



Didsbury Curling Club Lounge  
7:00 pm, Wednesday June 5, 2013

## **Didsbury Ramblers Minor Hockey Association - Regular Board Meeting**

### **Attendance:**

Doug Bedard, President  
Cory Shields, Vice President  
Susan Read, Secretary  
Doug Vass, 2/27 Rep  
Teena Hosegood, Ice Scheduler  
Kelvin Knutson, Referee in Chief  
Tracey Knutson, Ref Assignor  
Chris Dussault, CAHL Governor  
Kim Russell, Fundraising  
Ryan Sloan, Coach in Chief  
Cory Fifield, Equipment Manager  
Tara Fifield, 50/50 Rep  
Simone Reese, Director in Chief  
Dan Felker, DHMA Parent  
Vanessa Brown, DMHA Parent

### **Absent:**

Andrea Sawatsky, Media Rep  
Barry Candline, Treasurer  
Daisy Pankrat, Registrar  
Tricia Kruger, Fundraising  
Ryan Mierke, CAHL Rep

### **Presentation by Dan Felker to the DMHA Board:**

- Dan is formally asking the Board to have a Pee Wee Team in Didsbury for the 2013-2014 season; he has spoken with several other Didsbury families that would also be interested; he and the other families are not interested in the travel and inconvenience associated with RMAA
- Dan is aware that ice-time would be an issue; he has written a letter to the Review newspaper questioning how the Town decides on ice-time allotments for specific user groups
- Vanessa Brown is also a supporter of a Didsbury Pee Wee team; she reports that several other parents would back this initiative; Dan has letters of support from several of them
- The town has offered to meet with Dan if he would like to prepare a written proposal
- Dan also expressed concern that at the end of the 3-year RMAA trial, continued participation was supposed to be voted on by the DMHA membership, and this has never happened
- The primary issues for a Didsbury Pee Wee team for 2013-2014 season are:
  - a. Ice Time
    - Time allotments are already set, so how would we find extra ice to accommodate both games and practices for a Didsbury Pee Wee team?
    - A requirement of CAHL is that you have a certain amount of ice-time open and available in order to play in the league
    - For practices, morning ice time is one option, extra small ice time on Monday nights is another option

- Teena is waiting to hear back from the town on some of these items; DMHA could give up some Friday night ice to the Rec Hockey League and take back some time from them on Saturdays
- Finding times for games would still be an issue
- b. Timing
  - This issue was discussed at the previous DMHA Board meeting
  - The consensus was: “the members are in agreement that it is already too late in the year to make any changes regarding involvement in RMAA for the 2013-2014 season -- and that the existing arrangements will carry forward for 2013-2014; any decision beyond this season will be tabled; however, a final decision should be made on or before January 1, 2014, in regards to the 2014-2015 season”
  - To plan a Didsbury Pee Wee team within the existing timeline neither feasible nor fair; the above decision will be maintained
- c. Future Planning
  - The board does not want to make a decision based on a one-year solution; enrollment in minor hockey is cyclical; we might have enough players for Pee Wee this year, but what about future years?; traditionally, enrollment numbers drop in Pee Wee
  - Discuss ways to attract players from the Rec League to DMHA
  - Discuss having one ‘top team’ that plays with RMAA as the travel team, while the other levels of teams stay and play out of their own home town
  - Discuss having a mandatory meeting and vote with all DMHA members regarding our future with RMAA; a road map of how to deal with this issue will be discussed at the next meeting

### **1. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by President Doug Bedard

### **2. Minutes**

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as previously distributed

### **3. Old Business:**

- a. 3 on 3 Tournament
  - Airdrie is doing this exact same tournament this year and is having it on the same weekend (September 6, 7, 8, 2013)
  - They are calling their tournament the ‘3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Original Six 3-on-3 Tournament’
  - It would a shame not to have a 3-on-3 tournament in Didsbury this year as it has been a great fundraiser for DMHA
  - Tara will contact Stacey L. and Barry C. to see if they are interested in taking a lead on organizing it
  - Didsbury could aim their tournament at a slightly lower skill level than Airdire, so as not to compete for entries
- b. On-line registrations
  - Tara has investigated
  - The fees to set this up are minimal; the biggest item to organize would be getting it set up through our bank

- Tara has given the required information to Andrea  
**MOTION:** Moved by Cory Fifield that DMHA proceed with installing on-line registration on the website. Seconded by Doug Vass. All in Favor. Motion passed.
- c. New DMHA Jerseys
  - Cory Fifield distributed a selection of mock-ups for new jerseys  
The members reviewed, selected, and voted on their favourites  
The estimated cost for 100 home and 100 away jerseys would be approximately \$16,000  
**MOTION:** Moved by Simone Reese that DMHA proceed with the purchase of the new jerseys as voted on by the members. Seconded by Susan Read. All in Favor. Motion passed.
- d. Friday Evening Player Development Sessions
  - Cory Shields has discussed this item with Joe Murphy; Joe is willing to take a lead on these sessions depending on the days/times
  - DMHA cannot move forward with this item until all ice times are known and confirmed with the town
- e. Alberta Zone 6 ‘Certified Scheduler’ seminar ie. to learn how to schedule coaching clinics
  - This item is deferred until the CAHL Rep is in attendance
- f. DMHA Bylaws Review
  - The by-laws are sufficient; the handbook should be updated
- g. Zero Tolerance Signage
  - Ryan Sloan is investigating; will bring forward information at the next meeting

#### 4. Reports:

- a. President
  - None
- b. Vice President
  - See ‘Friday Evening Player Development Sessions’ as discussed above
- c. Secretary
  - Will send out Board Email List to all members
- d. Treasurer
  - None
- e. Registrar
  - Emailed the following report:
  - Would like to set up a registration night for June 19 from 6:00 to 8:30; do I need the board to agree with an ad in the paper? (no, go ahead) If so, I will also need to change the registration date from June 15 to the 19 on the website (media rep will do this); I believe this was not a good date due to Father's Day; I will also contact Fifield as she was in contact with the people for online registration and give her the papers so if the board wants to discuss it they may; I will also need media rep to call with the ad by Friday for it to be in paper please (media rep will try to get this ad in the newspaper prior to cut off); I will also need my name for contact on registration on website to contact me for registration please (media rep will do this); I am available nights for people who cannot make registration nights; I would also like to have July 18 another evening for registration that should be ok'd by the board this meeting for the paper again that ad would need to be sent to the paper as well with plenty of time (fine, proceed)

- f. Fundraising
  - The Fall Ball fundraiser is set for Friday November 15, 2013
- g. Coach in Chief
  - Evaluation Format discussed; goalie evaluations will need to occur first; summary distributed
  - A small committee is needed to discuss further; this smaller committee will include: Ryan Sloan, Simone Reese, Chris Dussault, and Doug Bedard; dates for evaluations, conditioning camp, etc. will be defined by the smaller committee
- h. CAHL Rep
  - All information regarding players, etc. will need to be submitted by August 30, 2013
  - The CAHL Rep will need to get this information from the Registrar once the final numbers are known
- i. 2 & 27 REP
  - Waiting for word on the initial meeting
  - They should be contacting Doug V. with meeting times and dates; the first meeting is usually in late September and helps define the season ie. length, year-end tournament, etc.
- j. Ice Scheduler
  - As discussed above, still working with the town on finalizing times
- k. Referee in Chief
  - None
- l. Director in Chief
  - None
- m. Media Rep
  - None
- n. 50/50 Rep
  - None
- o. Equipment Manager
  - News jerseys as discussed above

**5. New Business:**

- By-law, rules, handbook, etc. will be brought to every meeting for reference purposes; these items are currently found on the DMHA website

**6. Next Meeting:**

- As discussed, meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month unless a change is otherwise agreed upon in advance; the next meeting will be on Wednesday June 26; the time and location are TBA

**7. Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm by Doug Bedard