



# Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	January 10 2017
Time	7:00 pm
Location	Champneuf Room Bob MacQuarrie Complex
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	February 5 , 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	

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. The minutes of the December 8, 2016 were reviewed by board members.

Motion for approval of December 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 by Gilles, via email to board members:



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District Chair (Reg MacDonald): Dan and Reg followed up with the Metcalfe parent who wrote a very disrespectful referee complaint and sent it directly to the D9 Chair, bypassing the Metcalfe Association.

Minor Council we're disappointed in the lack of use by the association coaches. It is imperative that the ice scheduler's and directors of competitive go to the ice scheduling meeting on Monday January 9 at 7 PM at the HEO office, as the Directors of Competitive are going to be required to schedule the playoff games (this is a first). HEO Minor is having an emergency meeting on Tuesday, January 10.

President's meeting is on Saturday January 28 (all day meeting) at Veronica's Pizza House (formerly known as Louis' Steak House).

District 9 Referee-in-Chief (Bill Wong): Struggling with other associations from other districts who are hosting tournaments at the Richcraft Sensplex, yet the DR9 are responsible for manning all games with D9 refs. The sense is that the district referee's association representing the host association should take the lead in assigning refs to tournament games.

Competitive coaches need to be reminded that they are to treat the on ice officials with respect in the same way the house league teams are required to.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP House League (Wally Montpetit): 60% of the season has now passed (861 of 1550 games). January 10 is the deadline for game reschedules.

Coaches need to be reminded of the rules for rescheduling games due to inclement weather. The coach/manager needs to contact the other team first within the required time frame then communicate to the VP of House League (GHA). Home team needs to use the ice for practice. This rule will be discussed further at the Presidents meeting as it is not clear who has the authority to make the call to cancel (I.e. Parent vs Coach). The thinking is that the team that is cancelling should perhaps pay for all of the expenses of rescheduling a game (I.e. costs of ice, Refs....)

Playoffs: most divisions will only have the top four teams going to the semi finals following the round robin. Divisions with 9 or more teams will have 6 teams moving forward to quarter finals; meaning that the top two teams get a bye to the semi finals and the other four teams will play the quarter finals.

Discipline Chair (Lucas Cacciotti): 13 hearings so far.

184 infractions to date with 16 outstanding.

Of the 184, 9 infractions for Orleans Rush and 22 infractions for Blues.

The referees need to be reminded that they must put specific information on the game sheet re: HC rule 9.2 and 9.2a and 9.2b (misconduct vs a game misconduct) as it puts the coach at risk of playing an ineligible player and being suspended. The refs have been instructed to also include the "M" and the "GM" code in addition to the 9.2 code. An e-mail blast will be sent to the Presidents-- to be sent to their coaches-- which will speak to the above.



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- Gilles re-iterated that any complaint in regard to on-ice officials must be made in a factual, respectful manner and submitted to the association within 24 hours; Do Not Send to District 9 RIC, B. Wong. The OMHA has received four complaints this season.
- Please submit any specific issues or agenda items to Gilles by this Wednesday, to be brought forward at the All Day President's Meeting on January 28, 2017.
- Gilles stated that confusion is present in regard to House League Rule 9.2 A and B, when uploading to TTM. If a team makes a mistake and a player or coach should have been suspended, it will be waived if it is unclear for the referee note on the game sheet.
- The 2016-2017 HEO handbooks were distributed to all Directors.
- Gilles thanked all those who were able to attend the HEO Winter celebration.
- Gilles thanked Louise for her effort in working to complete team rosters. There have been many logistical challenges and difficulties with names that are contributing to delays; January 10<sup>th</sup> is the last day to finalize team rosters, including bench staff.
- Gilles requested that all board members contribute information topics for a special meeting, to be scheduled.

## **Bob Picard, Vice President**

- Bob reported that there are no significant issues at this time.

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

- Louise asked Directors to remind coaches to be thinking of candidates for the Brad Girouard Reward.
- Louise has not yet received the list of IP coaches that are waiting for refunds for courses; Jocelyn will provide Louise with the names.
- Two teams, Midget A and Novice C have not submitted team budgets.
- Louise will be scheduling the date for retakes of team photos; there are three teams that need to be photographed. Discussion and feedback regarding the fall photography session, the quality of the photos, and parent feedback regarding photographs occurred.
- All accounts payable have been completed.

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

- Riccardo stated that he will be looking at ice scheduling for Blues playoff rounds. He is anticipating that four teams will compete in the 'A' pool and five teams will compete in the 'B' pool. The season will be finishing in approximately 3 weeks.
- A Blues meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2017.
- A coaches meeting was held January 8, 2017 to discuss and prepare for next season.
- Riccardo will be securing the jerseys from a player who will not be returning for the remainder of the season; the member has health issues and has also been deemed 'not in good standing.'



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- Riccardo discussed an issue with one set of parents who are in contravention of Respect in Sport; strategies were discussed in regard to management of this issue.

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

- Kevin reported that the skating sessions are going well. Next season a communique will be sent to parents regarding the purpose of these sessions.
- The December White Board session featuring Kent Manderville was excellent. Kent spoke about each of his coaches and the value they added to his skills and development as a professional athlete.
- The next White Board session is scheduled for Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at Broadways. Topics to be discussed include: 1) How to hold a proper parent meeting at the beginning of the season and suggestions for content of these meetings and 2) An introduction to interacting with game officials. Information from this session will be incorporated into a mandatory coach meeting for next season.

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

- Pat sought clarification of one issue at the Bantam level.

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

- Joel provided feedback from parents regarding team photography.

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

- Dan reported that there have been a few complaints regarding game officials and a complaint about the conduct of a Metcalfe Bantam team.
- Dan discussed a goalie affiliation issue that occurred over the holiday period; the emergency goalie rule was discussed and clarified. The rule is posted on the GHA website.
- Dan has received positive feedback from a parent bulletin that he has distributed to his hockey divisions.
- A meeting will be scheduled with all coaches for a mid-season review.
- Dan presented the standings for Bantam and PeeWee teams; he congratulated PeeWee A on their recent Bell Capital Cup championship and PeeWee B on their Renfrew Tournament championship.

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

- Jocelyn stated that the IP equipment storage box is back in place. The IP Fun Day is scheduled for this coming weekend. One parent must still complete the Respect in Sport; the player will not be permitted on ice until this is completed.
- Midget and Juvenile teams are doing well.



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## Dave Stephenson, Ice Coordinator

- Most of the remaining ice was sold to OMHA teams; there are 10 hours available (season ice). There is approximately 34 hours of ice available for playoff practices.
- Karen Ouellette (GHA) will be finishing her term at the end of the season; an ice scheduler is required for next season.

## **New Business:**

- Playoff dates are posted on the GHA website.
- A special meeting of the OMHA is scheduled for February 5, 2017 to discuss information topics for the Frequently Asked Questions/OMHA Hockey Operations document. Please send suggested topics to Julie Baccin prior to the meeting. Room location to be confirmed. Suggested topics so far include:
  - Sponsor Bars
  - Team Fees and Budget (clarification of hockey vs non-hockey operations)
  - How to select team captains, alternate captains
  - Organization chart
  - Certification requirements
  - Registration fees and process
  - How ice is allotted from city to OMHA to teams
  - Sort out process

## **Motion to Adjourn Meeting:**

**Motion:** Bob Picard

**Second:** Louise Groulx

**Carried:** All

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:32 pm

**Next Meeting:** February 5, 2017

9:00 am