



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	April 11 2017
Time	19:00:00
Location	Bob MacQuarrie Conference Room
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	OMHA Annual General Meeting April 25, 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 Hurtibise	
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 7:04 pm. The minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed by the executive.

Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2017.

Motion: Joel Neuheimer **Second:** Louise Groulx **Carried:** All

Agenda and Executive Reports

Gilles Vanasse, President

- GHA Meeting Update: Summary notes provided by Gilles, via email.
- D9 Referee-in-Chief, Bill Wong: Bill will be returning to the D9RA for 2 years. The association has revised their constitution re: changing the term of Referee in Chief from



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a 1 year term to a 2 year term. This past season there were over 800 games were supervised. Referee tryouts will be held on June 10th at the Minto.

District Chair, Reg MacDonald: Reg reported that Fun Days for IP will now be cross ice, as per Hockey Canada Mandate. The A league and AA league for Midget division will be going back to Minor and Major Midget divisions as of next season. Kanata is looking for support from fellow minor associations re: Jonathan Pitre fundraising; please take time to vote. Reg requested feedback on HEO wanting to put a committee together to explore removing HEO Minor executive from the hierarchy. The motion is to have all 10 district chairs be part of this committee.

Minor associations must communicate to their parent membership that there is a procedure to follow for complaints and the discipline appeal process; some parents have gone directly to the GHA or the HEO which is not the standard route to follow when they have concerns. Gilles reminded OMHA Directors to distribute this information.

Reg reported that all Presidents and/or their delegates of minor associations should be present at the GHA Championship weekend in order to present the medals.

Fair ice **must be observed** during championship weekend. Coaches who are caught not respecting the fair ice code may be removed from the bench during the game and/or will be suspended. It is expected that the association reps (Presidents and/or delegates) manage their teams in this area.

The Hockey Hall of Fame has approached District 9 to obtain a Gloucester Rangers jersey to put into the hall.

1st VP Competitive, Ken Hill: Ken will be speaking to the association Rep B representative in regard to district run contact clinic.

2nd VP House League, Wally Montpetit: Everything is running well with house league.

Treasurer, Karen Ouellette: The GHA finished the year a little over the predicted budget. For this reason, district minor associations should not expect refunds this season.

Discipline Chair, Lucas Cacciotti: There have been 343 infractions to date; 16 outstanding. This number is 183 infractions less than last year's total.

GHA Registrar, Brian Flynn: Brian is looking at potentially running clinics at the district level; he is prepared to lead and coordinate. Not looking to make money but to at least break even from a cost recovery perspective.

- Volunteer Appreciation Night: Gilles requested that Directors obtain from the coaches an estimate number of attendees for the OMHA Volunteer Appreciation Night. This is required for the final stage of planning.
- Gilles recognized the importance of volunteers to the OMHA and sought feedback from the executive in regard to expanding the volunteer awards for next season. These awards could include, Coach of the Year/Manager of the Year/Trainer of the Year, etc. The OMHA has a stock of trophies that could be refurbished and rebranded for this purpose.



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- Annual General Meeting: Gilles requested that all Directors prepare a report of their respective divisions, which will be posted on the OMHA Website. It is expected that Directors will only provide a brief highlight summary at the annual general meeting. Directors prepare report for the website; give highlights only at AGM. Most positions up for election this year have been acclaimed; one election will occur for the position of Director Discipline/Risk and Safety. The two candidates, Pat Brookes and Mike Begin will provide a brief bio at the meeting, prior to the election.
The Brad Girouard Awards will be presented at the beginning of the meeting; Julie agreed to contact Barb and Ted Girouard to inform them of the meeting date and secure their/family member presence for the award presentation. Louise read the names of each deserving player recipient in Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget that will be recognized this season. Each player will receive the trophy for a year and a commemorative plaque that they may keep. A reminder that attendance for this award is mandatory at the AGM; Directors please ensure that all players/parents have been notified of this honour and will be in attendance to receive their award from Mr. and Mrs. Girouard.
- The OMHA has leased the A1 Storage facility locker #B51 for storage of equipment and jerseys. The equipment return will be at the storage facility; team representatives will be able to drive up and drop off their jerseys and equipment. Content insurance has been secured \$1091/yr (theft, fire) effective April 21st 2017. Clarence is currently building racks and shelving for the storage locker. The locker will be temperature controlled and motion lights are present. Access to the locker will be via a secure punch code. The OMHA are the only key holders to the facility. Contract officially starts May 1st but permission has been granted to access the storage earlier. Gilles reminded Riccardo that the Blues are invited to store their jerseys in the storage facility. The existing equipment room at Bob MacQuarrie complex will be maintained for storage of IP equipment.
- Evaluation Jerseys: The OMHA will proceed to complete the order for Bantam and Midget evaluation jerseys. The jerseys will be represented by a 400 series numbers for Bantam and 500 series for Midget.

Bob Picard Vice President

- There has been one HEO hearing where a coach played an illegal player during March break tournament; suspension assessed. Parents appealed the player suspension and went straight to HEO, rather than following the formal procedure. Two carryover suspensions have been documented at the Blues level for next year.

Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar

- Louise requested that Directors remind all coaches that signed budgets must be submitted to Louise as soon as possible and at the latest, when the team equipment is



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returned. If the signed budget is not received, teams will not receive their refund cheques.

- Louise presented the volunteer gift (Rush labeled thermal travel mugs and coffee) which will be distributed to 5 officials per team at the Volunteer Appreciation Night. Each executive board member was presented with the same gift in recognition of their volunteer work. The Volunteer Appreciation Nights will also include prizes of NHL jerseys (7), and gift cards from Houles Sports. Clarence and his band will be playing at the event. Louise requested that Directors provide her with confirmed numbers by next Wednesday, at the latest.

Riccardo Panarella, Director of Competitive

- There is a Blues meeting scheduled for May 9th (Treasures not needed for this meeting).
- Coach applications will be posted to the website shortly; interviews will be scheduled around mid-May with the goal to complete the coach selection process by end of May.
- Meeting has occurred with Richcraft to discuss hosting a Blues Tournament; thinking about Sept 30th weekend which does not represent the best timing but availability is limited. The tourney will be a Season ice breaker tournament.
- Riccardo will need copy of Blues financial for the May 9th meeting.
- The hosting of a Dev 1 and Scorekeeper course is going forward and planning for next season is underway.

Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Joel thanked and commended all Novice and Atom coaches for their effort throughout the year. These levels did well for winning percentage on the end of year; Joel noted that Leitrim Minor Hockey is very strong at these young levels. Joel recommended that Leitrim be invited to an OMHA board meeting to discuss how they are implementing player development. Gilles reported that Leitrim invests significant funds toward player development. Gilles will speak to them and arrange something for summer. Gilles agreed to review this and determine if the OMHA can direct more resources to this level.

Dan Hurtibise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam

- Dan reported that the season was successful in both divisions. Pee-wee did very well under some great coaching. Bantam season went well; he will endeavour to balance the teams better next season. Dan reported that he received feedback from newsletters that he has been sending to parents over the past year. Some improvement suggestions were brought forward by parents; Dan suggested that he will communicate these with Gilles.



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- Dan suggested that a feedback loop be implemented to coaches, following a complaint of ice officials. This will ensure that coaches are aware and understand what happened at closure. Gilles confirmed that he is notified of any outcomes following a complaint.
- Dan stated that communication at the board and team level is very important. The final newsletter of the season will be going out this week and a coach de-briefing session will be scheduled. Planning is underway for 2017-2018 season.

Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile

- The Midget and Juvenile had a good season with two banners at the Midget level and Juvenile ran well overall. Jocelyn stated that there was a change in refereeing between season and playoff games and he felt it became a safety concern. Jocelyn requested that Gilles bring this issue forward to the GHA. Gilles responded that this has occurred and that Bill Wong stated all the associations had similar complaints. District 9 Refs were told to call the penalties but not to be a main factor in the decision of the game. Gilles suggest that the first meeting of the new OMHA board address this issue in consultation with Bill Wong.
- Jocelyn discussed the draw for the playoffs this year as being inappropriate; it will be re-looked at for next season.
- The IP had a good season. In Jocelyn's absence, the Convenor Craig Hale will give a report at the AGM.

Pat Brookes, Director Discipline/Risk/Safety

- Absent

Kevin Gallagher, Director of Mentorship

- The Mentorship Committee was under budget this season. Two members (Eric Hoffman, Dierdre Whitehead) are resigning and Kevin recommended obtaining House League coaches to participate on the committee. Planning for next season is underway.

New Business:

- Gilles will motion for discussion at the GHA to bring forward the concept of receding into factor, with regard to GHA team allocation chart. Teams could be reviewed at a set time in the scheduled (ex 8th game) to determine if that team is truly appropriate for the level they are designated. If, for example, they are a weak 'A' team, the team could be dropped down to B level; or similarly bumped out for stronger teams. Receding in this fashion will alleviate the need for emergency meetings when some teams are not functioning at standard levels for that division. If receding happens, the playing record



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will be wiped out up until the scheduled date. Logistics for receding would need to be further worked through at the GHA level.

- The FAQ Resource Document was discussed and revised amongst board members. Julie agreed to revise the document according to changes and additions and forward the completed project on to Bob for posting on the OMHA website.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 8:27pm

Motion: Bob Picard **Second:** Kevin Gallagher **Carried:** All

Next Meeting: OMHA Annual General Meeting April 25, 2017
2017-2018 OMHA Board Meeting May 2017 (Date to be determined)