



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
LMH OFFICE
LACOMBE, ALBERTA
March 10, 2020 at 7:00pm**

Lori McCrea called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

PRESENT:

Lori McCrea	Erin Fuller	Heather Pedersen	Nicole Anstey	Teri Lynn Amundson
Brent Talsma	Joanne Day	Jason Bessette	Cheyne Law	Jody Blokland
Curtis Goulet	Chad Richter	Alison Strangeland		

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1. Cheyne Law moved "That the Committee approve the Operating Committee Meeting minutes held on February 12, 2020 as presented." Jason Bessette second. All in favor. Motion carried

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1. Curtis Goulet moved "The Committee approve the agenda as presented." Joanne Day second. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1. PRESIDENT Lori McCrea - Inline concrete want to put the Rockets logo on the side of a cement truck and they would pay for it and would give LMHA 500.00 sponsorship. Lori will let them know if we are good with that. Coach survey as of this morning we have received 95. We are unable to access a second player in the family. Directors will be allowed to look at the coach survey after we have received all of them. Hockey Alberta has sent out an update that there will be no shaking hands with the Covid 19 virus. The Atom program will be changed next year but will be focused on not starting their season too early and each player we received the same ice time. The AGM is coming up and if there is anything that needs to be brought up please let Lori know. We need to work on job descriptions before the AGM and we need to add Coach/Player Development position and a Safety Person Position. Awards banquet - directors make sure you let your teams know about pictures and return the awards from last year. We have not received any volunteer of the year award nominations. Our volunteer appreciation night is March 19 at Boston Pizza in the lounge at 7:00 pm. The Pee wee Provincial tournament organizing is going smoothly, and we stepped back because they seem to be doing ok without our help. Sponsorship money is coming in and all game sponsors are complete. Could each director please email Lori and let her know if you are returning.

4.2. VICE PRESIDENT Corey Shaw absent - Lori McCrea submitted his report. The season is winding down. The final goalie training session is tomorrow. There will be four second year novices who have decided to become goalies for next year. CAHL - some changes regarding handshakes will happen before the game instead of after. For next season there will be a lot of changes to align the documents to the new U(age) format. A committee is organized to work on playoff formats and provincial integration and short seasons for the teams.

4.3. REGISTRAR - Erin Fuller - Nothing to report

4.4. SECRETARY - Heather Pedersen - Nothing to report.

4.5. TREASURER Nicole Antsey - New AGLC is so confusing and transferring money from one account to another is frustrating. Teri Lynn and I have finally got it figured out.

4.6 GAME & CONDUCT MANAGER Josh Smith absent. No report was submitted. Lori informed us that there have been some more issues come up and this has been a very busy year for Game and Conduct issues. Lori did inform us that the Medicine Hat Minor Hockey Association was going to pay for the broken glass and was very good to deal with.

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

4.8 ICE CONVENOR/ADMINISTRATION Alison Strangeland – Fall sessions can begin September 1, 2020 because that is when the ice will be in. We would like to start our player development sessions during the first week of September. Atom does not want them to start that early, but we can arrange something later in September. Cross Ice Developments has been approached and will help the Atom, Peewee, and Bantam. They have agreed to charge us 120.00/session and we would be responsible for the ice costs. LMHA would cover the costs of this player development. The admin will work on a schedule and I make sure we have the funds to cover the costs. **Nicole Antsey moved "LMH will pay Cross Ice Developments and cover the cost of ice to help with player development for Atom, Peewee, and Bantam players. There will be 16 sessions during the first two weeks of September including goalie training. Teri Lynn Amundsen second. All in favour. Motion carried.**

DIRECTORS REPORTS.

5.1 BEARS Holly Sorbie – Bears wind up party was at Father Lacombe on February 29 – the kids had lots of fun. Our coach had an incident February 16 at our game against the Blackfalds Pups in Blackfalds. I did not witness the incident but a mom on the Blackfalds team yelled at our assistant coach about how our Bears weren't playing fair while in goal. It was completely unnecessary and rude. I let Lori know about the incident and the Blackfalds president was informed. The coach of the Blackfalds Pups called me and said he would have a parent meeting to address the situation and make sure it did not happen again. We had the Pups come up on Saturday, March 7 and everything went well and there were no issues with the mom. The kids had lots of fun. March 14 is the Bears last practice and we have arranged a scrimmage with the first year Initiation players. We have Timbit medals and piggy banks to give out the kids. We had a great season and the parents and coaches were wonderful. Looking forward to next season with LMHA. Holly will not be returning as a Bears director.

5.2 INITIATION Brie Huston and Cheyne Law – We did final evaluations and have seen great development with some positive improvements in players abilities. A retired gentleman in town has approached Cheyne that has an extensive hockey resume. He would like to help in LMH and would be a great asset. Cheyne will also look into the cost of smaller nets.

5.3 NOVICE Curtis Goulet – Our last game in West Country was in February and basically without keeping score it is hard to tier the kids. They made about six different schedule changes before they got it right. March 31 is the next meeting and I will bring suggestions. Curtis would like them to keep score but just not post it. It is very difficult to have two tiers and not keep score. Hockey Alberta has offered no guidance on this matter whatsoever. Curtis will not be returning as a Novice director

5.4 ATOM Brent Talsma – All teams have completed league/playoff play. Atom A lost in the first round. Atom B lost this past weekend in the second round. Atom C lost this past weekend in the second round. Atom D did not make playoffs. Teams will be attending their final practice slots and may pick up some exhibition games as we wind down over the next couple weeks. The only incident that has come to my attention for our division is during playoffs during an Atom B first round game against Innisfail. Following the game one of the Innisfail coaches approached one of our referees and was quite aggressive. He was ejected from the game and a full report was completed and issued. That coach was subsequently suspended for three games by CAHL. Beyond that seems like a reasonably positive end to the season. With reference to the returning director position of the unfinished business. Brent and Jason will not be returning as Atom directors.

5.5 PEEWEE Jason Bessette – Pee wee A are done, and the B team got beat out in the second round of playoffs. Pee wee C is now headed to the South to win the League Tier 6 banner. Yah!! Pee wee B are getting ready for Provincials.

5.6 BANTAM Joanne Day – The Bantam A did not make the playoffs and the B team got beat out in the second round. They are using all of their ice times and the B team has had one exhibition game. Next season we should present it as a Red Deer city league and stress what the benefits are and how they can sell it as one practice a week and one game per week. Shelley Vickery has offered to head that up and Lori has not touched base with her yet. We need to sell it differently. We are failing some kids because they do not want to play competitive contact hockey.

5.7 MIDGET Edith McKinlay – Both of our Midget teams are done. Very disappointed in CAHL for not planning the season better. Now that league is also provincials, it is my opinion that all teams should be eligible for playoffs. How can six teams in one tier 1 league make playoffs and only four teams make playoffs in our tier and the league feels that this is ok? Maybe it is time to put forth some motions from LMHA. The Midget A team has not played a hockey game since February 16th which is absolutely ridiculous and is still expected to use the ice. It is near impossible to get exhibition games at any time of the season for Midgets. We did have one lined up and then they canceled a few days before. The Midge B team did play one round of playoffs, losing in the first round in the third game of a best of three series with West Country. They did manage to find an exhibition game but are also struggling to do so. Both the Midget A & B teams made a decision at the beginning of the season to drop one practice per week to free up some ice time for other teams as many of the boys are working and playing other sports. This meant they rotated three practice slots per week between the two teams and one or the other always had a 7 am practice which meant they did not have to go out of town. At the end of February the Midget A team had a morning practice and only four players were going to be attend and the head coach was going to have to drive from his home on the other side of Bowden for four players as the other coaches were not available. We told the arena staff we would not be there the night before so they were not expecting us. My reasons for bringing this up are that we have received an invoice for this hour of ice. We do not have a home tournament and did no fundraising other than selling tickets. We had to take buses a couple of times because of how far away the teams we had to play in league were. We downsized the number of practices with no change to our fees and we are asking if we could possibly have this one-hour practice time paid for? If not, it can be taken out of our equipment refund as our team is done and we would have to collect from everyone. Our Head coach did say he would just pay for it but I feel he should not have to do that. Edith will not be returning as Midget director.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 REFEREE IN CHIEF Josh Smith & Lance Chalmers – Absent. No report submitted. Josh Smith will not be returning, and we have not heard from Lance at all.

6.1 FUNDRAISING CONVENOR Teri Lynn Amundson – We made over \$54 000.00 on the raffle. The Casino is March 23 & 24 and we have only three volunteer spots left to fill. All licenses are now closed. We just must figure out how to move our money around to make AGLC happy. Lori will be attending the Generals AGM tomorrow night and Lori will discuss the 50/50 and if it is helping us out. We should approach the Generals to do our evaluations. If they want to do a fundraiser that could be an idea. We should look into an early bird draw or multiple draws. Teri Lynn will be returning.

6.2 SPONSORSHIP Tania Dundas and Stephanie Gillis – Absent. I have found the 8x10 pictures and will get those to the sponsors next week. I am missing one 8x10 and all the 5x7's.

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

6.4 PEEWEE/ATOM COACH MENTOR Jody Blokland – I will not be returning to this position, but I would like to help out in another role.

6.5 BEARS/INITIATION/NOVICE COACH MENTOR Chad Richter – Everything's looks structured and consistent. Everything is moving along and what are we leaving as a practice plan for the next season?

6.6 SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE Troy Rider – Absent. No report submitted.

6.7 CENTRAL ALBERTA SELECTS REPRESENTATIVE Troy Rider – Absent. All three CAS teams made playoffs and all three lost in the tournament. Bantams last weekend in February, Pee wee and Midget this past weekend. Very good seasons by all three teams. Minimal issues. All three team practice this week then essentially done. Pee wees are focusing on hitting skills for the bulk of the team are going into Bantam with three remaining sessions. Midgets are hosting a PROSPECTS skate. Head Coach interview 3 before the end of the month Gathering CAS gear from teams. Getting pricing from TBS to replace the back jerseys this summer. Players get to keep the black jerseys.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Pee wee Provincials – Covered in Presidents report.

7.2 Awards banquet/AGM/Volunteer Appreciation Night – Covered in Presidents report.

NEW BUSINESS

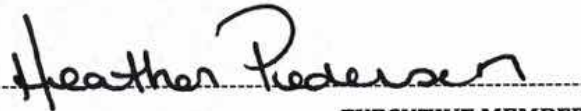
ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Erin Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm Teri Lynn Amundsen second. All in favour.

Next meeting April 14, 2020



LORI MCCREA, PRESIDENT



**EXECUTIVE MEMBER
(HEATHER PEDERSEN, SECRETARY)**