



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	19 January 2016
Time	19:00:00
Location	OMHA Office
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	23 February 2016

Orleans Minor Hockey Executive		
Position	Attendees	Absent
President	Gilles Vanasse	
Vice-President		Peter Werthner
Past President		Paul MacInnis
Treasurer/Registrar	Louise Groulx	
Secretary	Julie Baccin	
Director, Competitive	Vacant	
Director, Novice/Atom	Joel Neuheimer	
Director, Pee-Wee/Bantam	Jocelyn Murray	
Director, Midget/Juvenile	Dave Stephenson	
Director, Discipline/Risk and Safety	Pat Brookes	
Director, Mentorship	Jim Cooke	

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes of December 10 2015 Meeting

Motion: J. Neuheimer

Second: L. Groulx

Carried: All

Agenda and Executive Reports

Gilles Vanasse, President

- Gilles extended his thanks, on behalf of the board, to Louise Groulx for her support in organizing the OMHA 40th Anniversary event. All games were well played and Valerie Vanasse captured excellent photographs of the players. The 40th Anniversary medals were well received by all players.



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- New ice rates have come into effect on January 1, 2016; the cost has risen to \$171.91 (up from the previous amount of \$162.80). Ice that has already been purchased will be billed at the previous rate.
- The OMHA has not had any infractions regarding not using designated ice.
- Gilles led a discussion for the planning of the OMHA Volunteer Appreciation Night. Suggestions included holding an event at a local facility where pizza and refreshments could be served. Members discussed having a few gift cards available for door prizes.
- A proposal for a district run Rep B program is being brought forward once again by the Gloucester Rangers. The board discussed the impact of this action and it was agreed that Gilles will bring forward the decision of the OMHA board to not support the proposal.
- The proposal to add an additional game suspension to an M20 infraction was passed for the OMHA and the Blues Rep B. Of note, 4/6 minor hockey associations have passed a similar motion.
- Coaches who are using an Affiliate player in a tournament game must have on hand a copy of the affiliate players' team roster.
- Gilles reported that the level of aggressiveness in minor hockey has significantly increased particularly at the Midget 'A' and 'B' levels. In the last few months, a number of open ice hits have been observed. As a result, the Referee-in-Chief has met with officials to draw awareness to this type of play and to be diligent in calling major penalties where there is intent to injure. Additionally, game officials will be attentive in regard to Hockey Canada Rule 7.4 where a minor penalty may be changed to a major penalty and game misconduct if an injury occurs as a result of the infraction. A document for assessing situations was reviewed and Gilles will be discussing this with RIC, Bill Wong. At Joel's request, a summary of this meeting will be passed to coaches to increase their awareness of the situation.
- Gilles will be presenting a motion at the upcoming GHA meeting, to modify Gloucester Hockey Association Rule 19.3, whereas,
 - *Head Coaches are responsible for reporting and uploading game sheets which include suspendable offences inclusive of major penalties and misconducts (ten minute, game, match, gross etc.) for Players and Team Officials, inclusive of those received in Tournaments and Exhibition games, within 24 hours to both the GHA Game Results (House League) and the Discipline Data Base on the GHA website. Head Coaches are subsequently responsible to upload game sheet(s) within 48hrs of the Player(s) or Game Official(s) having served the aforementioned suspendable offence to the GHA Discipline Data Base. Uploading of game sheets when attending out of town tournaments shall be within 24 hours of returning to Ottawa. Failure to comply will result in a one-game suspension.*

Gilles requested that all Directors inform their coaches to act according to this rule and abide by the 24 hour time frame for uploading game-sheets for out of town play.



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- Gilles will attend the President's Meeting scheduled for January 30, 2016. Discussions will include the Rep B proposal, how game officials will be assessing the aggressive infractions, an attempt to further define 'injured', the motion to modify GHA Rule 19.3.

Peter Werthner, Vice President

- Absent

Paul MacInnis, Past President

- Absent

Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar

- The Annual General Meeting of the Orleans Minor Hockey Association has been scheduled for April 27, 2016 from 7:30-9:00 pm in Hall 'C'.

Vacant, Director of Competitive

Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Joel discussed current issues at the Atom level, regarding coach suspensions. The matter has been addressed and resolved with the GHA and the involved individuals.

Jocelyn Murray, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam; Advisor to Initiation Program

- Initiation Program: Progressing very well throughout the season.
- Bantam: Jocelyn discussed an issue regarding a player and their participation as a team member. Coaches are having difficulty with the management of the situation; a meeting will be scheduled with the parents and the player to further discuss.

Dave Stephenson, Director Midget/Juvenile; Ice Manager

- Dave brought forward his concerns regarding current coach suspensions.
- Midget and Juvenile divisions are progressing well through the season.
- Ice Management: no issues.



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Pat Brookes, Director Discipline/Risk/Safety

- Pat reported that there were minimal responses (66) to program/coach evaluations; those that were received were appreciated and feedback will be provided to the respective coaches. Most comments were positive, however, there were concerns identified in regard to poorly organized practices. A summary will be provided to all Novice-Atom-Pee wee- Bantam coaches. The End of Season evaluation forms will be more comprehensive. Dispensing hard copies of the form may ensure increased participation rate of players and parents.

Jim Cooke, Director of Mentorship

- Jim informed the board the Whiteboard session last week had less attendees, however it was valuable to those that attended. Representatives from the Gloucester Girls Hockey were in attendance.

New Business:

- None

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: J. Neuheimer

Second: J. Cooke

Carried: All

Meeting adjourned: 8:56 pm

Next Meeting: February 23, 2016 7:00 pm