



# Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	December 8 2016
Time	7:00 pm
Location	Connors Pub
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	January 10 , 2017

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 7:12 pm. The minutes of the November 8, 2016 were reviewed by board members.

Motion for approval of November 8, 2016 Minutes:

Bob Picard

Second: Joel Neuheimer

Carried: All

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## 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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- The TTM has now been updated to make a link between suspended players and making them unavailable to affiliate. Need to ensure that the game served information be uploaded ASAP as this is what is going to sever the link.
- District Chair (Reg MacDonald): Respect in Sport/Coach Certification--Coaches and parents are to be suspended immediately until certifications are obtained as the grace period has now passed. If they are trained (certified), it is incumbent upon them to provide the proof. HEO has recommended that the GHA run their own coach clinics. Would give priority to D9 coaches and it would be local to our associations  
No "Go Pro" cameras are allowed to be worn by players.  
Coaches and parents are to be reminded that they are not to engage/abuse a minor official (time keeper/score keeper). Anyone who engages in this behaviour, shall be suspended and be subjected to a hearing.  
Motion re: the tournament of champions - team not attending, the coach gets suspended; this motion was defeated.  
For teams that travel to tournaments hosted within the OMHA (Ontario Minor Hockey Association): should there be a match penalty; the player/coach is suspended indefinitely (until a hearing). This is different from HEO (eg. 3 game suspension)  
District 9 Referee-in-Chief (Bill Wong): Bill reiterated the slew foot rules. There are some concerns re: the application of the Slew foot rule. There needs to be a distinction between accidental trip vs the intent to slew foot.  
Many timekeepers are not experienced causing significant issues; recommend having mandatory instructional courses. Lietrim gives a course and they will share the particulars.  
Bill reminded minor associations to filter the referee compliment/complaints that are being sent as Bill has been instructed to ignore submissions sent directly by the parent/coach.  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP House League (Wally Montpetit): 40% of the seasonal games have been played and every game sheet has been entered. There have been two emergency goalie requests so far.  
Treasurer (Karen Ouellette): Balance of the ice payments by the minor associations is due December 15. November statement was passed.  
Discipline Chair (Lucas Cacciotti): The infraction codes are being reflected better. There have been nine hearings so far; 2 more this upcoming Saturday. The majority are post-game incidents. Blues = 21; Rush = 8 games  
GHA Registrar (Brian Flynn): Continue to work on finalizing rosters; there are outstanding issues re: certifications still need to be addressed. Teams need to reconcile the number of bench staff on the benches vs what is indicated on the rosters.  
IP Coordinator (Kelly Picard): Lietrim and Orleans were both evaluated and passed with flying colours. Very pleased with how the Initiation Programs are being run. HEO has mandated that Kelly visit the associations 2x/year for assessment.



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Minor Associations Report: Lietrim still has spots available in their Novice tournament (Jan 6 – 8); please encourage other associations to have their teams register. Metcalfe still has some serious concerns regarding how their Bantam A and one Bantam B teams are performing (weak).

- Gilles further discussed the Slew Foot ruling and how it is more difficult to assess intent in the younger skates (Peewee-Atom-Novice).
- There will be a Winter Celebration on January 2, 2017. The OMHA has been approached by Bryan Cook (HEO) to assist in the celebrations marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada. All day events, taking place at Richcraft, will include a variety of hockey activities. All are invited to participate.
- Gilles spoke with regard to Police Checks: once submitted, the individual does not get a report back, however, the association receives notice of 'red flags.' At times, there is a letter attached to the notice stating that the individual "may" be guilty of an offence. This then requires a second step which includes a finger printing process. It has been noted that this may occur if you have the same name and date of birth of an identified person (eg someone who is on the 'no fly' list)—the finger printing requirement is simply a method to dissociate the applicant from the identified person. \*\*Do not panic in these cases as it is a due diligence process.

## **Bob Picard, Vice President**

- Bob reported that the Blues 20 suspensions are now all clear. The affiliation process has been working well; there have been 58 call-ups through affiliation and 78 house league affiliations.
- The photography waiver has not yet been completed.

## **Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar**

- Louise reported that Hockey Canada police check requirements should be managed by Risk and Safety, rather than the Registrars of minor associations, which is what HEO is proposing. This issue will be brought forward for discussion at the HEO Annual General Meeting.
- The OMHA has not yet received the re-order of the IP Tim Horton's Sweaters in the correct association colours. The original jerseys that were received were incorrect in size and colour; apparently a new supplier is the cause of the delay. Louise discussed that the IP players will have to keep the OMHA jerseys they have been using, as keeping their jerseys is mandated by the program.

## **Riccardo Panarella, Director of Competitive**

- Riccardo reported that Blues teams are doing well with many in playoff contention.



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- Riccardo queried the policy for team fees; to be discussed at January meeting designated to review topics for Frequently Asked Questions/OMHA Hockey Processes document.
- Riccardo will approach HEO to approve hosting a Timekeepers Clinic, a Dev 1 Coaching Clinic and a designated tournament as a revenue opportunity for ongoing hockey development. Gilles suggested that Riccardo contact HEO this May in order to schedule clinics for next season.

### **Kevin Gallagher, Director Mentorship Committee**

- Kevin reported that the White Board session on 'Small Area Games' given by Brian Gillam, was well attended. On November 28, Zachary Gillam led a small game session for the Blues teams. The plan includes incorporating this philosophy into practice sessions.
- There are 4-5 coaches per skating development session.
- Kent Manderville will be presenting at the next White Board session next Tuesday 7:00 pm at Broadways. All are welcome to attend.
- A new program, Respect the Official, is being considered under the direction of the Mentorship Committee. Further information to be presented at the January meeting.
- The 'Behind the Bench Newsletter' will be distributed next week.

### **Pat Brookes, Director Risk and Safety**

- Pat reported that a few more mouth guard waivers were received by the OMHA. As well there have been a few injury reports and a few possible concussions that have occurred.

### **Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom**

- Joel reported that one of two sheets of ice, donated by the OMHA to a Novice and Atom team for auction purposes, was not taken advantage of by the Novice group; there has been no acknowledgement of the donation from the Novice team, to date. The other donated ice was used in a successful Atom team auction.

### **Dan Hurtubise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam**

- Dan reported that the Bantam division is progressing well. A new player was evaluated and assigned to the 'A' level. There was a small discipline issue that was being resolved at the coaching level.
- PeeWee division is also doing well. The Affiliation process has resulted in some issues however, they are working through this.
- A parent newsletter will be distributed next week.

### **Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile**

- Jocelyn presented the IP budget via email to the executive and this document was approved.



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- Approximately 9-11 coaches who took the coach certification course are awaiting refunds; Jocelyn will provide Louise with the list of names.
- Midget/Juvenile divisions are doing well; no issues.
- Jocelyn requested that Bob email link to coaches regarding the hockey guidelines document and to post on website.

## Dave Stephenson, Ice Coordinator

- Absent

## **New Business:**

- Topic ideas for the designated January meeting to discuss Frequently Asked Questions/OMHA Hockey Processes document include:
  - Sponsor Bars
  - Budget (clarification of hockey vs non-hockey operations)
  - How to select team captains, alternate captains
  - Organization chart
  - Certification requirements
  - Registration process
  - How ice is allotted from city to OMHA to teams
- Louise presented a thermos bottle which could be purchased with the Orleans Rush logo on it and given to team officials at the Coach Appreciation event. Louise will obtain the price for the order.

## **Motion to Adjourn Meeting:**

**Motion:** Joel Neuheimer

**Second:** Louise Groulx

**Carried:** All

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:15 pm

**Next Meeting:** January 10, 2017

7:00 pm