



## **Devon Minor Hockey Executive Meeting**

Thursday, September 6, 2012

7:00pm

**In Attendance** – Jeff Upton, Mike Vant Hoff, Christy Sherwood, Vicci Letourneau, Lori Uhryn, Tammy Huber, Ashley Huber, Stephanie Cartier, Tyson Foerster, Jamie Milward, Victor Wearden, Trish Rizko, Karla Williams, Mark Urban, Matt Menasse, Brent Berthiaume, Shanley Foerster, Laurie Armstrong, Scott White and Tracy Preece.

**Call to Order** – 7:03 PM by Jeff Upton

### **10.2 Review and Approve Minutes:**

- **Motion** by Jeff Upton to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2012 meeting.
- Second by Mike Vant Hoff.
- All in favor.

### **10.3 Business arising from the minutes**

#### **10.3.1 Pictures**

- Christy Sherwood reported on an indoor option for pictures with 20/20 Photography.
- October 23-24 for pictures with a mid November delivery date. To save our ice time we can consider using the Braun Hall at the Devon Community Centre. Christy will look at booking chalet at the Devon Lions Campground and see about rates or possible waiver of fees.
- 20/20 Photography feels they can complete DMHA photos in two nights with half hour sessions per team. He is in the process of brushing up the order sheet to accommodate our organization.

#### **10.3.2 Apparel**

- Christy Sherwood got prices and examples on apparel from Alice Embroidery based out of Leduc.
- Presentation was made on popular items used by other organizations. Based on what our organization likes they can come up with pricing, etc. for a possible October 15 or 16 order night.

### **10.3.3 The Williams' boy Issue**

- Ms. Williams was introduced to the DMHA executive. Her son has played in Devon for three seasons now. Her daughter is moving onto an all girls team in Spruce Grove. They live on the border of Spruce Grove and Devon. Kids go to school and parents work in Spruce Grove. Is concerned with the time involved transporting back and forth. The time factor is going to play a huge role in the family's decision. Has always enjoyed the time spent in Devon and playing with DMHA.
- He tried out in Spruce Grove on Tuesday September 4, 2012.
- Jeff Upton, for insurance purposes, signed a release for he to try out in Spruce Grove for the one evening.
- We will have 6 goal tenders presently, 7 including Williams.
- We have 5 registered goalies presently.
- Mike Vant Hoff is in agreement with Jeff in regards to the process of releasing him.
- Will review after meeting, with only voting members.
  
- Executive voting members met after non-voting members adjourned to discuss the William's issue.
- **Motion** by Tyson Foerster not to release Williams pursuant to the DMHA Rules and Regulations. Second by Mike Vant Hoff. Motion carried.

### **10.3.4 Election of Non-Voting Member**

- Carolyn Krispen has stepped forward to be Bantam Co-ordinator. Christy Sherwood spoke with Carolyn after the last meeting. Her son has played out but wants to play goal this year. Pending the outcome of his placement, she would take on the role of Bantam Co-ordinator.
- Jeff Upton has found spots for our goalies, depending on the outcome of our evaluations.

## **10.4 Reports**

### **10.4.1 President's Report – J Upton**

- Bantam and Midget not enough to have two teams for each level.
- 44 - IP
- 51 - Novice
- 38 - Atom
- 34 – PeeWee
- 26 – Bantam might be 28
- 21 - Midget

### **10.4.2 Vice-President – M Vant Hoff**

- Treat rink staff with respect. They are there to help our organization out, let's return the same treatment.

### **10.4.3 Past President – P Beaulieu**

- Not present

### **10.4.4 Treasurer – T Huber**

- \$125872.09 in account right now.

#### **10.4.5 Secretary – T Preece**

- Nothing to report

#### **10.4.6 Coaches Coordinator – B Berthiaume/T Forester**

- September 13 is the date set for coaching interviews. We will start at 5 pm ending at 9 pm with no breaks. Interviews will be for all head coaching applications. There will be strict 12 minute slots. Tyson will email everyone with their time slots.
- All voting members present at this meeting.
- Will Tyson have his top 7 players in time for these head coaching positions.

#### **10.4.7 Registrar – L Berthiaume**

- Not present.
- Tammy Huber reported on behalf of Lisa the numbers for each level as stated in Jeff Upton's Report.

#### **10.4.8 Referee-in-chief – L Uhryn**

- A small issue in regards to the booking facility for the ref clinic. Lori will work with Tracy Preece to resolve.
- Will need \$1000 this year for the out of town referees as they must be paid travel, etc.
- Our in town refs get paid at the end of the month
- **Motion** by Christy Sherwood, second by Vicci Letourneau. Motion carried.

#### **10.4.9 Level Director – C Sherwood**

- Tournaments, the draft for the 2012-13 sponsor letter from the President is required soon. She would like to get this out to her level coordinators. Jeff to update letter and forward to Christy.
- Christy will approach local businesses on behalf of DMHA not to overwhelm them by each hockey level.
- 20/20 Photography will supply a copy of his insurance for our records. As part of our photography agreement, he will be present at our home tournaments.

#### **10.4.10 IP Co-ordinator – M Menasse**

- DMHA will look at getting IP some ice time to get the teams divided. Coaching staff from this level will be doing the official split. Two IP and two TT teams.
- A concern regarding the age and skill level for the home tournament last year was brought forward.

#### **10.4.11 Novice Co-ordinator – S Cartier**

- Nothing to report.

#### **10.4.12 IP Atom Co-ordinator – A Huber**

- Nothing to report.

#### **10.4.13 Pee Wee Co-ordinator – V Letourneau**

- Is concerned about the time frame for the home tournament with the teams not being decided upon for some time. Pee Wee Tournament is first and needs to get started as soon as possible.
- Trish Rizko stated that hockey Alberta can send out an email to all organizations indicating when our tournament is as well as the contact information.
- Vicci to go ahead with contacting people advising them of additional information to follow.

#### **10.4.14 Bantam Co-ordinator – Vacant**

- Position still vacant

#### **10.4.15 Midget Co-ordinator – L Armstrong**

- Confirmed number of players at the Midget level.

#### **10.4.16 Website Co-ordinator – M Urban**

- Indicated that if anyone has any concerns or questions to please feel free to contact him.

#### **10.4.17 Equipment Manager – S White**

- Pennies should be in Tuesday next week.

#### **10.4.87 1660 Rep / Governor – G Upton**

- Not present, Jeff presented on Gail behalf.
- September 15, 2012 meeting. Need to figure out tiers.
- **Novice** 4 teams – **Motion** by Christy Sherwood to have one in Tier 1, two in Tier 3 and one in Tier 5. Second by Matt Menasse. Motion carried.
- **Atom** 3 teams – **Motion** by Mike Vant Hoff to have one in Tier 1, one in Tier 3 and one in Tier 5. Second by Tammy Huber. Motion carried.
- **PeeWee** – **Motion** by Mike Vant Hoff one in Tier 2, one in Tier 5. Second by Jeff Upton. Motion carried.
- **Bantam** – **Motion** by Mike Vant Hoff to have one in Tier 2, and one in Tier 5. Second by Jeff Upton. Motion carried.
- **Midget** – **Motion** by Mike Vant Hoff to have one in Tier 2, and one in Tier 5. Second by Stephanie Cartier. Motion carried.

#### **10.4.19 Fundraising Co-ordinator – Vacant**

- Position still vacant

#### **10.4.20 Ice Co-ordinator – J Millward**

- Public skating does not start until September 24, 2012.
- Questioned the Friday day time ice use for tournaments. Riverview has ice time during the afternoon. Will need to follow up and confirm if having home tournaments during the day Friday.
- October 5-6 grand opening is a possibility. Mike Vant Hoff stated there still may not be bleachers.

## **10.5 New Business**

### **10.5.1 Calmar Players**

- DMHA could possibly gain additional players from both Calmar and Thorsby.

### **10.5.2 Larry Sherwood regarding player movement**

- Larry was president of DMHA at one time. He too works outside of the Devon area, would be easier if his son played in Leduc.
- It is stated in the Rules and Regulation for DMHA that we do not release players at the Atom level.
- Larry gave examples from past DMHA years, each of which placed the executive in a tough position. What took place then has affected our organization now.
- DMAH will have requests each and every year for kids who want to play elsewhere. The decision has to be a hockey decision one based not on personal issues. DMHA needs to set a precedent for future families; if one can do it they should all be able to do it.
- It is Larry's view that 40 % would like a release for convenience.
- During Larry's time as President the rule was set release players to play AA hockey elsewhere. Due to setting that rule, we are now lower in numbers than we should be. This motion to release players to try out and possibly make these teams has hurt our organization. It should have been written in that releases were only to happen based on numbers.
- Very difficult to find numbers for the higher levels in Devon. Leduc is growing so fast, there will not be any opportunities at the AAA level.
- Hockey Alberta, does not card the goalie. If you have 19 on a team, the goalie is then carded.
- Must watch processes; pay close attention to the Rules and Regulations. At the Atom level, there is no actual child carded as a goalie. We have 38 in Atom right now.
- Spruce Grove is not the first place we have released to. Lisa Berthiaume to look into where we have released to. Must go to Leduc first, Lisa to confirm with Hockey Alberta.

### **10.5.3 Evaluation Process – M Vant Hoff**

- Mike to head up meeting with Barrons and Hawks in regards to the evaluation process.
- Starting Monday night, Novice group A does not mean rep. He would like head coach picked by the Sunday night so that they can start running the evaluations for that group the rest of the week.
- Tyson to give Mike a list of those that can instruct the hitting course. It will be held on Saturday. Mike will have drills in place.
- Mike would like a Barron goalie for Wednesday night. Invite older kids to shoot on goalies during the process. Drills will be placed on web site. This year we will be evaluating on a scale from 1-6. Mike developed a new evaluation sheet, easy to follow. Developed a guideline on lower levels vs higher level.
- One evaluation for goalies, unfortunately. Victor Wearden suggested that Mike Vant Hoff be involved in the evaluation process for the older goalies.
- Will require at least three people at the front desk, look at using our level coordinators. A master list for your level will be provided, check kids in. 2 at desk one handing out pennies. Need time keeper for that time slot, need stop watch and an air horn.
- More scrimmage than skill time at the PeeWee level and up. Atom and down, more skill time than scrimmage.
- Master sheet will not be shown to anyone. Must be returned to Mike Vant Hoff or Edward Little.
- Must get pennies back and count them. Must ensure all pennies are returned, this is very important!!
- Lead coach on ice, help out all four corners. Need to praise the kids, build them up a little. Maintain control at all times. Ensure all kids are paying attention, if not ask them to leave the ice.

- Will not show score sheets to anyone.
- Lisa Bertiaume will email the split lists out later this evening.
- Will ensure that each child has enough time to complete the drill for the evaluator to view.
- Two neutral people will be doing the tallying.

#### 10.5.4 Victor Wearden on Bantam Numbers

- Victor agrees that it is easier to pull a team out of 16/60 than it is to add one. Agrees with the motioned tiering as well.
- Would like to see some of the stronger PeeWee players move up to Bantam to help fill numbers at that level.
- Calmar is full, could send numbers our way. The same applies to Thorsby.
- We need a minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 19 players.
- Would like to see the affiliation process used more and used efficiently.
- Some executive members questioned the strength the PeeWee will be left in, as do the other levels.
- Trish Rizko does not agree with moving bantam players up to Midget for the physical aspect of things as well as the maturity level.
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- Discuss on the commitment level for the kids in this level. Would like to see one midget team due to this issue. It is noted that many kids stop playing the sport after the PeeWee level.
- Christy feels that Midget should get the same devotion (minimize importance) as lower levels like IP.
- If two bantam teams, can place 4 goalies. If there is only one team, we can only place two goalies.

#### 10.5.5 Provincial Update – V Wearden

- Victor gave an overview of Provincial for those that were not present at the last meeting.
- Spoke with Shan Tebb, President of Devon Skating Club, in regards to the possibility of Provincials. They have the rink booked for the March 15<sup>th</sup>, will not move carnival back by one week. If we share fundraising, the Skating Club might have a different view. If we share this profit with the Skating Club, Victor feels the Town of Devon would donate the ice again. Stronger case if we work together.
- Victor suggests meeting with the Skating Club, himself with a representative from DMHA.
- **Motion** by Christy Sherwood for Laurie Armstrong and Victor Wearden to meet with the Skating Club and work out possible Provincial issues. Second by Jeff Upton. Motion carried.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED FOR NON VOTING MEMEBERS AT 10:28 PM

- Motion by Jeff Upton
- Second by Tammy Huber
- All in favor

#### 10.6 Date of next Meeting

- **NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 26 , 2012 @ 7:00 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM**

#### MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:43 PM

- **MOTION** by Tyson Foerster
- Second by Mike Vant Hoff
- All in favor