

LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Gary Moe Arena - Upstairs LACOMBE, ALBERTA November 10, 2020 at 7:00pm

Lori McCrea called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm PRESENT:

Lori McCrea

Heather Pedersen

Nicole Anstey

Amy Richter

Erin Fuller

Brandon Maier Cheyne Law Jacqui Rider

Holly Sorbie

Tyler Brown

Kim Keehn

Tamara Cox

Troy Rider

Angela Nygaard

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1. Kim Keehn moved "That the Committee approved the Revised Spring Meeting Minutes on June 25, 2020 and the Fall AGM Operational Committee Meeting minutes held on October 6, 2020 as presented." Troy Rider second. All in favor. Motion carried
- 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - 3.1. Kim Keehn moved "The Committee approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Tournaments." Holly Sorbie second. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- 4.1. PRESIDENT Lori McCrea It has been busy this past month. U9 have been playing games amongst themselves. I have a meeting with the arena next week and we may be dealing with some changes and how we handle COVID-19 issues. The City will not charge us for turning back ice times due to COVID-19, however, do not turn back ice just because your team doesn't want to practice.
- 4.2. VICE PRESIDENT Wade McLean Absent. Wade is still away on business and Lori has been keeping him up to date on all matters.
- 4.3. REGISTRAR/ADMINISTRATION/ICE CONVENOR Jacqui Rider and Alison Strangeland We are short on adult referees for Bantam and Midget but Ang will speak more on that. Please clarify referee reimbursements. It is 100.00 for the clinic and all participants 18 and under will (player or non player) will be reimbursed for their clinic fees as long as the have ref'd six games. They will have to provide a receipt that they took the clinic. All directors have their ice times now. Apparel to try on is still downstairs and will be available till Wednesday. There are only a couple teams that still need to check sizing. Thank you to Amy and Erin for helping out with distributing masks. We also have some youth size masks available for purchase. Our Bauer equipment program has received no applications to date which is disappointing. Atom A jerseys with the Fifth Element sponsor bar are not looking very good. I think new sponsor bars should be purchased and replaced. Atom jerseys are not ready for new jerseys yet. We have lots of extra socks and old jerseys. Kim Keehn will help out with the reducing the amount of stuff in our equipment locker. The Ringette association has expressed some interest in our extra goalie equipment. Team rosters are as is right now because there are no affiliates allowed. Coach certification deadline is November 15, 2020 and it looks like all the coaches are certified. Team pictures went very well and we may ask players to be dressed before they come. Bears, Initiation, Novice, Peewee, and Bantam (retake) are on the 20th of November.
- 4.4. SECRETARY Heather Pedersen Nothing to report.

4.5. SAFETY/COVID 19 Erin Fuller – Reminder if coaches are helping out on multiple teams, they must wear a mask. There is a new HA chart like the school. Signing attendance forms like on Team Snap or Google Form Documents for the away teams worked well this past weekend. If there is a positive case of COVID-19 on a hockey team their parent must provide their consent to trace. It can be verbal or written and it will be kept confidential. Please contact myself when you do have a positive case so we can proceed step by step. Any COVID-19 issues should be dealt with in house and not the city/arena. The first aid kits are just about ready and will be distributed soon. I suggest health contact forms and injury report forms should be in those bags.

4.6. TREASURER Nicole Antsey - Society paperwork is being completed and filed by the end of the week.

4.7 GAME & CONDUCT MANAGER Amy Richter – Hopefully we are past the emotional part of the season but not likely. There has been a lot of negative or emotional emails sent and we need to follow up on that. If we see abuse or harassment, we need to make an official complaint. We hear a lot but it doesn't become an official complaint. It has to be in writing and you have to own it and be willing to talk to us. This has been one of the strangest years and the atoms have been angels. Midget and Bantam have been a nightmare and Novice we are still working through.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

5.1 U5 BEARS Brandon Maier – Everything is good and we will be reaching out to other communities for games in the new year. We have lost one player so we only have eight players.

5.2 U7 INITIATION Holly Sorbie – We had our first game last Sunday and the timebox is creating some issues so I will continue to help out in there for the next couple games. Our pod play will hopefully be Bashaw, Rimbey, Blackfalds, and Clive. Each team hopefully should be able to play four or five games against each team. We did have some exiting the arena issues from practice when ringette was coming onto the ice but I think we have it worked out and will just use a different exit. Parent volunteers are becoming a problem and team Black has lost their safety person. Lori suggested that no more ice time till parent positions are filled.

5.3 U9 NOVICE Cheyne Law – We had two new players start last week brand new to skating/hockey. West Country has let us down just recently and will not be operating this year due to COVID-19. Due to our lack of numbers we will be working as one large pod and split the kids into three teams. We will have the three teams play amongst themselves till Christmas break and that will be our 14-day break. We may re-evaluate the teams at this time and then reach out to other teams within Central Alberta and organize some games. The Executive has put together an email to send out to the players parents with two options to choose from. The Executive will have the results by Friday and will meet on Sunday to discuss how to go forward.

5.4 U11 ATOM Tyler Brown – Everything is going well other than a mishap at morning practice last week. All three teams have had games and are doing well. All the managers have had no concerns and Cross Ice has been great to work with.

5.5 U13 PEEWEE Kim Keehn & Jason Towers – The three peewee teams are being decimated by COVID-19. Parents are threatening to pull their kids and we are turning back games because we only have seven skaters for our away tiering games. How is CAHL going to use these games as tiering games with these low numbers. Lori suggested that an email be sent out tonight to all the parents to suggest that if commitment does not improve the three teams will be split into two teams based on the previous evaluations and they better not complain about their kids not having enough ice time with two large teams.

5.6 U15 BANTAM Agnes Yzerman – Absent. Lori read her report. The team has finally been finalized with some hick ups but we got it done. Two overaged players have been added. Parents just need to let the executive do their job and it will not be as complicated. The team is in tier three and won and lost a game this past weekend. Hopefully they will stay in tier three.

5.7 U18 MIDGET Sara Wilson - Absent. Lori spoke on her behalf. Played two tier three games this past weekend and won both games. The team has finally been finalized. One goalie has been cut and two first year players have been overaged to the Bantam team. Erin suggested that we communicate with other

associations earlier. Erin would like to do some research and bring a suggestion on how to proceed more efficiently for next year. Erin will take the lead on this issue and possibly approach soccer, baseball, and lacrosse to see how they project their numbers for next year team size.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 REFEREE IN CHIEF Angela Nygaard - We have lost Ron Zinger and Alvin Sahlin as senior referees both are concerned about COVID-19 and possibly having to take time off of work. We have four brand new kids and three more to come. LMH does not support online referee course. I have asked Jody Blokland if he would mind attending some of the games to evaluate the referees. Reminder masks must be worn even at a face off or social distancing must be maintained to blow the whistle. We are going to put the beginner referees on the ice for the novice games with a mentor.

6.1 FUNDRAISING CONVENOR Teri Lynn Amundson - Absent. Lori read her report. Our application is being reviewed. We cut and paste every year from last years application and they want us to change

something every year. Tickets are being printed soon and will be distributed.

6.2 SPONSORSHIP Joey Ingram & Tamara Cox – We are short 2000.00 of the 30 000.00 in sponsorship. We have not approached Leto's or Gish Law offices yet. We would also like to get some more Friends of LMH 6.3 BANTAM/MIDGET COACH ATOM/PEEWEE MENTOR Chad Richter - Absent. No report submitted. Last spring it was discussed that coaches receive a coach's evaluation at the beginning of the season and at the end of the season. Kim Keehn made a motion "That LMH should incorporate two coach evaluation one in mid December and one at the end of the season. Angela Nygaard seconded the motion. All in favour motion carried.

6.5 BEARS/INITIATION/NOVICE COACH MENTOR Dustin Livadney - Absent. No report submitted.

6.6 SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE Troy Rider - SCAHL has reduced fees by 60% so fees are 1000.00 per team. Everything is up and running smoothly. Our coaches and manager meeting has been held and everyone has access to their sites.

6.7 CENTRAL ALBERTA SELECTS REPRESENTATIVE Troy Rider - Peewee and Midget started their games last weekend and the Bantam start this weekend. The CAS group will be practicing on weekends on the back ice. Outside of normal COVID-19 everything has been pretty much the same. We are only allowed in the arena at surrounding areas 15 minutes prior to game time. Please be proactive with your opposing team managers and there are no exceptions. The more diligent we are the more we get to enjoy our extras that we have.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Tournaments - There will be no tournaments this year.

ADIOURNMENT

9.1 Kim Keehn moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm Amy Richter second. All in favour. Next meeting is our December 8, 2020.

LORI MCCREA, PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

(HEATHER PEDERSEN, SECRETARY)