

Devon Minor Hockey - Minutes (Tuesday March 25, 2014)

Present: Stephanie Webber, Brandy Fisher, Chris Simonson, Darcy Skinner, Lisa Wright, Tammy Huber, Wayne Wolfe, Shane Parie, Corrina Khuenart, Larry Sherwood, Christy Sherwood, Mike Vant Hoff

Meeting Called To Order: 8:30pm

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Larry Sherwood, Seconded by Lisa Wright: Motion Carried

Approval of Previous Minutes: No previous minutes to review, carried forward to next meeting

1) Awards Night:

- Stephanie has secured hall for Friday April 11, will need assistance at 4:00pm to set up tables, will take care of getting beverages, plates, etc. Event is at the Community Centre, doors to open at 5:45pm, Supper at 6:00pm with Awards to follow at 7:00pm

- Wayne spoke with local restaurants about catering (est. 200 people):

- Tim's and Florida Pizza did not bid

- P3 will be about \$750 for pizza only and \$875 for pizza and pasta

- BP's will be about \$1100 for pizza only and \$1200 for pizza and pasta

- Marci's did not supply a formal price, but said they would beat the best price by 10%

Motion by Christy to go with P3 (pizza and pasta option) and to charge at the door \$10.00 per adult (12+), \$5.00 (3-5yrs) and under 2yrs no charge, Seconded by Larry. Motion carried.

- Chris/Tammy are working on getting a plaque/jersey presentation ready for Servus Credit Union as a thanks from DMHA for their continued support by donating the meeting room to us rent free. Servus will have representatives present at Awards Night for us to make the presentation. Christy will send Chris/Tammy a suggestion on wording for the plaque. We also need to make sure that Servus is permanently listed as a DMHA Sponsor on our website. Christy will check the 'Sponsor' page and update.

- Boston Pizza would also like to send a representative to Awards Night to make a presentation to DMHA for the % back from hockey receipts submitted to the draw barrel over the season. As well as announce the teams who spent the most and won pizza parties. DMHA will be presenting BP's with a set of jerseys.

- Wayne will take care of getting two sets of cleaned jerseys to Mike from our old surplus inventory.

- Teams have been asked to bring banners if they won one so that teams can participate in parade of players. Mike will then collect the banners from teams in order for them to be hung up at the arena over the summer.

- Christy has contacted coaches for their selections/nominations. And will work with Design Awards to arrange for names to be added to the large plaques and small take home plaques. Christy will pick up flowers for the memorial families in attendance. Christy will also contact the families of the recipients to ensure they are aware of the date and time of the event. Christy to email info about award names/criteria to Stephanie for program info and will send an association email over ramp to advertise the event.

- Mike will contact Anita Fisher to see if she will agree to MC the event once again, and contact/invited the memorial families. As a former DMHA exec member she has a great knowledge of the history of the awards. Mike will also contact the Town to see if the Mayor or Tony Kulbisky are able to attend.

- Award Recipients:

Liam Shea Memorial - Most Dedicated Atom House Player

(1) award per Atom House team to the player that demonstrates dedication, a strong passion for the game and exemplifies the spirit of hockey. Recipients selected by the team head coaches and approved by the executive. This year's recipients are: Atom 3, Zachery Cartier and Atom 5, Jules Foose

Stan Preece Midget Memorial Award

(1) award per Midget team is given to the player(s) that demonstrate sportsmanship, leadership, commitment, skill, etc. Recipient selected by the team head coaches and approved by the executive. This year's recipient is: Marshall Becker

Sandy Avery Memorial Award - Most Dedicated Goaltender

(1) award, any goalie from PW through Midget, house or rep can be eligible, awarded to a goalie who shows commitment and passion for the position of goaltending.

Christy has contacted the PW-Midget coaches to obtain a list of nominees. Waiting to hear back from them all, will email the voting exec with a complete list of names and coaches background info on the players. We will have to vote online for this award in order for info to get to engraver in time.

Note: as a result of the online vote, Eric Scherger one of our Bantam goalies was selected to be this year's recipient.

Matthew Christian Memorial - Referee of the Year

(1) award given to a young Devon referee who shows a passion and commitment to refereeing. Selected by the Referee in Chief and Referee Assignor and approved by the executive. This year's recipient is: Stephen Sherwood

Stan Ingram Memorial Award - Most Dedicated Executive Member

Awarded to a current DMHA executive member who has shown extraordinary commitment to volunteering within the association to promote hockey. Voted on by the current executive members. Those present at meeting voted, this year's recipient: Christy Sherwood

2) Dance:

- Stephanie has secured the arena for Saturday April 26 and is working with a team of people on the planning logistics. Extra tickets will be available at the door for \$25.00 each
- Mike advised the Town will donate the cost of renting the facility if we are using the event as a fundraiser for the recent fire victims in Devon.
- Discussed donating some money from the dance to the fire victims, we will set up a donation jar at the door. Not doing any silent auction items this year. Chris Simonson advised that the provincial committee has donated one of the Nexus Tablets to the dance to be raffled off. We need to ensure that any donations are compliant with the Societies Act.
- Stephanie to send Christy info to email out to association over Ramp.
- Stephanie will provide a summary after the event regarding cost/profit and we will determine a final donation amount at that time.

3) 2013-14 Season Approximate Operating Costs:

- Tammy reported approximations on our revenue and expenditures for this past season. In summary our basic registration fees are covering ice costs, but without fundraising would not be able to cover everything. If we do not increase fees we are about 9% short on revenue.
- Revenue: We collected approximately \$132,000 in registration fees (226 players). Other income included \$3,500 Golf Tournament, West Ed Mall Waterpark night \$12,000, Grey Cup Raffle \$8,700, Provincials \$ amount unknown at this time, Dance \$ amount unknown at this time. By retaining 20% of the net profit from the home tournaments, DMHA collected approximately \$8,000: IP \$1300 (3 teams), Novice \$1400 (3 teams), Atom \$2000 (3 teams), PW \$1300 (3 teams), Bantam \$1100 (1 team) and Midget \$900 (1 team). Total without the Provincials and Dance profits: \$164,200
- Expenditures: Ice Rentals (Devon and Calmar) totalled approximately \$126,000 (about \$15,000 was paid for by the tournaments), Referee costs approx. \$26,000 (about \$6,800 paid for by the tournaments), Paid executive positions (Treasurer, Referee Assignor, Ice Coordinator) \$10,500 and phone allowances for paid positions \$1,400, Coach Certification \$4,000, Hockey Alberta Insurance and Fees \$11,500, 1660 fees \$2,100, Equipment costs not reported (although we will have a significant expenditure in the next couple of years in replacing jerseys. They were bought in 2010 with an estimated 5yr life expectancy at a cost of approx. \$28,000). Total on costs reported is approximately \$181,500 (-) ice and refs paid by tournaments \$21,800 = \$159,700.

4) Registration Fees:

- Based on the costs presented it was felt that we are heavily relying on fundraising to make ends meet and that while we were able to avoid a cost increase this past season in registration fees we may have to consider an increase for the 2014-15 season.
- 2013-14 rates: IP \$350, Novice \$540, Atom \$600, Pee Wee \$675, Bantam \$775 and Midget \$875. Unlike other associations in the area such as Thorsby and Wetaskiwin we are not attached to an Ag. Society to draw financial

support from, nor do we have the level of corporate sponsorship that a community like Leduc has to help keep their registration rates down. Our fees last year were, however, in a comparable range with Leduc rates of: Atom \$635, Pee Wee \$735, Bantam \$740 and Midget \$795 (not including any extra level up fees).

- After much discussion the suggestion was to not raise fees at the IP and Novice level, and increase all other levels approximately 10% .

- Motion by Mike Vant Hoff to set the 2014-15 fees as follows: The Early Bird rate for all registrations completed by June 30 will be, IP/Tom Thumb \$350.00, Novice \$540, Atom \$660, Pee Wee \$750, Bantam \$850 and Midget \$975. After July 1, the rate will go up \$100 for each level (excluding IP/Tom Thumb), with the \$100 per post July 1 registration to be placed into the DMHA Benevolent Fund to assist families in need. Post July 1 rates as follows: IP/Tom Thumb \$350, Novice \$640, Atom \$760, Pee Wee \$850, Bantam \$950 and Midget \$1075. Motion seconded by Stephanie Cartier. Motion carried.

- There was a discussion on whether registration should include a bond for volunteering, where people could have the option of paying a higher rate (ie: \$150 per child) to opt out of any mandatory association fundraising (ie: Provincial tournaments, casinos, golf tourney, etc). This was DMHA could better calculate what kind of volunteer commitments to take on in its fundraising efforts. No action was taken on this item at this time.

5) Fundraising: Stephanie advised that there may be a possibility for DMHA to secure two West Edmonton Mall fundraising events for the upcoming season. (another Waterpark night, as well as a Galaxyland event) The feedback from the Waterpark night this year was positive, and the events give the association the opportunity to make a lot of money off of one event. We need to commit to 2,000 tickets per event, with 200+ players registered we have more than enough people to distribute the tickets to. The executive gave Stephanie permission to explore dates and report back, as we would need to know dates prior to the start of the season so that the dates could be submitted to the league as 'black out' dates, as well as working the home tournament dates around any fundraising bookings.

- It was discussed now that we are doing online registrations, it would be more streamline to list one rate online for Fundraising Fee packages, rather than multiple packages. Last year people had to sign up for three different packages (\$50 for dance, \$60 for Grey Cup raffle and \$100 for WEM), it would make more sense if we didn't itemize the events (as at registration we may not know 100% what the fundraising events will be), but just list one package "\$210 Fundraising, events to be determined". There was some discussion on if fundraising fees should be charged per child, or max out at two children per family? Last year families paid \$210 for the first child, and \$160 for the second (as the dance tickets were issued on a per family basis), and then no fundraising fees issued for the third or more child per family. Setting the Fundraising Fees was tabled to the April 16 meeting.

6) Next Meeting: date set for Wednesday April 16 at 8:00pm

11:26 pm meeting adjourned.

APRIL 16 MEETING NOTE: This meeting did not proceed as scheduled, as we did not have quorum. A new date of Wednesday MAY 7 @ 7:00PM was set.