



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	November 8 2016
Time	7:00 pm
Location	Champneuf Boardroom
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	December 08 , 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 7:08 pm. The minutes of the October 11, 2016 were reviewed by board members.

Motion for approval of October 11, 2016 Minutes:

Joel Neuheimer

Second: Bob Picard

Carried: All

Agenda and Executive Reports

Gilles Vanasse, President

GHA Meeting Update

- A brief review and discussion took place in regard to the following information provided via email to board members:



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Michelle Benson was voted in as the new VP of Admin.

District Chair (Reg MacDonald): Passes to the AAA league will be made available to the Association Presidents.

Parents of players for IP and Novice have two weeks (November 17) to complete the Respect in Sport course or else their player cannot step on the ice.

An all-day Presidents meeting will be held on Saturday January 28, 2017 at Louis' steak house. This will replace the Feb meeting.

If teams are experiencing problems with out of town tournaments (I.e. Roster issues, affiliations... Etc...) please contact Reg MacDonald, District Chair (preferably through the association President, but can contact directly if the President cannot be contacted).

1st VP Competitive (Ken Hill): It will be challenging to hold a Competitive meeting in mid-November; Ken will contact the associations about when to best have the meeting.

Teams seem to be doing well at all levels

Would like to recommend that a motion be presented at the B league that Major Pee wee should be introduced to 90 minute games.

2nd VP House League (Wally Montpetit): Things are going well. The issue with uploading the game sheets (not accepting it as a duplicate) has been fixed today. The problem was some game sheets that were being uploaded were considered too big (file size). TTM will now be able to accept larger files.

There are concerns re: some teams at certain levels being too strong as well as too weak. There is also an issue re: some associations who have unbalanced teams (Bantam B as an example).

VP Admin (Michelle Benson): Christmas party - looking for suggestions - must be cost effective. Audit reports - still some missing. Karen will be training Michelle on her new role.

Treasurer (Karen Ouellette): Budget adjustment was approved. Adjustment is lower projected due to having 7 less teams at the house league level.

Despite the new ice allocation policy, most associations still have too much ice.

Associations can sell ice to associations outside of District 9 but it has to be done via the district ice scheduler's as the contracts have to be adjusted through the city.

The game change conveners are all doing a fantastic jobs.

Discipline Chair (Lucas Cacciotti): There have been six hearings so far; post game infractions are the majority of the hearings.

We need to educate the coaches that even if they are the away team, they are responsible for entering the major infractions and games served in TTM.

There are some pain points re: the new HC codes on the game sheets. Referees, time keepers alike are struggling with the new codes. Game sheet should reflect major infractions on two lines, match penalty on one line.

Orleans Minor Hockey Association is the only association where there are ZERO SUSPENSIONS assessed on their house league team.

There will be changes to TTM to link affiliations to suspensions (I.e. Block affiliating



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suspended players)

Be diligent with the 24 hour major infractions rule as well the 48 hour game served rule
GHA Registrar (Brian Flynn): Most rosters are done; some updates still required (I.e. Coach certifications).

Affiliation forms from competitive should reflect the team the coach represents. The form will be sent back to the coach requesting to identify his team.

IP on-ice volunteers who are 20 and over are not always identified as assistant coaches, therefore, they will be automatically converted as assistant coaches.

Rep B assistant coaches who erroneously took coach 2 instead of Dev 1, will be given a pass this season, BUT WILL HAVE TO TAKE IT NEXT YEAR. The GHA is looking to see if they can host a Dev 1 clinic.

Although the GHA is giving 2 weeks latitude to obtain their Respect in sports for parents and coaches, the HEO is not reflecting this latitude, which may have an impact when a team is going to a tournament (coaches not taking the respect in sports).

Associations Report:

Metcalfe is trying to plan a time keepers clinic. Stay tuned for other associations who may have people interested in taking the clinic.

Russell looking to have Peewee teams enter their tournament the weekend on Nov 19. There are three spots left. Russell IP Fun day is on Dec 27, so come one come all.

Motions:

26.4 passed (to accommodate the Novice rule for 1 minute minor penalties.

28.11 from the last meeting was passed and was stated that if someone wants to change R&R 28.11 they can submit a motion at a subsequent meeting. The GHA does recognize that the B league has passed their own rule and that the 3 hour minimum advance notice will not violate the GHA rule. This rule was put in place to prevent passed occurrences from past years when cancellations being done at the last minute. 27.3, 27.4 and 27.5 was defeated.

26.4 was passed.

23.1 a and b were passed to align with HEO discipline code.

19.3 has passed. This includes first offence warning and subsequent offence.

23.3 and 23.4 was withdrawn to allow for better wording.

- Gilles spoke in regard to the association teams that appear significantly weaker or stronger than other teams in their respective division. In Bantam, one Metcalfe team is noted to be much less skilled than other teams. The GHA may look at balancing but this is difficult to do until all teams have played each other because the standing may not reflect true abilities (example the current first place team may have only played weaker teams in the first half of the season or the lower place teams may have only played skilled teams thus far in the season). Therefore, it is difficult to re-balance until at least 80% of games have been played. Gilles suggested the GHA look closely before making changes or rebalancing.



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- Gilles asked Directors to speak to coaches to contact the District Chair (through Gilles or Bob) if difficulties are occurring when participating in out of town tournaments. Coaches may contact Reg MacDonald directly if Bob or Gilles are not available.
- When selling ice out of District, please do so through Dave Stephenson, OMHA Ice Scheduler.
- Metcalfe has scheduled a 'Time Keepers' Clinic' for November 13, 2016 @ 1:00pm.
- Gilles clarified the policy regarding the \$150 fee for applying sponsor bars to jerseys. The \$150 covers wear/tear on the jerseys. Louise will pull specific information under the Rules and Regulations.
- Information regarding IP Program was emailed to Board members; this level will be introducing cross ice games (4 x 4; no goalies) next season.

Bob Picard, Vice President

- Bob reported that all suspensions have been served; there are no outstanding issues.
- The new Coach Policy document for discipline has been used by one Rep B coach; Bob will now circulate for use by all coaches.
- Affiliate players are being used. There is good participation by OMHA players.
- Bob will be developing a photography waiver for published photos.

Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar

- Louise reminded Directors that ALL coaches MUST submit preliminary budgets.
- Two authorized signatures are required on cheques; the two signing members must not be related to each other.
- Respect in Sport: Ten members have not yet completed this mandatory course; this must be done by Nov 17 or the respective player will not be permitted on the ice.
- Louise thanked all those that contributed their time in helping out with the successful Atom Tournament.

Riccardo Panarella, Director of Competitive

- Riccardo stated that teams are doing quite well at home and in tournaments.
- A Rep B meeting is scheduled for early December.
- There is interest in generating revenue for the Blues, which will be re-directed back into hockey development. The Blues may consider hosting a Sensplex Tournament.

Kevin Gallagher, Director Mentorship Committee

- Absent; sent report via email. Twelve coaches attended the first White Board session and 13 coaches attending the Goalie coach session.
- White Board session #2 will be hosting former NHL player, Kent Manderville as a special guest. All are welcome to attend.
- 'Behind the Bench' will be distributed next week.



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- Gilles discussed the (free) Pro-Smart software which includes 26 hockey practice plans as a valuable tool for house league levels.

Pat Brookes, Director Risk and Safety

- Pat reported that there are no issues; he has received a few mouth guard waivers signed by parents.
- The Bytown District Trainers Information is available to our association.

Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Joel discussed that one of the Novice teams was interested in obtaining three free hockey registrations as a fund-raising auction item. Discussion occurred. Board members agreed that team fund-raising is separate from the OMHA and therefore donating hockey registrations would not be possible. Discussion occurred regarding donating a sheet of ice.
Joel motioned that Novice B2 team be awarded three (3) free hockey registrations for the 2017-2018 season, to be used as a team fund raising auction item.
Second: None Defeated motion.
Joel motioned that Novice B2 team be awarded one (1) free hour of ice, from the OMHA extra ice, to be used as a team fund raising auction item.
Second: Jocelyn Murray Carried: All
Louise agreed to prepare a letter for this donation; the letter must be redeemed to claim the ice.
- Joel motioned for one (1) free hour of ice, from available OMHA ice, be donated as an auction item for an Atom fund-raiser.
Second: Louise Groulx Carried: All
- Joel requested information regarding team budgets; he was referred to the OMHA Constitution; Name bars are part of hockey operations while Sponsor bars are not part of hockey operations.
- Joel recommended that all parents need to respond, when asked one way or another, whether they are in favour of attending out of town tournaments, so that decisions can be made, accordingly.
- The dedicated goalie rule at the Novice A level was determined to be out of order by the GHA; Novice-Atom-PeeWee teams are permitted to have a rotation cycle for goalies.

Dan Hurtubise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam

- Dan reviewed Pee-Wee and Bantam standings; no major issues arising.
- Dan will not fill the Bantam convenor position for this season.
- Dan suggested that a list of policies, resource information, and documents should be available as a means to share the corporate knowledge of executive members.



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Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile

- Jocelyn reported that the IP storage box was purchased and he will be shopping around to stock it with supplies to be used by IP coaches for practices. An IP meeting was scheduled; any volunteers under the age of 16 must be in full hockey gear while on the ice. Photography sessions are scheduled for November 19 and 20, 2016.
- One player at the Midget/JV level is looking for a reimbursement.

Dave Stephenson, Ice Coordinator

- Dave reported that the ice has been established for the year; expect minimum ice sales for the remainder of the season. There are 64.5 hours remaining.
- Dave provided a breakdown of the ice used by each level. January to March ice distribution will be completed this week.
- Discussion occurred regarding unused ice. Dave will send out an email notice to all coaches for a 'last call' on purchasing December-March ice, prior to returning the ice to the City of Ottawa.

Craig Hale, Hockey Initiation Convenor

- Absent

New Business:

- It was suggested that the January meeting agenda be set as part of the December meeting. The January or February meeting will be designated as a special meeting to start developing a Frequently Asked Questions document for the OMHA website. Suggested topics can be forwarded to Julie Baccin, Secretary.
- Louise proposed selling old OMHA jerseys, as a complete set, and direct the revenue from these sales toward the Coaches Appreciation Night. Coaches can use these jerseys as practice jerseys for their team. One full set of each level will be kept by the OMHA. Louise will ask Clarence to review the inventory in regard to quantity and quality of jerseys.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: Jocelyn Murray

Second: Dan Hurtubise

Carried: All

Meeting adjourned: 9:23 pm

Next Meeting: November 8 2016

7:00 pm