



LMHA Board Meeting  
April 9, 2019  
7:00pm. OTS Room

**BLAZERS CASH LOTTO DRAWS:**

- \$1,000 Winners:
  - Terry McIldoon – Vermilion
  - Brad Zomar – Lloydminster
  - Kelly Simpson – Lloydminster
  - Kim Payne – Lloydminster
  - Rhae Fletcher – Lloydminster
  - Teresa Dole – Cold Lake
  - Dean Weninger – Lloydminster
  - Ginette Bahnai – Lloydminster
  - Leslie Bakker – Lloydminster
  - Ashley Paulgaard – Provost
  - Roy Milne – Cutknife
  - Lucie Krankowsky - St. Paul
  - Lana Holden – Lloydminster
  - Leah Weninger – Lloydminster
  - Harvey Graham – Kitscoty
- \$10,000 Winner: Wayne Nielsen – Lloydminster
- \$20,000 Winner: Jamie MacDuff – Lloydminster
- \$50,000 Winner: Brian Fehr - Lloydminster

**CALL TO ORDER:** Called to order at 7:20pm

**ATTENDEES:** Colin Wood, Lana Duret, John Robinson, Kaley McLeod (non-voting), Scott Forbes, Scott Dopko, Aaron Foster, Dean Segberg, Chris Eskelson, David Lopez, Sheldon Heck, Ryan Turcotte, Crystal Inge

**MISSING:** Leanne Arden, Jason Tremblay, Riley Fletcher

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- Motion to approve agenda with additions. Crystal Inge. 2<sup>nd</sup> David Lopez.
- Carried – 12 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:**

**March 12, 2019**

- Motion to approve minutes. John Robinson. 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Dopko,
- Carried – 12 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

- **Parent Code of Conduct: Jason T, Sheldon H, Scott D.**
  - Draft versions provided for review
    - ❖ **ACTION:** Directors to review and provide input and feedback for next meeting
- **Jersey Replacement: Aaron**
  - Tender letter is drafted and will be shared at the May meeting
  - Approx timeline is 6 weeks to receive jerseys following order. Goal is August 1.
- **Budget Committee Update: Dean**
  - Dean is in the final stages of the budget and has received feedback and input from each of the applicable directors
    - Budgeting process is now streamlined and much cleaner
  - Currently sitting at approx. \$110K profit, which is comparable to previous years' budgets. Even at this, we usual end with a deficit on average of \$1K-\$8K per division
    - Based on the budget – registration fees can remain the same as previous season for the 2019-2020 season

**Motion** for 2019-2020 Registration Fees to remain the same as they were in previous season. Scott Forbes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Crystal Inge. Carried – 12 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained.

- TeamSnap – we have reviewed and determined that although they have some excellent features, there are still a few pieces that need to be ironed out on their end (ie – scheduling of officials, out of town players)
  - We will continue with the RAMP registration system for this season
  - Discussion will be continued throughout the season with reconsideration for 2020-2021 registration
  - Still have the option to purchase the teams package – as many of our teams were using Team Snap for their internal communications and score updates – would work out to \$37/team (vs \$99) if this route was chosen.
- **City League:**
  - Survey Results – shared and reviewed
    - Good participation and overall support for the City League

- Consistent concerns that we were already aware of and can easily be rectified moving forward

❖ **ACTION:** Aaron to forward results summary graphs to Maryann to post on the website

**Motion:** To proceed with City League in Atom & PeeWee again for 2019-2020 Dean Segberg. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Robinson. Carried – 12 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained.

❖ **ACTION:** Dean and John to form a committee to ensure Bylaws are presented for AGM

- Suggested 2 Directors, Maryann, and 2-3 coaches/managers

➤ **Evaluation Process:**

- David shared that companies are already getting booked and looking for a commitment

**Motion:** To move with 3<sup>rd</sup> party company, All Play Hockey for evaluation of the Atom, PeeWee, and Bantam male evaluations – provided they are supportive of the conditions imposed by LMHA regarding data management, groupings, etc. David Lopez. 2<sup>nd</sup> Colin Wood.

❖ **ACTION:** Committee (David, Scott, Lana, Aaron, Sheldon) to set date to review terms and schedule a call with All Play Hockey.

➤ **Goalie Registration Incentive:**

- Colin reached out to some other associations and learned that it varies significantly from one to another
  - Should attracting and retaining goalies be an issue in any LMHA – this will be evaluated by the board on a case by case basis

**NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **Board Member Terms Expiring in 2019:**

- Dean, Crystal, Kaley
- Drake's place on the executive will also need to be filled at AGM
  - Our bylaws today state that you must have served a minimum of 1 year on the board to sit on the executive committee
- If any other directors are not wishing to fulfill their terms – please forward resignation to GM email.

➤ **Ice Fees for wasted ice:**

- There is a procedure in place today, however has not been enforced.
  - How do we hold teams more accountable?
    - Although this ice is budgeted for – the city can revoke and designate to another group if we aren't appropriately using our allotments

➤ **NEAHL AGM – April 6 – Kaley & Scott Forbes**

- Rachel Smyl has stepped down – Atom Governor – Ryan Small (Cold Lake) – will take her place
- League fees for 2019-2020 season will remain the same
- Communication to and from associations needs to improve.
  - Managers and Coaches should not be communicating directly with the league
- Preseason to determine appropriate tiering will be consistent with last year – however approach to scheduling will be revisited and potentially look more like playoffs where opponents are named and given dates by which the games need to be played. A round-robin tournament is not an option.
  - Each association is expected to state whether their teams are “weak or strong” when they submit their teams at the onset of the year
  - Three rounds of preseason prior to final tiering. The last will likely see tier crossover for many teams to determine their competitiveness
  - There is an option to re-tier teams up to 2 weeks following final placement
- Weather Amendment
  - NEAHL will be involved in stating if a team should travel. This must be sorted out between the teams. No forfeits are permitted in the NEAHL league – for any reason.
- Affiliation Numbers – expected to follow the affiliation grid that is currently being drafted by Hockey Alberta
- Tier 5 Midget & Bantam – will be non-contact for the 2019-2020 season. Associations have the option to declare placement in this league and will remain there whether they are competitive or not.
  - Safety & player retention are the key reasons
  - Tier 4 teams may be moved to Tier 5, regardless of their desire, if they are not competitive at the Tier 4 level
- Playoff and Provincial Play down Structures
  - Consolation playoff series have always been an option and are at the discretion of the teams involved (to address shorter seasons)
  - Likely that this will follow the PeeWee model from 2018-2019, where the league champ attends provincials. Subject to confirmation from Hockey Alberta at their Apr 26 meeting.
    - Team would need to declare at the onset of the season if they didn’t wish to participate in provincials, at which time the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team would represent.
  - Bantam & Midget Tiering – NEAHL will play in Tier 2, 4 & 5
    - Following completion of regular season, Tier 2 will be split into Tier 1 and 2, based on season results, and playoffs will determine who attends provincials for these Tiers. Tier 4 will be split into Tier 3 and 4, as above.
- No game shall begin with less than 2 officials AND less than 8 players per team.

- If 2 officials and 8 players per team are not present within 30 mins following scheduled game time. The game will be cancelled and rebooked. No forfeits.
  - If game starts late – it must still be completed within the allotted ice time (remove flood or run straight time)
  - The offending team will travel back to the opponent's venue of their choice and be responsible to cover all costs of ice and officials for the rescheduled game.
  
- **Hockey Alberta – Regional Meeting – April 7 – Scott Forbes**
  - Review of Player Pathway for Atom (2021) – available on request
  - AGM will take place **November 22/23** in Red Deer
  - Small increase to ref rates
  - Review of negotiables and non-negotiables for 2019-2020 season
  - Discussion on SuperLeagues and their impact on mainstream associations
  
- **Goalie Registration Incentive: Colin**
  - Continuing to struggle attracting goalies in the female division
  - Other associations offer discounts or alternative perks to goalies. Is this something LMHA would consider?
  - What we do for the female division, we'd likely need to do across the entire association.
  - Colin will do some more research into what others are doing and bring a proposal back to the next meeting for consideration.

### **REPORTS:**

- **Novice & Parents' Auxiliary**
  - Only 25% of yearend budgets have been submitted
    - How/why to enforce
      - More effective to make it mandatory for bank statements to be provided at year end?
  - Question on how to collect on unpaid team fees
    - This needs to be managed at the team level – early in the season with a payment plan

**NEXT MEETING:** May 14 @ 7:00pm

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BYLAW REVIEWS:**

- Tournament Travel Radius
- AA PeeWee Try-out procedures (Female)
- On-Ice Help

**ADJOURN:** 9:20 PM