

MIDGETS – Les Richardson – Absent

- There have been some strong feelings expressed against the ghost team concept introduced this season.

FEMALE – Tom Fisher

- Nothing further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING – Alison Stangeland - Absent

- Casino ran excellent. Will wait to see what proceeds were.

SPONSORSHIP – Dave Jacobi - Absent

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Josh Smith - Absent

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Lori McCrea

- Novice/Initiation tournament was incredible. \$1675 back to each of the 6 teams. Prize games of the toonie drop and the silent auction items made much of this profit.

ICE CONVENOR – Jacqui Rider

- Discussed the City meeting at end of year. 15 no shows and 37 open ice. This is another improvement over last season so are happy with this. Fees from the city have gone up as expected.
- Discussed a letter received from Carol that runs the concession. She is not a supply to private parties with her condiments and supplies. It is hard to run a concession with healthy options when she is only open such limited hours. Maybe a solution would be to provide a 'special' on weekends or tournaments when it is a busier time. And would like to see an earlier start up in the season and not wait until after Thanksgiving.
- Discussed moving the PeeWee tournament back to November. Females get first dibs on November for tournament ice. Tom Fisher will find out if females still want that time in November.
- Curling Provincials changed dates and will lose ice January 16th to 27th.

UPPER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Anita Brown - Absent

LOWER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Michelle Barefoot

- Nothing more to report.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Mike Kozak - Absent

COACH MENTOR – Cheyne Law & Joey Ingram - Absent

SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE – Troy Rider - Absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Thalia Hibbs wants LMH to voice concerns about the City of Lacombe wanting to bring on an adult hockey team as it would take ice times away from LMH that it doesn't have to lose. She would like to see a letter written to the city. <

ADJOURNMENT

Brent Talsma moved to adjourn meeting at 9:20 P.M. Seconded by Kari Pilote.

BRENT TALSMA, PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

(Please indicate position and print name)

The next meeting will be scheduled for May 29, 2014 at the Lacombe Memorial Center.