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**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

UPPER MEETIN ROOM

LACOMBE SPORTS AND LEISURE COMPLEX

5210 – 54 AVENUE

LACOMBE, ALBERTA

**MARCH 9, 2015 AT 7 pm**

**Brent Talsma called the meeting to order at 7:08pm**

Present:

Jacqui Rider Lin Luymes Brent Talsma

Blair Zilinski Alison Stangeland Renee Rudolph

Agnes Yzerman Michelle Barefoot Stephanie Gillis

Connie Lofstrand Edith McKinley Linda Schnider

Eva Weidner Mike Wagner Randy Burt

Lori McCrea Becky Ramsay Angela Nygaard

Troy Rider Tom Fisher

Brent Talsma occupied the Chair, Kari Pilote acted as Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1.1 Approval of Minutes. Lin Luymes moves **“That Committee to accept the minutes Operating Committee Meeting held February 9, 2015.”**Motion Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

2.1 Additions to Unfinished Business. None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3.1 Additions to New Business. Evaluation Process and Early Bird Registration

3.2 Jacqui Rider moves **“That the Committee approve the Agenda as circulated/amended**.” Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

4.1 PRESIDENT Brent Talsma – Not a lot of issues this hockey year, appreciates that there is less than prior years.

4.2 VICE PRESIDENT Blair Zilinski – none.

4.3 REGISTRAR Lin Luymes - Looking at new Jersey’s for the next hockey season, old jerseys to be replaced are Atom and Peewee sizes. Kids like evaluation jerseys to keep and take home and will do again in the upcoming year. Inventory has been taken and now looking how to use $4,300.00 TBS Bauer credit which will include buying Initiation jerseys, coaching materials, jersey bags, etc. Parents will be expected next year to pay for apparel upfront on order night unlike like this current year where apparel was paid for after delivery, it was found to be difficult to manage and will be changed to paying upon placing order on apparel night. Directors remind your teams to have jerseys back in lockers with name bars taken off. Keys can be dropped off at awards night for Atom and up, Initiation and Novice can return when possible. Coach’s please send in nominations for awards night to be held April 13, 2015 @ 7:00pm at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. April 16thwill be Volunteer appreciation night, 5pm @ Boston Pizza please let Lin know who is coming, appetizers and one alcohol drink only per volunteer covered by LMH.

4.4 SECRETARY ThaliaHibbs - absent

4.5 TREASURER Kari Pilote – Financial Statements Update. Due to higher ice fees and more ice time use LMH may not be able to make budget in the current and coming seasons and to offset these rising costs a registration fee increase is recommended. Fees haven’t been raised in approximately 8 years.

4.6 PAST PRESIDENT Trevor Jevne - absent

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

5.1 BEARS Jody Blokland - absent

5.2 INITIATION George Saganis– absent, sent his regrets and noted that there are approximately 60 Initiation players and practices are ran by breaking them into stations, each station being ran by a coach but coaches aren’t making practice times making stations harder to run . High school students can receive credits for helping out in their community and it was suggested that this might be a way to relive the burden on the coach’s. If they are LMH players under 16 they don’t have to take RIS but must be in full gear. If they are LMH players over 16 they must have RIS, but don’t have to be in full equipment.

5.3 NOVICE Shelly Vickery - absent, It was noted that the recording of Scotia Bank Commercial was made and will be aired March 21st 7:40 and 8:40. LMH has agreed to pay for badges that were required to be sewn on the jerseys for the commercial.

5.4 ATOM Agnes Yzerman – good.

5.5 PEEWEE Linda Schnider - No issues, Peewee B2 will be competing in the finals and Peewee B1 is in the consolation round. All other teams are done.

5.6 BANTAM Stephanie Gillis – Only few issues to review and most have been resolved. Bantam A team will be competing in Provincials.

5.7 MIDGET Edith McKinley - were great all year, two midgets were nominated for awards. Two of LMH Midgets finished 1st and 2nd in the league.

5.8 FEMALE Tom Fisher – teams are winding down, three female teams are in provincials and the Female Bantam Tournament is coming up on March 12-15, 2015 here in Lacombe.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 REFEREE IN CHIEF Josh Smith– absent

6.2 GAME & CONDUCT Josh Smith - absent, sent his regrets but would like to mention Midget A team incident of acting badly in another association, players have been told they are responsible to pay back for the damages incurred and are required to volunteer their time back to LMH.Discussion of refereeing this skating season was brought to the table, LMH asks that we are mindful of how much time our referees put into our association and be supportive not despairing. Further discussion of how to recruit referees, as well as how to train and mentor our younger referees to keep encouraging them to continue with our program and association was brought to the table.

6.3 ICE CONVENOR Jacqui Rider –All teams must use their assigned ice, including practice ice. There have been a few teams invoiced for ice returned the day off. There must be several days’ notice and sufficient reason for returning ice allocation. Please note Angela Nygaard will be taking over the ice convenor for the next hockey season.

6.4 FUNDRAISING CONVENOR Alison Stangland – grocery card program is complete

6.5 REFEREE ASSIGNOR, UPPER Anita Brown- absent

6.6 REFEREE ASSIGNOR, LOWER Michelle Barefoot – nothing to report

6.7 SPONSORSHIP CHAIR Justin Grabo – absent

6.8 TOURNAMENT CHAIR Lori McCrea – Waiting on final tournament, Novice/Initiation

6.9 COACH MENTOR Randy Burt – no report

6.10 SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE Troy Rider – nothing to report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.1 AA Program proposal will change, Stettler Minor Hockey has voted not to be selected hub

**NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 EVALUATION PROCESS: Atom Coach Mike Wagner presented suggestions of changes to the evaluation system for the board to consider for next year, as per attached. The report will be emailed out to the LMH Operational Committee members for further review and discussion.

8.2 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION will be held last week in May 2015, Lin Luymes will confirm booking availability with the Lacombe Memorial Centre. Treasurer will present recommendation at next LMH Operational Committee Meeting for possible new registration fees.

**ADJOURNAMENT**

President Talsma adjourned meeting at 8: 36pm.