



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	June 28 2016
Time	7:00 pm
Location	OMHA Office
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	August 9, 2016

Orleans Minor Hockey Executive		
Position	Attendees	Absent
President	Gilles Vanasse	
Vice-President	Bob Picard	
Treasurer/Registrar	Louise Groulx	
Secretary	Julie Baccin	
Director, Competitive	Riccardo Panarella	
Director, Novice/Atom	Joel Neuheimer	
Director, Pee-Wee/Bantam		Dan Hurtubise
Director, Midget/Juvenile		Jocelyn Murray
Director, Discipline/Risk and Safety	Pat Brookes	
Director, Mentorship	Jim Cooke	
Ice Convenor		Dave Stephenson

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. The minutes of the May 31, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval of May 31, 2016 Minutes:

L. Groulx

Second: J. Cooke

Carried: All

Agenda and Executive Reports

Gilles Vanasse, President

Gloucester Hockey Association Meeting Report:

Gilles provided a summary of the recent GHA meeting:

- Bill Wong is the Referee-in-Chief and Steve Hope is the Deputy Referee-In-Chief for District 9. There were 89 individuals who attended the recent tryouts; 39 were hired as new ice officials.
- The minor associations of Leitrim, Metcalfe, and Russell are currently reviewing and considering an integrated Rep B program.



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- Reg MacDonald, the District Chair, has informed minor association Presidents that any transfers must include a document stating that the members are in good standing.
- The Suspension Carry-Over Report has not been received at this time. Lucas Cacciotti is the new Discipline Chair for the GHA. He has reported that he would not suspend any coach for late reporting; he will be presenting his work plan and will be making a new report that will be user friendly and have a direct link to the game sheet report.
- A Coaches meeting for the district will be scheduled and chaired by both R. MacDonald and L. Cacciotti.
- Gilles recommended that OMHA Directors register for a GHA Total Team Management account that will be able to generate reports and be a resource for obtaining information.
- The GHA VP Competitive, Ken Hill, will be scheduling a meeting for all Directors of Competitive Hockey on July 19th to discuss joint try-outs.
- The GHA VP House League, Wally Montpetit, will organize an September/October meeting for all head coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers. He will be posting a brief document on the GHA website in regard to key points for navigating the Total Team Management accounts.
- The GHA continues to discuss the option of having an Pee wee 'C' level and are also considering a Bantam 'C' level as they feel there are enough registered players for these to be formed.
- Karen Ouellette, GHA Treasurer, put forward a motion that any amounts greater than \$125,000 at year end be divided amongst all minor associations.
- There will be an ice schedulers meeting on June 29, 2016. It is anticipated that there will be less flexibility for changes in ice this year in the A-league, B-league and House League.
- Gilles will be a member of the GHA Audit Committee; there will be a mid-August meeting.

Other Report:

- Police Checks: There are some discussions at the HEO level that fingerprinting may eventually be part of criminal record checks.
- The Cross-Ice Initiative will not be in place for next season, however it is anticipated to be implemented in the future.
- There are changes to the Hockey Initiation Program coming from Hockey Canada; details are coming.
- Respect in Sport Parent Program: there will be zero tolerance for parents and instructors who have not completed this on-line program. Players will not be permitted on ice until completion.
- The Rangers will not have U16 teams; they will have two balanced U18 teams and two minor Atom teams.



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- The OMHA Website is under construction; Kelly Picard has been working on it. Gilles requested information and feedback. Joel agreed to provide a short monthly article on a member of the OMHA.
- OMHA Tournaments: The dates of the Bantam/Midget Power Play Classic and the Atom Tournament are the same and will need to be looked at. Joel suggested that any games played during Remembrance Day be celebrated with any RCMP or military officers (in the membership) acting as flag bearers.
- Ice Allocation: Depending on ice availability, there is an interest in obtaining some ice prior to the season evaluations. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- Championship banners from last season will be installed; Louise to contact the City of Ottawa for an installation date.
- Rush Logo: There was discussion in regard to having the Rush Logo on the ice. Louise informed the board of the process for this to happen. If the ice remains during the summer months, it is unlikely that the logo could be installed. Louise will follow up as this initiative needs approval from the city.
- Dates need to be considered for the OMHA Coaches meeting and the Code of Conduct/Discipline meeting. The Mentorship Committee will hold a separate meeting this year on October 4, 2016 7:00-9:00pm. It was suggested that the Code of Conduct/Discipline meeting be scheduled for October 12, 2016 7:00-9:30 pm.
- The IP Instructors Clinic needs to be booked asap, as soon as the ice contracts are received. Two hours of ice are required for the Saturday afternoon. Date to be determined.
- The HEO would like all ice coordinators to meet and facilitate ice trading between districts; however, the GHA Rules and Regulation prevent the trading of ice outside of District 9.
- Gilles is unable to attend the August 4 2016 GHA meeting; Pat will check his availability to attend in Gilles' absence.

Bob Picard, Vice President

- Bob informed Directors that he is reviewing and cross-referencing any suspensions from last year to determine if there are any remaining that have not been served.

Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar

- Louise reviewed the registrations of each division, received to date. A reminder will be sent to all members reminding them of the deadline for early bird registration.

Riccardo Panarella, Director of Competitive

- Riccardo reported that Coach interviews have been completed and coaches have been determined for the upcoming season. Coach names will be sent to board members for



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- ratification and then will be posted to the OMHA website. Riccardo thanked Bob for his help and consultation during this process.
- There were some questions in regard to fundraising; it was re-iterated that team fundraising cannot be for profit.
 - New jerseys have been ordered; it was suggested that a deposit for player jerseys be considered.
 - There will be a Blues Parent meeting scheduled for August 24 at 7:00 pm.
 - There have been approximately 55 registrations received, to date.

Jim Cooke, Director Mentorship Committee

- Jim presented the plan for the 2016-2017 Mentorship Committee; he will email it to the board for final review. The goal will be to target new coaches to the OMHA and begin to recycle the Whiteboard sessions. As well, there will be a few special Whiteboard sessions led by a few individuals with NHL experience. The Skating Development program will continue, focusing on the Novice and Atom aged players.
- Jim reported that Victoria Puziak will be the new Communications Manager.
- Jim provided his resignation to the OMHA Board and put forward the motion that his position be filled by Kevin Gallagher, who has been involved with the OMHA and the Mentorship Committee for many years.
Second: B. Picard Carried: All
Gilles commended Jim for developing the Mentorship Committee and successfully growing it over the past seven years. The development of our players is a testament to the success of this group. All board members thanked Jim for his contribution and interest in volunteering with the OMHA.

Pat Brookes, Director Risk and Safety

- Pat reviewed the Coach Application and will post to website.
- Coach interviews are forthcoming; Joel offered to assist Pat.

Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- No news to report.

Dan Hurtubise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam

- Absent

Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile

- Absent

Dave Stephenson, Ice Coordinator

- Absent



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New Business:

- None

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: Jim Cooke

Second: Joel Neuheimer

Carried: All

Meeting adjourned: 8:28 pm

Next Meeting: August 9 2016 7:00 pm