



# Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	February 5, 2017
Time	9:00 am
Location	Hall D Bob MacQuarrie Complex
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	March 14, 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 9:24 am. The minutes of the January 10, 2017 were reviewed by board members.

Motion for approval of January 10, 2017 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:  
District Chair, Reg MacDonald: HEO is taking over the HCR coordination (i.e. Passwords)



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2<sup>nd</sup> VP House League, Wally Montpetit: Three motions presented and carried regarding wording and clarification of discipline policies:

R&R 18.2: carried (Discipline board number increased to 3-5)

R&R 18.5: carried

R&R 18.7: Carried with wording change from the Discipline Chair conducting the hearing to the Chair managing the meeting

Discussion re: Playoff rule for team playing an ineligible player. Currently, the rule states the team that has played an ineligible player loses the game points, which forces the teams to replay the game. There is a proposal to have the offending team forfeit the game and award to the win to the other team.

Although the playoff rules have passed by vote, playoff round robin draw is in discussions which will allow for a friendly amendment at the next meeting.

The GHA Team allocation chart, based on registration numbers, was discussed with regard to exemptions to having to ice A and C teams when minor associations feel their teams are weak. There is openness to having associations to reach out to each other to play exhibition games to better assess the strength of the players pool, to better determine what levels teams will be playing. An extra week will be allowed at the beginning of the season to roster games and allow exhibition games for the GHA to observe and confirm that teams represent the skill level of each category. This is targeted for the Novice to Bantam divisions only, as Midget will still be going through evaluations.

Balancing teams: motion withdrawn as it is too difficult to assess blatant stacking. Should the situation arise where there appears to be stacking, it should be brought to the GHA for discussion.

Suspending a coach for not showing up for a scheduled game, resulting from a game switch was discussed. It appears as though this may be caused by the fact that minor associations may not be updating the GHA schedule on their website (with the game switch information), causing two schedules to be posted with resulting confusion. The GHA is suggesting that minor associations not house the GHA schedule, but only provide a link to the GHA master schedule, on the website. Discussions also occurred re: the harshness of the penalty (coach suspension), as the sense is that it is currently too harsh. R&R 28.1: motion carried to change the penalty to a suspension pending a hearing. Let the evidence dictate the severity of the penalty.

Inclement weather: if a game is cancelled due to inclement weather, there are concerns regarding the aspect of the rule which stipulates that the home team must use the ice to run a practice. There is agreement in principle that this is wrong and that clarification and re-wording is required to ensure that there will be no consequences to the head coach of the home team who also decides not to run a practice.

Mercy rule: capped at 7 goals in the playoffs.



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Late submissions of game sheets into TTM system is starting to be a significant problem. The \$50.00 fine is currently being applied in a discretionary manner; discussions re: applying the \$50.00 as an absolute. This problem needs to be addressed as playoffs are approaching and the timelines for entering the game sheet information will be very tight (4 hours). Associations are now expected to check in TTM under missing game sheets (report) to see which teams are late in submitting their information. The Orleans Minor Hockey Association, upon receipt of a \$50 fine in this regard, will remove these funds from the team sweater deposit of the offending team.

Treasurer, Karen Ouellette: December statement: presented and passed.

The Rep B playoffs scheduling was delegated to the minor association Rep B Directors and it seems to have worked very well.

There were discussions re: hiring an office manager. It was recommended that we don't pay an honorarium if the approach is to delegate some of the association responsible tasks back to the association. An area of interest was ice scheduling whereby being taken on in its entirety by the GHA. There was no appetite for this. Busy times for ice scheduler will traditionally be busy from June 19 to July 31. After that it's more about managing the work.

Kevin Carroll, Rangers: An informal poll of the executive members regarding interest in reconsidering district Rep B teams. It was confirmed that there is no interest in pursuing this program.

Coach applications are now being accepted.

Discipline Chair, Lucas Cacciotti:

Discussions around the discipline in entering affiliation events into the TTM in order that the 10 max rule doesn't get violated (add R&R 22.9). There is an appetite to make it similar to rule 19.3 (warning at first, then suspension).

Inquired if the minor associations are interested in having TTM track issues/infractions that currently don't warrant any discipline from the GHA, but the association would want to apply discipline (Example M20, Checking from behind, Slew footing).

- The OMHA will consider an IP coach certification clinic in mid-October, to ensure that there are enough registrants. The Rep B Assistant Coach Certification requirement will hopefully be hosted by the GHA again next season.
- The OMHA equipment storage facility is small and damp. Gilles proposed investigating an off-site storage facility that is climate controlled and easily accessed by coaches at the beginning and end of the year. This is important for the protection of our equipment and our investment into new jerseys. Gilles provided board members with approximate costs for two local storage facilities; costs could be shared between OMHA (2/3) and Blues (1/3).

Gilles motioned that the OMHA enter into a one year contract for an external, climate controlled storage facility to store OMHA equipment and jerseys.

Second: Louise Groulx Carried: All



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- It has been noted that many individuals are not pursuing their required certification and the tracking of certification numbers is very challenging because of errors in data entry, changes in names, etc. Gilles recommended that ALL bench staff should be responsible for accessing e-Hockey themselves and then forward their information to Louise.

### **Bob Picard, Vice President**

- Bob reported on a hearing the previous week involving a racial slur; the player in question has had repeat incidents and was given a suspension and must complete Respect in Sport.

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

- Louise stated that the finances of the OMHA are in good order.
- There have been challenges dealing with the City of Ottawa regarding the IP storage bin. Louise requested the approval of the executive to speak to the city councillor in regard to these ongoing issues.
- Team equipment return is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00-11:30am.
- Coach Appreciation night is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cross Bar
- The Annual General Meeting of the OMHA is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:30 pm.

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

- Riccardo indicated that the Rep season finishes this week with playoffs starting on the weekend. Six teams are expected to participate from the Blues; in general all teams performed well throughout the season.
- Ice allocation for the first round of playoffs has been completed.
- Riccardo will reinforce the importance of using the TTM.
- B-League is considering a sanctioned summer league; planning is underway for this to commence summer 2018.
- Louise commended Riccardo on the Blues administration and his value to the program.

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

- Kevin reported that there were 10-11 participants for the January Whiteboard session, where the discussion centred around how to treat officials and how to run an effective parent meeting. There is one more Whiteboard session scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>. Kevin is also trying to have K. Manderville out to run an on-ice session, if possible.
- The Mentorship Committee is looking for 1-2 new members, in particular for house league representation. Dierdre will be resigning her position at the end of this term.



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## Pat Brookes, Director Risk and Safety

- Pat reported on an injury at the IP level and commended the trainer, Craig, and the IP team regarding the management of the incident and communication with parents.

## Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Joel will be encouraging the use of the Mentorship program for a coach, based on parent feedback. Joel will also observe a game situation prior to advising the coach.
- Joel discussed the importance of knowledge transfer between coaches and the value of providing feedback from evaluations and anecdotal comments.

## Dan Hurtubise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam

- Dan reported that all Pee-wee and Bantam teams have had a good season.
- Dan intended to schedule a mid-season meeting with coaches, however, only one coach could attend due to busy schedules. The plan is to have a close out meeting with coaches at the end of April to provide coach evaluation results.

## Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile

- Absent

## Dave Stephenson, Ice Coordinator

- Absent

## **New Business:**

- 'Frequently Asked Questions' Resource Document in progress following this administration meeting, February 5, 2017 12:00 noon.

## **Motion to Adjourn Meeting:**

**Motion:**

**Second:**

**Carried:** All

**Meeting adjourned:** 11:36 AM

**Next Meeting:** March 14, 2017 7:00 pm