



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
LMH OFFICE
LACOMBE, ALBERTA
January 21, 2020 at 7:00pm**

Lori McCrea called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

PRESENT:

Lori McCrea	Corey Shaw	Erin Fuller	Heather Pedersen	Alison Strangeland
Curtis Goulet	Jason Towers	Nicole Anstey	Teri Lynn Amundson	Sheldon Willessen
Brie Huston	Jacqui Rider	Jody Blokland		

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1. Jody Blokland moved **"That the Committee approve the Operating Committee Meeting minutes held on December 17, 2019 as presented."** Jason Towers second. All in favor. Motion carried

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2.1. Additions to Unfinished Business - none.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1. Curtis Goulet moved **"The Committee approve the agenda as presented."** Jody Blokland second. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1. PRESIDENT Lori McCrea - The Peewee tier 4 Provincials will be held in Lacombe. I have a sponsorship letter ready and we will need lots of volunteers and sponsorship for this event. This is considered a LMHA event not just a Peewee event. The committee has had it's first meeting and we are going to need all the help we can get - volunteer schedules will be handed out at a later date. Edith McKinlay will help guide this committee because of her extensive experience. LMH is suggesting that they use TBS as the apparel supplier just because they will not have to pay up front and TBS has experience with providing apparel for Provincials. We are still working on handbooks and should have them on our website very soon. We are also working on clarifying our affiliate criteria's. February 4, we have booked a seminar to discuss concussions and we would like a representative from every team to be present. Parents are welcome to attend. The First Shift Hockey Program may be something that we may want to look into for next season. This program is beneficial for young first-time players that will be provided proper fitting equipment and we supply the ice and on ice instructors. Ponoka Minor Hockey has done this and we will ask them if it was worthwhile. The week that it was so cold and we cancelled morning and evening practices it was to keep the players safe. When we cancel a practice time and a coach picks up that ice time it is considered a non LMH event and our insurance will not cover any incidents.

4.2. VICE PRERESIDENT Corey Shaw - Peewee Provincials are a go. Goalie training has been very sporadic. Corey was going to get the novice some ice time with a goalie coach, however, the provincials has interfered. We need to sit down with potential goalies and parents and help them out. LMH does have goalie equipment and would lend it out so parents do not have to invest in the equipment especially when the kids are growing so quickly. Equipment can be purchased used online. Hockey Alberta is coming out with a list of how to instruct a goaltender. Please remind your teams especially initiation and novice that travel permits and sanctions are required and it would be appreciated if it was not last minute. Hockey Alberta has not said anything yet but they are getting cranky. Tournaments are planned months ahead of

time so last-minute requests are not necessary. We are getting to that time of year when everyone is on edge with playoffs and provincials. CAHL sent out a survey regarding how long to retain data for and Corey suggested two years.

4.3. REGISTRAR – Erin Fuller – Rosters are now closed for players. Provincials are starting and is looking at prep for next year ie Respect In Sport and Criminal Checks. Erin suggested that all directors be on Team Snap for their teams.

4.4. SECRETARY – Heather Pedersen – Nothing to report.

4.5. TREASURER Nicole Antsey – Would like to set up a bank account just for the Peewee Provincials. Signors would be Edith McKinlay and the Provincial Chairperson.

4.6 GAME & CONDUCT MANAGER Josh Smith – absent. No report submitted. As per Lori McCrea it has been busy.

4.7 REFEREE-IN-CHIEF Josh Smith – absent. No report submitted.

4.8 ICE CONVENOR/ADMINISTRATION Jacqui Rider and Alison Strangeland - 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 – Absent Heather Pedersen presented her report. They had their first game January 11 against the Ponoka Colts. They had a lot of fun. They will play Ponoka again February 9 in Ponoka. Holly has a couple of games organized with the Blackfalds Cubs for late February and early March. Other than that, they are having a great season.

5.2 INITIATION Brie Huston – A player has quit and the directors had no idea. One manager is being difficult and the directors are investigating. The Initiation tournament finally came together.

5.3 NOVICE Curtis Goulet – Things are moving along in the second half of the season with West Country and things are being shuffled. Games are lopsided and organizing games around tournaments are difficult. Curtis will email Corey regarding goalies. They are all carded as one team and some parents are wanting to practice with other teams. Curtis and Lori are working together on the parent issues.

5.4 ATOM Jason Towers – The tournament went well other than the Zamboni gate and the pucks were too cold. Refs were even complaining. Jason found them a very intolerant bunch of people at the tournament. All Lacombe teams are second last in their tiers but they are competitive. We are all on the edge of making playoffs and there are some things percolating that he is aware of but nothing has come to him yet.

5.5 PEEWEE Jason Bessette – Absent no report submitted. At the Peewee tournament 80 to 100 pucks went missing and FYI there are buckets of pucks in the back room.

5.6 BANTAM Joanne Day – Absent and nothing to report.

5.7 MIDGET Edith McKinlay – Absent. Lori McCrea presented Edith's report. Both teams are moving along despite injuries and although both are batting below 500 average, they are competitive in their tiers. The Midget A team has been plagued with injuries most of the season. Down to 2 lines and one extra last game. They have played 11 games winning 4 losing 6 and tied one. Only top four make the playoffs so will be tight. Sitting in 5th place at present. Midget B play in tier 4 and are competitive there. Played 12 games

won 2 lost 6 and tied 4. There are nine teams in their so the top 6 make the playoffs. They also have had issues with injuries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 FUNDRAISING CONVENOR Teri Lynn Amundson – Only has two volunteer spots to fill for the casino. The signup genius was very slick. Raffle tickets are due at the end of the month. We had a whoops with an unclaimed 50/50 and we are looking into that.
- 6.2 SPONSORSHIP Tania Dundas – Absent. Lori McCrea said that the sponsor pictures have been sent out but the Midget B picture is missing.
- 6.3 MIDGET/BANTAM COACH MENTORS Sheldon Klessen – No major issues brought to his attention. Hasn't had time until now to talk to the coaches. Shooter tutors are 450.00 each Kleis Air is making them.
- 6.4 PEEWEE/ATOM COACH MENTOR Jody Blokland – Everything is good.
- 6.5 BEARS/INITIATION/NOVICE COACH MENTOR Chad Richter – Absent no report submitted. The bumper boards have arrived but they have not been unwrapped yet. The smart lock has not been installed yet but we need an electrician to install the lock.
- 6.6 SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE Troy Rider – Absent. Nothing to report.
- 6.7 CENTRAL ALBERTA SELECTS REPRESENTATIVE Troy Rider – Absent. Edith McKinlay submitted Troy's report. Pee wee AA are sitting 5th in the North out of 9 teams and are having a good season. Highlight so far was giving Bow Valley their only loss of the season. Bantam AA and Midget AA are both sitting 4th out of 6 teams in the North and are close to 500 average. Pee wee and Midget playoff tournaments are March 5 – 8 Pee wee in Okotoks and Midget in Sylvan Lake. The Bantam tournament is in Red Deer February 27 – March 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1 First aid bags have been ordered and we are just waiting for them to arrive. We will have them embroidered with the LMH logo and the sponsor logo. They will be ready for next year.
- 7.2 Girls dressing rooms – they will not have a specific room but if the arena is approached, they will open one up for them. The arena staff are willing to work with us but we have to let them know when we need one.

NEW BUSINESS

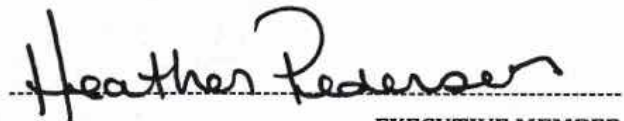
ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1 Curtis Goulet moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm Jason Towers second. All in favour.

Next meeting February 12, 2020



LORI MCCREA, PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE MEMBER
(HEATHER PEDERSEN, SECRETARY)