



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
LMH OFFICE
LACOMBE, ALBERTA
February 12, 2020 at 7:00pm**

Lori McCrea called the meeting to order at 7:12pm

PRESENT:

Lori McCrea	Heather Pedersen	Nicole Anstey	Teri Lynn Amundson	Jacqui Rider
Troy Rider	Brent Talsma	Joanne Day	Edith McKinlay	Holly Sorbie

Lori McCrea occupied the chair, Heather Pedersen acted as secretary.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1. Terry Lynn Amundson moved **"That the Committee approve the Operating Committee Meeting minutes held on January 21, 2020 as presented."** Nicole Antsey second. All in favor. Motion carried

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2.1. Additions to Unfinished Business – Provincials, Awards banquet, AGM, and Volunteer night.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1. Holly Sorbie moved **"The Committee approve the agenda as presented."** Joanne Day second. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1. PRESIDENT Lori McCrea – The handbook is ready and may need to do more fine tuning in the spring. The city has emailed Lori regarding parking in the bus lanes during our meeting and please do not park on the grass. The broken pane of glass on the front ice was videoed and will be forwarded to the city. We will see how it plays out and hopefully LMH will not be responsible for payment. The damage was done by a visiting team parent. We don't have many teams qualified for playoffs and Jacqui would like to know how much ice we will need and for which teams. What are we going to do with all of this ice time that we have with a lack of teams qualified for playoffs? Teams will have to use their morning practices for the month of February and March we are able to turnback those morning ice times. We need to suggest to CAHL that fair play points are not really inhibiting Bantam and Midget players to get less penalties. It may be worthwhile to have in place for the younger divisions. It also does not provide an even playing field for teams because of the different styles of reffing in the South versus Central Alberta. These fair play points do not ensure that the best teams go to Provincials or league playoffs. They should consider using a tournament weekend like the AA teams use to qualify who goes to playoffs. Hockey Alberta is trying to standardize tiering in Alberta we will see how this plays out. The Concussion seminar was very well attended by the lower age groups. It was very detailed on how the return to play works.

4.2. VICE PRESIDENT Corey Shaw absent – Lori McCrea submitted his report. We will look into goalie training for our second-year novice kids that are interested in becoming a goalie. Goalie training will continue into March and we will try to have some contact courses for the 2nd year peewees. We could maybe use up some ice time with a three on three tournament. We don't have as much ice time as we think we do because of the skating carnival and ringette tournaments.

4.3. REGISTRAR – Erin Fuller – Nothing to report.

4.4. SECRETARY – Heather Pedersen – Nothing to report.

4.5. TREASURER Nicole Antsey – Nothing to report.

4.6 GAME & CONDUCT MANAGER Josh Smith absent. No report was submitted.

4.7 REFEREE-IN-CHIEF Josh Smith – absent. Lori McCrea submitted his report. We have had a few annoying issues but they are minor. We need to look into background checks on coaches more closely.

Coaches evaluations should be ready to be released by the end of the month and directors please stress how important they are to fill out good or bad. This is the only way the board is able to get information on our coaches. These evaluations are anonymous.

4.8 ICE CONVENOR/ADMINISTRATION Jacqui Rider - Morning practices for March - we should consider dropping these practices if the teams are not in playoffs. We need to know fairly soon and if evening practices are not going to be attended could we please give to other teams that are in playoffs. Last date for ice is March 25. Provincials will be March 27 - 29, 2020. Alison Strangeland will send out an email to all of the managers to get their pictures for the awards slide show. Save the date May 28, 2020 for the AGM. Volunteer night we have not had this for the last couple years and we should look into doing this again. Jacqui suggested that the city take out the ice time for the Generals before we do our schedule. Jacqui worked around the Generals schedule and now they have returned some ice time and Jacqui has had to make some adjustments to ice times. We need some player training. Atom evaluations are a concern because they begin during the first week of school. We need to send out for tender for instructors before evaluations start. Goalie instructors need to be tendered ASAP because they are in high demand. Should we bring in a power skating coach? Would parents sign their children up for this and would the players find this beneficial for tryouts.

5. **DIRECTORS REPORTS.**

5.1 BEARS Holly Sorbie - Two great games against Ponoka and have two more games scheduled against Blackfalds. The first-year initiation players are going to have a game against the Bears in March. There has been a huge amount of development.

5.2 INITIATION Brie Huston and Cheyne Law - Absent. No report was submitted.

5.3 NOVICE Curtis Goulet - Absent. No report was submitted.

5.4 ATOM Brent Talsma - Atom is very challenging as always. We have had a few issues throughout the year but they have ironed themselves out. We have a tier 1 atom team and it has been years since we have had a team in tier 1. When we have a team of this calibre we really see where we need to improve on our goalie development. We never card players to be goalies in atom so they can experience playing in goal if interested and playing out as well.

5.5 PEEWEE Jason Bessette - Absent. No report was submitted.

5.6 BANTAM Joanne Day - The A team is done for the year and will work on getting some exhibition games. Ponoka will also take back their ice for the A team. The B team still has a chance for playoffs. We should really look into putting together a proposal for a no-hit team and have it ready for our AGM. Troy Rider mentioned the lego theory and how having a no-hit league will trickle down to our midget teams in the future.

5.7 MIDGET Edith McKinlay - The A team has a very slim chance to make it into playoffs due to penalty issues and lack of fair play points. The B team is still in the hunt for playoffs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 REFEREE IN CHIEF Josh Smith & Lance Chalmers - Absent. No report submitted.

6.1 FUNDRAISING CONVENOR Teri Lynn Amundson - We have received 50/50 money from the Generals. The raffle tickets have all been handed in and the cheques are being printed out. There are still four volunteer slots open for the casino.

6.2 SPONSORSHIP Tania Dundas and Stephanie Gillis - Absent. No report submitted.

6.3 MIDGET/BANTAM COACH MENTORS Sheldon Klessen - Absent. No report submitted.

6.4 PEEWEE/ATOM COACH MENTOR Jody Blokland - Absent. No report submitted.

6.5 BEARS/INITIATION/NOVICE COACH MENTOR Chad Richter - Absent. No report submitted.

6.6 SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE Troy Rider - They are working on a midget 15 AA in the South and will consist of six teams. However, the zones will need to be re-drawn. The current CAHL elite 15 teams will dissolve because they are considered A calibre. The Northeast will not likely be able to submit a similar model because of their logistics and the North may try to put something

similar for their area. The Sylvan Lake Panthers will not likely join this unless Calgary teams participate because of all the travel to Lethbridge and Medicine Hat. Hockey Alberta is moving very slowly on reacting to this concern.

6.7 CENTRAL ALBERTA SELECTS REPRESENTATIVE Troy Rider – All three teams are sitting very well in the standings. The Select coaches have attended 2 of 3 coaches meeting to discuss team development and it has been very positive meetings. All the coaches attended a Hockey Alberta seminar that was very informative. Two Peewees have made the Alberta Winter Games hockey team and we wish them all the best.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Peewee Provincials Edith McKinlay – Things are going fairly well. We need donations to the raffle table in the form of money or product. Edith tried to step back and let the Peewee committee take over but they need her guidance. Edith has re-done their budget and sponsorship is very difficult to get this year in this economy. We will need lots of volunteers and sign up genius should be used because it was very user friendly for the casino.

7.2 Awards banquet Jacqui Rider – April 8 and we plan to stick with plaques for the retiring midget players. We will only provide cookies because the juice makes such a mess. We need to send out the volunteer of the year for the membership to vote on. Jacqui will also contact the coaches for their players awards. Alison will put together the PowerPoint presentation.

7.3 The AGM is booked for May 28, 2020. We need to advertise on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Don't Hibernate, Central Alberta newspaper, LMH website, Lobby in the arena, and Express newspaper.

7.4 Volunteer Appreciation Night. We should have a Boston Pizza because they are a major sponsor. Jacqui will try to book something for mid March mid week.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Administration is starting to arrange ice for next season. Troy Rider mentioned that the Selects were very happy with their ice times and their locations.

8.2 Directors and Executive – Who is returning and who is not. Holly Sorbie will not be returning as a Bears director but would like to help out with Initiation. The Administration will both be returning as long as they return together. The pilot project has had its issues but we believe we have ironed out the problems. We would also like to look into giving the administration more duties for example the registrar position. We need to look into the LMH bylaws and amendments to see if we can. Corey Shaw will not be returning as Vice President. Josh Smith will not be returning as Game & Conduct and Referee in Chief. Lori McCrea is still undecided as far as President.

8.3 Lead Safety Position – We may need a person to oversee this position since Hockey Alberta put in place the Return to Play Regulations.

8.4 Committees – Coach Mentors. Do we need these positions still and what is an alternative if we dissolve these positions? How will we make the coaches accountable?

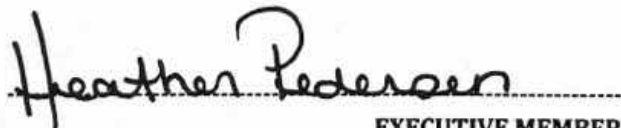
ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Troy Rider moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm Brent Talsma second. All in favour.

Next meeting March 10, 2020



LORI MCCREA, PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
(HEATHER PEDERSEN, SECRETARY)