



**Devon Minor Hockey Executive Meeting**  
**Tuesday October 9, 2012 – 7 PM**  
**AGENDA**

- 10.1 Motion to approve the Agenda**
- 10.2 Motion to approve last meeting minutes**
- 10.3 Business arising from the minutes**
  - 10.3.1 Affiliations process – Lisa Berthiaume
  - 10.3.2 1660 Rep/Governor – Jeff Upton
  - 10.3.3 Debate regarding 4 Atom teams – Jeff Upton
- 10.4 Reports**
  - 10.4.1 President's Report – J Upton
  - 10.4.2 Vice-President – M Vant Hoff
  - 10.4.3 Past President – P Beaulieu
  - 10.4.4 Treasurer – T Huber
  - 10.4.5 Secretary – T Preece
  - 10.4.6 Coaches Coordinator – B Berthiaume/T Forester
  - 10.4.7 Registrar – L Berthiaume
  - 10.4.8 Referee-in-chief – L Uhryn
  - 10.4.9 Level Director – C Sherwood
  - 10.4.10 IP Co-ordinator – M Menasse
  - 10.4.11 Novice Co-ordinator – S Cartier
  - 10.4.12 Atom Co-ordinator – A Huber
  - 10.4.13 Pee Wee Co-ordinator – V Letourneau
  - 10.4.14 Bantam Co-ordinator – Vacant
  - 10.4.15 Midget Co-ordinator – L Armstrong
  - 10.4.16 Ice Co-ordinator – J Millward
  - 10.4.17 Website Co-ordinator – M Urban
  - 10.4.18 Equipment Manager – S White
  - 10.4.19 1660 Rep / Governor – Vacant
  - 10.4.20 Fundraising Co-ordinator – Vacant
- 10.5 New Business**
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  - 10.5.3 Affiliation
- 10.6 Date of next Meeting**



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**Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Stephanie Cartier, Laurie Armstrong, Jeff Upton, Mike Vant Hoff, Scott White, Ashley Huber, Tammy Huber, Jamie Millward, Christy Sherwood, Trish Rizko, Lori Uhryn, Tyson Forester, Lisa Berthiaume, Cindy Roche, Heather Bereska, Travis Shaw, Pat Beaulieu, Angela Kalliv, Darran Fedor, Crissi Fedor, Carmen Buote, Alicia Ploz, Rosanne Tollenaar, Rosalie Urban, Darlene Kirkpatrick, Josie Barbon, Vicci Letourneau

**Call to Order** — 7:00 PM by Jeff Upton

**10.2 Review and Approve Minutes**

- **Motion** by Pat Beaulieu to approve minutes from the September 6, 2012 meeting.
- Second by Mike Vant Hoff.
- All in favor.

**10.3 Business arising from the minutes**

**10.3.1 Affiliations process – L. Berthiaume**

- DMHA has to remove novice from the current flow chart that DMHA has been utilizing for our affiliation process. Novice has to affiliate team to team. All rosters have to be approved by Hockey Alberta first.
- Discussion raised that we did not set a deadline for the affiliation process to be completed, in theory teams could wait until the deadline to choose affiliates.
- Lisa Berthiaume asked that teams create a list of potential affiliates for now.
- Scott White asked how many would each team require?
- Lisa Berthiaume felt that 12 players would be appropriate
- Christy Sherwood stated that we need to move forward with the process. We also need to ensure that families have approved the potential lists for affiliation. Christy Sherwood proposed November 1, 2012 as the deadline for the affiliation process.
- **Motion** by Pat Beaulieu that a list of 12 potential affiliate players be chosen by all DMHA teams by November 1, 2012. Mike Vant Hoff seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

- **Affiliation process continued – (Novice/Atom)** A parent of a child playing on Novice tier 5, an average player, wanted clarification on the status of her child. The parent shared that they began the process in June at the AGM by formally requesting their child to play down. The parent expressed that they completed all necessary documents, and paper work that was requested of them. The parents then followed up in August and September and were told that the process was being “handled” and that their child went through the evaluation process and was placed on Novice tier 5.
- The parents also enquired as to why proper paperwork was not initiated until September 11 of this year? The parents received a call that Hockey Alberta has not yet approved their child and that for now the child would have to go out with the Atom level. The parents were quite upset and are seeking clarification.
- Jeff Upton reported that Gail Upton had sent the proper emails and paperwork to the president of 1660 and were informed that 1660 would forward all the documentation to Hockey Alberta. Stephanie Cartier reported that she had an email indicating that the president of 1660 contacted Jeff Upton and Gail Upton to report that 1660 would not take care of this action, and that DMHA would have to apply to Hockey Alberta, Jeff Upton reported that he has email to substantiate otherwise. Stephanie Cartier asked what happens while this is sorted out? Lisa Berthiaume reported that for now, the player will practice with the Atom level.

### **10.3.2 Governor vacancy – J. Upton**

- Jeff Upton will continue in this role for now.

### **10.3.3 4 Atom team Debate – J. Upton**

- Jeff wanted to clarify rumors about splitting the Atom level into 4 teams. Several rumors had been circulating; Hockey Alberta would not approve, 1660 will not allow this happen (due to preseason starting), four teams will affect the provincial bid, additional costs (increase to our fees), Coaches feel that 17 players is too many, Splitting the teams will result in unequal numbers, 19 kids is the normal, Registration numbers have continued to climb – we did not have those numbers months ago, Head coaches may have to be reconsidered.
- Jeff clarified that he was not addressing this issue so he could coach, in fact he is withdrawing his name from consideration. He also wanted to clarify that there is no hidden agenda.

### **Floor opened to public**

- Smaller teams may be too difficult on the players, difficult to bring out affiliates when they are not part of the regular line up.
- If we change this process now coaches feel that not all players were looked at during evaluations, how we would then determine who is on what team, would coaches be afforded another look at kids?
- Older levels normally have larger rosters due to penalties, suspensions and injuries. 18 players is too many on a team'
- Player development is so important, this may be difficult with up to 19 players on a team. Kids and parents watch how much time their child plays.
- Hockey Alberta made this exception to DMHA as a one time opportunity only. They have several other teams to sort through and would like our association to determine what direction to move in.

- How might this affect bringing kids up from the Novice level?
- We had several late registrations this year, despite three or four registration dates, and DMHA also absorbed players from Calmar which we had not expected earlier in the year.
- Ice costs have gone up quite a bit this year, and we are already booking out ice in other arenas at substantially higher costs. One more team only increases those costs, do we have numbers to support how much?
- Not all parents at the Atom level felt that they were informed or aware that there may be opportunity to consider four teams, were people selected to speak to? Emails were not sent out to everyone in the Atom level. Jeff reported that he spoke to the level coordinator to poll the teams. Some teams reported they were not contacted.
- Are we willing to increase fees now because of this?
- Teams are already formed, what impact will this have to split them now?
- All players were evaluated, however we had several goalies evaluate as players, how might this impact how teams are sorted?
- Level coordinator for Atom reported that the email request to send to all teams was sent too late, on Sunday just prior to this meeting – teams were asked to bring a representative to the meeting.
- Lots of disruptions to players, families, coaching staff, why are we considering this now? Analogy of a hand grenade, what will this do to teams already formed?
- Self esteem, how would moving down impact players?
- DMHA wants a tier 1 program, and big teams will not develop tier 1 kids properly.
- What if we have more kids come forward?
- This is not a canskate program, if players cannot skate, there is free ice during public skating and other programs for kids to improve outside of DMHA.
- This will cause a huge ripple in number of carded players per team, tier 1 will need to absorb more players to make potential room at the lower levels.
- If anymore players come out and we don't move kids up to tier 1 those new players will automatically fall there, despite skills as they may be the only carded spots left.

**Motion** by Jeff Upton to increase the Atom level to four teams. Scott White seconded. Not enough voting support to move motion forward, motion not carried.

- Mike will provide the evaluation numbers to Darran Fedor to move a player up to tier 1.

**Motion** by Stephanie Cartier for the number of players on the Atom teams to be changed to 17/17/18 (tier 1, 3 and 5 respectfully). Lisa Berthiaume seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

## **10.4 Reports**

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

- Jeff Upton presented the Atom debate, no other reports.

### **10.4.2 Vice President Report – M. Vant Hoff**

- Mike Vant Hoff, discussion on the Atom debate, no other reports.

### **10.4.3 Past President Report - P. Beaulieu**

- Pat requires assistance with the awards presentation. Without bleachers we cannot proceed. He believes November is reasonable for the event, date TBA.

### **10.4.4 Treasurer Report – T Huber**

- Reminder to all teams that ice outside of Devon is very expensive. We are currently spending about \$28,000 in ice costs. We should not see yellow available ice slots on our schedule.

### **10.4.5 Secretary Report – V. Letourneau (Filling in for T. Preece)**

- Nothing to report

### **10.4.6 Coaches Coordinator Report- T. Forester**

- We need to remind parents to follow the proper chain of command and always follow the correct process chart. Tyson Forester would like to develop a process for coach selection for next year. There are folks that would help DMHA with this process. He reported that only the head coach requires the NCCP, DMHA wants all coaches to have the course. November 15/12 was the deadline but some coaches are registered for the course on the 18th.
- Bantam now has a head coach that has offered to step up, Jason Porter.
- **Motion** by Lisa Berthiaume for Jason Porter to be named head coach for the Bantam tier 5 team, Lori Uhryn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

### **10.4.7 Registrar Report – L. Berthiaume**

- Reminding all members to use the channels properly. Novice affiliation, all novice coaches are to look at the process.
- Numbers are as follows:
  - IP – 49
  - Novice – 50
  - Atom – 52
  - PeeWee – 35
  - Bantam – 26
  - Midget – 32
- Last player cut from Leduc is coming to Devon. All other levels have finalized rosters. Discussion about billets from Millet and if we absorb this player we are contenders for provincials.
- **Motion** by Lisa Berthiaume to carry the Wetaskiwin Midget player, Pat seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

- Oct 3 Hockey Alberta meeting – Bench staff are unlimited according to Hockey Alberta. Everyone is charged \$34.50 from Hockey Alberta per coach. Normally we have five bench staff, will DMHA cover all coaches or just the head coach plus how many? Managers also require an additional course to be carded to the team, who will cover costs.
- **Motion** by Lori Uhryn to approve up to 5 bench staff, then the team can carry additional costs. Lisa Berthiaume seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- December 1 – Respect in sports only 4 left within DMHA to complete – 2 at Atom, 2 Midget

#### **10.4.8 Referee-in-Chief Report – L. Uhryn**

- Ref website NCZRC. Level Coordinators must include permit sanction numbers on game sheets outside of regular league games, even if away in a tournament ensure that the other association has recorded the sanction numbers.
- Deb Northcott needs to know who has applied to provincials. Novice cannot be entered in provincials. All clinics are on line with Hockey Alberta and Lisa Berthiaume has player numbers.
- Mark Urban is to put on the website, a flow chart for Hockey Alberta, regarding communication lines.
- All rosters must be approved by DMHA and Hockey Alberta before any affiliates are used.
- Novice program, has the Dodge Caravan program where teams could enter for a donation of up to \$500.00. Stephanie Cartier will present this to the Novice level.
- November 17/18 the community hall is booked for the ref clinic. Mark Urban will post the schedule for the refs. Coaches are to sign all game sheets after games and not before.

#### **10.4.9 Level Coordinator – C. Sherwood**

- Bantam – Jackie Sturko has agreed to become the tournament coordinator for Bantam. Christy will remain the Bantam coordinator. Level Coordinators will require the sponsorship letter and the president message requires some updating, once complete Christy will email to all Level Coordinators.
- Blades is selling DMHA socks they will also obtain the new RBK socks
- Player of the month will now be advertised on the website.
- Ice schedule – the rotation is now on the website.
- Laminated ref signals are now located in the time keeper box. Scott will ensure they remain there.
- Photo night – Teams can decide how they want to dress.
- Jerseys for provincials – no money in DMHA to purchase new jerseys, fundraiser?...The question that was asked was not about Provincials, but from the Midget Coach, wondering if the 3rd year Midget Players could keep their jerseys? The answer was 'No', that DMHA doesn't have the budget to replace Midget jerseys. If we have to purchase more jerseys for next season it would have to be at the Novice and Atom levels as we are short jerseys at that level. If a jersey order is placed, we could offer to let departing midget players purchase a jersey at that time, but not keep the jersey they wear this season.

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

- Not present.

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

- The parent of the over aged child on Novice Tier 5 asked what the process be should Hockey Alberta not let DMHA know about her child. The decision was that the child would go out with the Atom level for now.

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

- Nothing to report.

#### **10.4.13 PeeWee Co-ordinator – V. Letourneau**

- Games and suspensions, follow up required for the suspension on tier 2.

#### **10.4.14 Bantam Co-ordinator – C. Sherwood**

- Reported under Level Co-ordinator

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

- Call for goalies looking for teams from outside organizations. Lisa to follow up about procedures for contacting DMHA. Midget and Bantam to now rotated all ice to Thorsby.

#### **10.4.16 Ice Co-ordinator – J. Millward**

- Text Jamie with ice concerns always. The ice rotation now on the DMHA website. Two weeks' notice is required for any ice cancellations.

#### **10.4.17 Web Site Co-ordinator – M. Urban**

- Not present.

#### **10.4.18 Equipment Manager – S. White**

- Teams cannot ask for jersey specific numbers, this would be impossible to manage. Level Co-ordinators, please let team managers all jerseys will be sorted by Thursday.

#### **10.4.19 1660 Rep/Governor – Vacant**

#### **10.4.20 Fundraising Co-ordinator – T. Shaw**

- Travis Shaw has put his name forward for consideration.
- **Motion by** Jeff Upton for Travis Shaw to become the Fundraiser Co-ordinator, Mike Vant Hoff seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Pat Beaulieu mentioned that the new concession staff would like to work with DMHA and Travis is to follow up with them.

### **10.5 New Business**

#### **10.5.1 DMHA website news banner**

- Discussion on how the banner will work on the website. Rosalie Urban shared that we can make adjustments to content on the main page and create more links for further information available.

- **Motion** by Stephanie Cartier to revamp the current DMHA website to include short story items on the main page, with links available with more content to those stories. Mike Vant Hott seconded, all in favor, motion carried

#### **10.5.2 Barrons**

- Devon Barrons team are now on the town ice schedule. Barons may be applying for provincials. Mike Vant Hoff asked what the Barons pay for ice and Trish Rizko informed DMHA that they do not have any ice special pricing.
- Trish Rizko stated that Tony Kublisky has reported he has heard rumors of a possible conflict of interest as he is the Town Of Devon CEO and also the Manager of the Barons, he has been approached by members of DMHA at public events in Devon. He would like an apology on behalf of DMHA. Lori, Tony, Mike, Jeff and Trish, will sit down with the Barons to discuss.
- The DMHA evaluation process was discussed in that the Barons had committed to assisting with the evaluations, but fell short of their commitment. DMHA and the Barons to develop a working relationship to move forward.

#### **10.5.3 Affiliation process**

- Clarification on Player-to-Player Affiliation was discussed, amending section 8.4 of DMHA Rules and Regulations for teams with less than 14 players. These amendments will be added to the DMHA Rules and Regulations and posted to the DMHA web site.

#### **10.6 Date of next meeting**

- **NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 @ 7:00 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM**

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:03 PM**

- **MOTION** by Jeff Upton
- Second by Christy Sherwood
- All in favor