



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	27 February 2016
Time	09:00:00
Location	OMHA Office
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	29 March 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 9:06 am.

Approval of Minutes of January 19 2016 Meeting

Motion: J. Neuheimer

Second: J. Cooke

Carried: All

Agenda and Executive Reports

Gilles Vanasse, President

- Gilles discussed the need for planning for the Volunteer Appreciation Night; date of event to be confirmed.
- Gloucester Hockey Association Meeting Report: The Gloucester Rangers District Rep B proposal was not brought forward for discussion at the meeting.
- The motion brought forward to modify Rule 19.3 (by permitting a one game warning to the coach) was defeated. However, an amendment was made to the time frame



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required for reporting suspensions. The previous 24 hour time limit was extended to 48 hours; the motion to accept this amendment passed.

- Two team officials must be present in the dressing room at all times; if one team official has to take leave for any reason, they must be replaced.
- A draft of new By-laws will be ratified at the March meeting.
- Referee fees may be increasing approximately \$1.00/hour; these rates have yet to be confirmed.
- The GHA will put forth a motion to remove U18 AA as the districts have not been pleased with the progress of the program.
- Respect in Sport requirement continues to be a concern for coaches. A coach must have completed the Coach Respect in Sport program and the Parent Respect in Sport program, if they have child playing hockey. These are two separate programs and both must be completed, as required.
- The District 9 Referee Association has 133 members; this becomes challenging when tournaments, league and exhibition games are occurring. Referees are able to officiate in 3 hour blocks; longer time frames are not scheduled due to the need for ice officials to be alert to make the right calls regarding infractions and goals. The association plans to hire an additional 30 referees for next season.
- The GHA will be bringing forward a proposal to commemorate Canada's 150th Birthday during the 2016-2017 hockey season.
- Gilles reported that during quarter and semi-final playoff games, over-time will be played. Directors should inform all coaches that they must communicate with the rink attendants regarding this possibility as the ice needs to be operational during playoff overtime.
- A motion was put forward to pay time-keepers to manage the clock at the Juvenile level. Individuals 16 years+ will not be required to take the time clock management course while those students under the age of 16 years will have to complete this course.
- Discipline Report (GHA): There was a reduction of hearings in the GHA during the past season; of note, the OMHA had a number of hearings.
- At the GHA President's meeting, a motion to include the Cumberland Minor Hockey Association in the GHA for the 2016-2017 season was defeated. During the past season, the GHA has found it to be very challenging to administer this minor hockey association due to a few different rules/regulations, resulting in a non-unified approach between all minor associations operating under the GHA. Recently, Gilles was approached by Cumberland Minor Hockey proposing the following options which were discussed at the board level for consideration.

Option #1: The OMHA was invited to join District 12, Cumberland Minor Hockey.

- Dave Stephenson motioned to reject this option.
Second: Joel Neuheimer Carried: All



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Option #2: The OMHA would leave District 9 and transfer to District 12 to form a new corporation.

- Dave Stephenson motioned to reject this option.
Second: Louise Groulx Carried: All

Option #3: The OMHA would have Exhibition Games

- Louise Groulx motioned to reject this option.
Second: Julie Baccin Carried: All

- The executive acknowledged that Option #1, #2 would impact our identity of OMHA Rush and BLUES. As well, there would be many complexities and discipline issues associated with Option #3.
- Dave was approached by Radio Canada regarding Violence in Minor Hockey. Discussion included that our Risk and Safety program and Code of Conduct were in place to manage situations of violence.
- Competitive Rep B Hockey Report: The Rep B Coach evaluation summaries indicated there were minimal concerns at the lower divisions; some problem areas were identified from Major Peewee and above.
- The call for Coach Applications for Competitive Rep B will be posted in April with interviews scheduled for May.
- Each association (Blackburn, Orleans, Gloucester Centre) will be responsible for allocating their own ice next season.
- Transfer payments during player registration needs to be improved for next year; they need to be consistent and efficient. A more effective management of team fees is also required.
- There are plans to introduce a Major Novice Rep B team next season.
- Rep B jerseys need to be ordered; Blackburn Minor Hockey will be expected to provide some funding towards this now that they are part of the three combined minor associations.
- Rep B playoffs are currently underway with the BLUES Minor Peewee and Minor Bantam both entering semifinals.
- Gilles requested that all teams with high penalty minutes be monitored by Directors. Coaches should be communicating to safe and regulated play to their players during the playoffs.
- An issue at the Bantam division was discussed; the issue (comments made by team members) was serious resulting in four hearings.
- The Orleans Minor Hockey 40th Anniversary event was captured by Valerie Vanasse in over 13,000 photos! The photographs reflected Orleans Minor Hockey at its best; thank you, Valerie. A selection of photographs will be posted to the website.



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Peter Werthner, Vice President

- Absent

Paul MacInnis, Past President

- The “First Shift” program is now complete with the OMHA providing excellent administration of the Bauer program. The program was well received by participants, turn-out was consistent, and it was a positive experience for coaches and players alike. It was anticipated that 80% of players will join minor hockey next season. Paul commended and thanked all instructors who provided their time and expertise to this player development initiative. Joel commented that, as an instructor, he learned a lot from other coaches participating in the program.
- Paul identified that he has not yet been contacted to resolve a complaint issue submitted approximately one year ago. Gilles will approach Pat, the current Director of Risk and Safety to provide closure.

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’.
- Candidates for the Brad Girouard Award must be received prior to playoffs. Directors were asked to remind coaches of this responsibility.
- Louise noted that March 27th is the deadline for the receipt of executive nominations for available positions. Gilles will send out a notice to all members.

Vacant, Director of Competitive

Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Joel, Dave, and Jocelyn were approached by a University of Ottawa PhD candidate who would like to access coaches for participation in research related to coaching environment. Coaches will be informed of this request and will be provided with the University student’s contact information, if interested.

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

- Initiation Program: Year-end party to be scheduled and will operate under same budget, approximately \$20/player.



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- Peewee/Bantam: Two issues at the Bantam level were discussed (see notes under President report); the second issue occurred when an ice collision between players resulted in injury. The situation was recognized as an accident and has been resolved.
- Jocelyn suggested sending out a communique to coaches regarding the media policy and the "2-Deep" rule whereas two team officials must always be present in the dressing room, at all times.

Dave Stephenson, Director Midget/Juvenile; Ice Manager

- Midget and Juvenile divisions are progressing well through the season.
- Ice Management: The City of Ottawa is doing a review of ice allocation. The OMHA will be getting less ice next season and will have a fair share of early morning ice times. Dave will be attending an Ice Management meeting on March 8 2016. There are 20 hours of ice remaining and this must be sold by next week or it will be returned to the City of Ottawa. If required, teams can purchase ice from the City after that time.

Pat Brookes, Director Discipline/Risk/Safety

- Absent

Jim Cooke, Director of Mentorship

- Jim informed the board the final Whiteboard session went well.
- Attendance was less this season and members missed the 'Behind the Bench' newsletter. There is a need for a new communications person for next year.

New Business:

- None

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: P. MacInnis

Second: L. Groulx

Carried: All

Meeting adjourned: 10:48 am

Next Meeting: March 29, 2016 7:00 pm