**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

 **OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

LMHA OFFICE

LACOMBE, ALBERTA

**February 5, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

George Saganis called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

Present:

George Saganis Jacqui Rider Renee Rudolph Lori McCrea Alison Stangeland

Shelley Vickery Josh Smith Jason Towers Erin Fuller Rory Kelliher

Paul Pearson Angela Nygaard Edith McKinlay Kyle Bruns Tania Dundas

Kim Willington Shaune Kowal Troy Rider

George Saganis occupied the chair, Shelley Vickery acted as secretary.

1. **Approval of Minutes**
	1. Kyle Bruns moves **“That the Committee accept the minutes of LMH Operating Committee Meeting held on January 8, 2018”.** Jason Towers second. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
	1. Additions to Unfinished Business - none
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
	1. Additions to New Business – none
	2. Kyle Bruns moves **“The Committee approve the agenda as presented”** Troy Rider second. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**
	1. President - Paul Pearson (5 MIN) – Hometown Hockey was this past weekend, received a cheque for $15,000. Scotiabank would like a follow-up on how the funds are being used. Good turn-out despite the cold weather.
* Had an issue with a kid putting stickers up on our new player memorabilia in the hallways.
* Regarding the upcoming seasons if any is not interested in keeping their positions for next season, please let me know. Thank-you to all the volunteers on the Operating Committee.
	1. Vice-President - George Saganis (5 MIN) – Good feedback with Hockey Alberta clinics, except for a couple no-shows for the Atom and Novice teams. A couple more clinics has been scheduled with other teams in the coming weeks.
	2. Registrar - Jacqui Rider (5 MIN) – Awards Night has been scheduled for April 9, 2018 at 7pm.

An email will be sent out to managers regarding pictures and coaches regarding awards. One change is that only 1 receipt per award this season. We have taco-meat, cheese and chips left over from home-town hockey that will be used for the awards night. Stephanie Gillis will get the hall ready. Will require come volunteers to help prepare the taco-meat.

* Spring AGM has been booked for May 31st at 6:30pm.
* Provincials – 5 teams still in provincial playdowns. HA cancelled the provincial game with Bantam B; due to high difference in score. The manager was not informed of the cancellation until last minute.
	1. Secretary - Shelley Vickery (5 MIN) – Nothing to report.
	2. Treasurer - Renee Rudolph (5 MIN) – Accounts look good. Ivan sponsored $500 towards Hometown hockey.
	3. Past President - Brent Talsma (5 MIN) – Absent.
1. **DIRECTOR REPORTS**
	1. Bears – Brie Huston (3 MIN) – Absent. Report sent in.
* Bears are doing great. Everyone is up! They played their first game on Saturday vs the pups. It went so well and they had a great time. Same with the parade, they were frozen but excited. Coaches are still following the practice manual given by Brent Talsma. We have 3 ice times left to date.
	1. Initiation – Erin Fuller (3 MIN) – Tournament went well. Lacombe teams think that 6 games were too much, would like to schedule less games next year. Everyone had a great time at hometown hockey despite the cold weather. Coaches are limited for practices, maybe more high-school kids would be helpful. Can we do power-skating in September?
	2. Novice – Jason Towers (3 MIN) – Things are good; we have re-aligned which has been good. Some teams are ½ done the second part of the season. Playoffs start in March. Tournament is full.
	3. Atom – Rory Kelliher (3 MIN) – Atom A is still in Provincials, waiting next opponent. Atom C is no longer in Provincials. Is there anything that can be done about playoffs, with only 4 teams making playoffs, it will be an early exit for our teams?
	4. Pee Wee – Shaune Kowal (3 MIN) – Things are going well. Peewee B is second in their tier; Peewee A has struggled this season, but are onto the second-round of Provincials. Peewee A is dealing with couple of injuries on the team as well.
	5. Bantam – Agnes Yzerman (3 MIN) – Absent. Report sent in from Bantam A coach

Placed 1st in the Calgary Cougar Cup tournament. Moving onto the second round of Provincials after beating Devon’s Tier 2 team. Unfortunately had some additional injuries.

* 1. Midget - Edith McKinlay (3 MIN) – Midget A is competitive in the Tier 1, sitting in 4th place after 13 games with 6 wins, 6 losses, 1 tie. 3.5 fairplay points for a total of 16.5 pts. There are only 2-3-point difference between 2nd to 6th place. Only 4 teams make playoffs, but the playoffs were not totally balanced between teams in the crossover schedule so all teams feel that all 6 should make playoffs. Midget B play in Tier 4, very competitive after a slow start, sitting in 3rd place after 14 games. 8 wins, 2 losses, 4 ties and 3 fair play points for a total of 21. Beat Calmar in the first round of provincials, have a buy next round and then will play the winner of Blackfalds and Winfield.
	2. Governor of Directors – George Saganis (3 MIN) – I have been in contact with Hockey Alberta in regards moving Novice to half ice. No mandate to move to half ice next season; but will be required the following year. Meeting with surrounding associations to get their opinion on it. When the teams more to ½ ice, there will be no officials on the ice.

Olds Minor Hockey put up a flowchart for Evaluations; would like to implement this for next season.

Discussing about getting outside evaluators for next season. This would help elevate some of the onus on the operating committee and executive.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
	1. Referee in Chief - Josh Smith (3 MIN) – One kid didn’t make it on the ice for his 2nd game due to anxiety. Bantam AA tournament is currently being assigned. Provincial games – remind managers to let us know when games are cancelled or changed.
	2. Game & Conduct - Josh Smith (3 MIN) – We have to address some things in our Handbook, to help protect ourselves and the association. Remember to follow our processes
	3. Ice Convenor - Angela Nygaard (3 MIN) – 5 teams still in provincial playdowns. With the AA teams practices on Tuesday/Thursday is hard to not take some of them for weeknight games. All teams except Peewee A and Atom B will be in playoffs which will make it hard with a limited number of playoff game slots. We have been informed by the City that the Novice teams will not being getting a flood during their games.
	4. Fundraising Convener – Lori McCrea (3 MIN) – Hometown Hockey BBQ didn’t go over well due to the weather. Raffle tickets 100% sold!! All teams will receive a $1,000.
	5. Referee Assignor - Alison Stangeland (2 MIN) – Working on booking officials for the Bantam AA tournament and provincial playdowns. Other associations have been calling to use some of our officials. Would like to think about a mentorship for our officials for next season.
	6. Sponsorship Chair - Tania Dundas & Sasha Warawa & Kim Willington (2 MIN) – 8x10 plaques are done. Still waiting for the 5x7 plaques due to an addition of sponsors names.
	7. Lower Coach Mentor - Brent Talsma – Absent.
	8. Upper Coach Mentor - Mike Wagner & Kyle Bruns (3 MIN) - Peewee B is doing good, having a great season. Peewee A is having a tough season due to some injuries and in the wrong tier. Bantam A has had a lot of injuries this season, but are getting a lot better. Midget A & B no issues, teams are looking good. Midget AA is having a tough year, but have underachieved this season.
	9. CAHL Directors – (3 MIN) – Attending the CAHL meeting
	10. Apparel Assistant – Kim Somerville-Keehn (2 MIN) – Absent.
	11. South Central League Representative - Troy Rider (2 MIN) – Had January meeting, nothing new to report. All tournament has been finalized. League has done well communicating.
	12. Central Alberta Selects Representative - Troy Rider (3 MIN) – Have had a few incidents with CAS players. Reminder to parents to follow protocol and not engage in conversations right after games. We have the 24-hour rule that should be followed. Mid-January held a meeting with head coaches from all 3 CAS teams and align some mentorship processes. Helping to deal with pain points.
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

7.1 none.

1. **NEW BUSINESS.**

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9. **ADJOURNAMENT**

 9.1 Paul Pearson adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

Next Meeting March 13th

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**PAUL PEARSON, PRESIDENT**

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**EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

(please indicate position and print name)