



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	September 13 2016
Time	7:00 pm
Location	Champneuf Boardroom
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	October 11 , 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		Kevin Gallagher
Associates/Guests		
Ice Coordinator	Dave Stephenson	
Hockey Initiation Program Convenor		Craig Hale

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. The minutes of the June 28, 2016 and August 9, 2016 were reviewed by board members.

Motion for approval of June 28, 2016 Minutes:

Joel Neuheimer Second: Dan Hurtubise Carried: All

Motion for approval of August 9, 2016 Minutes:

Joel Neuheimer Second: Bob Picard Carried: All

Agenda and Executive Reports



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Gilles Vanasse, President

- The OMHA will have the following number of teams for the 2016-2017 season:

Novice	4 teams (1A, 2B, 1C)	Bantam	5 teams (2A, 3B)
Atom	4 teams (1A, 2B, 1C)	Midget	To Be Determined
Peewee	4 teams (1A, 2B, 1C)	Juvenile	1 team

GHA Meeting Update

- A “Learn to Play” initiative, run by the Ottawa Senators, will be hosted by minor associations; the OMHA will be responsible for the winter semester. The program introduces children (4-8 years) to the sport of hockey; participants must be new to hockey with no registration in the Hockey Canada database. Participant cost for the program is \$169.00 for 10 sessions; full equipment is provided.
- Rep B playoffs this year will require the mandatory participation of Rep teams at the Novice, Atom, and Peewee level.
- There are new rules for House League:
 - Novice: minor penalties will be assessed 1 minute and major penalties will be assessed 3 minutes.
 - Peewee, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile: A player substituting for a goalie must be in full goalie equipment and must remain that way throughout the game. A sixth skater on the ice, previously permitted if no goalie, will no longer be allowed.
 - If a player loses a neck guard during the course of play, he/she must head to the bench immediately. A warning will be given to players who may be unaware of the neck guard loss; a penalty could also be assessed.
 - Linesman may now notify the game referee to call a penalty for infractions such as a broken stick, throwing a stick, harassment of on-ice official. “Slew foot” (the action of a player using his feet to knock an opponent's skates out from under him with a kicking or leg dragging motion from behind) infractions may also be identified by the linesman.
 - It is now permitted to take face offs with the tip of the blade only making contact with the ice surface.
 - A goal will be counted if it is scored while the back of the net is pushed upwards, but the goal posts remained moored to the ice surface.
- HEO has super-ceded minor association policies with regard to police checks; HEO confirms that police checks are required every three years. If risk is perceived or red flags have been raised, this frequency may change.
- CSA stickers on hockey helmets must be visible to ice officials.
- Hockey Canada is looking to establish a national standard with respect to its code of discipline. Please refer to Hockey Canada website; for example, GM31 now carries a more severe penalty.



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- All on-ice volunteers, between the ages of 16-20 years, must complete the Respect in Sport. Volunteers 21 years of age and older must complete the Respect in Sport and be on the formal team roster as an assistant coach.
- The GHA has scheduled a meeting for all House League Coaches and Managers; it is highly recommended that all OMHA teams have representation.
- The GHA Registrar has requested that team rosters be submitted for approval; priority will be given to approving teams that have tournament play scheduled early in the season.
- There will be an allowance of six over-aged players per Juvenile team, however, only four of these players can play in any one game.
- The season will commence on October 4 2016 for all divisions, with the exception of Midget who will start on October 11, 2016.

Bob Picard, Vice President

- Bob discussed a few players that are currently serving carry-over suspensions from last season; please notify Bob if there are any concerns generated from these players or parents.

Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar

- Louise reported that there are 562 players registered in the OMHA for the season (IP-61; Novice-73; Atom-90; Peewee-83; Bantam-98; Midget-136; Juvenile-21). We released 45 players to the Blues, 23 players to the Rangers, and 19 players to AAA from the Novice to Bantam divisions.
- There were 19 refunds requested
- Louise will be preparing letters for all teams, as required for bank accounts.
- Louise requested that Directors submit team lists as soon as possible. Please include the date of birth of all coaches and other adult team officials.

Riccardo Panarella, Director of Competitive

- Riccardo stated that all competitive teams are formed with the exception of Midget who will be declared at the end of September. There were few issues with parents of those players released to house league, however, the release was supported by documentation of tryout scoring. The Blues website has been updated for the upcoming season.
- The new Blues jerseys will be arriving next week; jersey deposit information will be distributed to each play/parent.

Kevin Gallagher, Director Mentorship Committee

- In Kevin's absence, Deirdrie Polkowski-Whitehead (Mentorship Secretary) discussed the 2016-2017 Mentorship Skating Development program (see OMHA website). There will



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be a Manager seminar on October 11 from 7:00-9:00pm and a Goalie Coach seminar on October 24th from 6:00-9:00 pm (1 hour classroom; 2 hours on ice) run by GoalerU.

- Whiteboard sessions will run again this year at Broadways.
- Deirdrie requested that Directors submit an email distribution for all coaches so that the newsletter, "Behind the Bench" can be sent out to teams and parents.
- Deirdrie motioned to approve the following members of the Mentorship Committee:

Eric Hofmann	Isabelle McCann-Stamatakos
Jeremy Whalen	Deirdre Polkowski-Whitehead
Leo Bisson	Victoria Puziak
Kevin Gallagher	Chris Butler
Second: Jocelyn Murray	Carried: All

Pat Brookes, Director Risk and Safety

- Pat reported that all applicants for coaching positions will have been interviewed by end of this week and successful candidates will be notified by weekend.

Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Joel thanked Bob and Kelly Picard for updating the OMHA website and thanked all volunteers for their assistance during the pre-season evaluations. He received positive comments on the reversible evaluation jerseys. Joel also thanked Bob and Jean Francois Laurin for their support during goalie evaluations.
- There are 9 goalies in the Atom division; goalies are being encouraged to skate as players in addition to the goalie position.

Dan Hurtubise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam

- Dan reported that evaluations went well and that each team has one goalie. Some teams are low in skaters so attendance will be important. Dan reminded board members that hockey players can attend Ottawa 67 games, free of charge.

Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile

- Jocelyn motioned that Leo Bisson be approved for Midget convenor.
Second: Louise Groulx Carried: All
- Midget House League evaluations may overlap with Rep B; players are now permitted to attend their HL evaluation while they are still participating in the Rep B tryouts so that a fair assessment of their abilities can be completed for accurate HL team placement, should they be released from Rep B.

Dave Stephenson, Ice Coordinator

- Dave reported that he has received ice allotments until the end of December and completion of season ice is expected prior to the end of September. The GHA will be



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monitoring the usage of the ice. Initiation Program ice will be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Craig Hale, Hockey Initiation Convenor

- In Craig's absence, Jocelyn Murray reported that he will be meeting up with Craig to review processes related to the IP program. Bob Picard, OMHA VP, will be meeting with IP Instructors on September 15, 2016 to determine which instructors will require certification through the Instructors Clinic scheduled for September 24, 2016. There is a parent meeting scheduled for September 22, 2016; Jocelyn will be contacting Kelly Picard to attend this meeting. Hockey Eastern Ontario will be providing blue pucks to all IP players. There are only minor changes to the IP program for this season.
- The Tim Bit jerseys for the IP program were received, however, have been returned due to an error in colours. Players will keep these jerseys, and socks, at the end of the season.

New Business:

- None

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: Joel Neuheimer

Second: Riccardo Panarella

Carried: All

Meeting adjourned: 9:01 pm

Next Meeting: October 11 2016

7:00 pm