



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	May 16 2017
Time	19:00:00
Location	Bob MacQuarrie Champneuf Room
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	June 13. 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	Mike Begin	
Director, Mentorship	Kevin Gallagher	
Associates/Guests		
Ice Coordinator	Not required	Dave Stephenson

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. The minutes of the April 11, 2017 and May 3, 2017 meetings were reviewed by the executive.

Approval of Minutes April 11, 2017

Motion: Kevin Gallagher **Second:** Joel Neuheimer **Carried:** All

Approval of Minutes May 3, 2017

Motion: Riccardo Panarella **Second:** Dan Hurtubise **Carried:** All

Agenda and Executive Reports

Gilles Vanasse, President



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- GHA Meeting Update (provided via email to executive; reviewed at meeting)
District 9 Referee-in-Chief (Bill Wong): Referee tryouts scheduled on June 10 at Minto arena; registration begins at 12:00 noon. Recertification will now be online as opposed to classroom style. On-ice officials will be required to officiate IP cross ice games.
District Chair (Reg MacDonald): Metcalfe and the Blues are each hosting a Dev 1 coaching clinic. The Metcalfe clinic will be scheduled on the weekend of August 19th 2017. The Blues will be scheduled on the weekend of Sept 23rd 2017. The GIRs are supposed to be better shared between districts. However, there seems to be issues re: accessibility to each other's website.
1st VP Competitive (Ken Hill): All is good
2nd VP House League (Wally Montpetit): All is good
Treasurer (Karen Ouellette): There are a few outstanding audit reports that need to be submitted. No refunds will be provided to associations this year, as there was only a surplus of \$1300.
Discipline Chair (Lucas Cacciotti): 348 infractions this year; 18% less than last year. The OMHA had the least number of infractions.
GHA Registrar (Brian Flynn): One transfer in from Cumberland to Orleans
Minor Association President Reports:
Blackburn (Tim): Mini boards are a cost of approx. \$3000 and will be used for IP and/or ultimately Novice. Blackburn queried if there was any interest on the part of the GHA to contribute to the costing of the mini-boards for the general use across all GHA minor associations. The 4 on 4 program has been struggling over the last 3 years and is not the money maker it used to be. One reason is that there are many associations/companies that are running 4 on 4 competing for the same interest group.
Orleans (Gilles): Gilles shared a general concern re: the rising costs of playing hockey and requested that our District Chair bring this issue up at minor council to see if we can leverage all districts going to their respective council persons to put pressure on the city for reforms.
Rangers (Kevin): There will not be any body checking clinics scheduled as there is very little interest ever since contact has been set at Bantam or higher. Ranger tryouts starts as of August 25 from Novice to Bantam; major midget tryouts from Sept 9 to the 20th; Minor midget date TBD. Coach slate – CARRIED
Lietrim (Dom): All is good
Metcalfe (Dan) Body checking clinic scheduled on August 19th
Gloucester Centre (Tim): All good
Rule changes:
23.1 g: 3rd double minor and a game misconduct for slew footing == 1 game suspension- CARRIED
23.1 h: 4th double minor and a game misconduct for slew footing == 2 game suspension and a district hearing – CARRIED



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18.3: making it mandatory that the player attend the coach's hearing for a post-game altercation - WITHDRAWN as it needs to be revised.

1.2: 7 days' notice re: emergency meetings - CARRIED

- Paid timekeepers (Midget level): One of the minor associations reported embedding this cost into the Registration fees and advertising it as a job, through the website. This could be extended to other levels in addition to Midget. Discussion occurred regarding the concept of paid timekeepers. Alternatively the cost could be distributed through team fees, as opposed to the association, in order to keep Registration fees down.
- Police Checks: Gilles reported that there is now an on-line police check available. Mike will gather more information and report at next meeting. The turn-around time is reportedly within hours; results are received through email confirmation or a hard copy mailed on request.
- Ice stencil for Rush Logo; Louise is negotiating for the OMHA Rush logo to be applied to the ice surface when the new ice is being prepared. More information to follow. She will also follow up in regard to having the OMHA banners installed.

Reports from IP Conveners and Ice Scheduler

- Attendance not required

Bob Picard Vice President

- A reminder to the executive that any information being presented to the public membership must be passed through Gilles or Bob to ensure that this information is accurate and not sensitive. This will include the Behind the Bench publication. Bob reminded Directors that he and Gilles are accountable, on behalf of the executive board members, for all information being forwarded to the public.
- Bob requested that all Directors have their season plan for presentation at the next meeting.

Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar

- Louise reported that the room has been reserved for scheduled meeting dates, including the AGM (April 26, 2018 7:30 Hall D); volunteer appreciation night (April 20, 2018); Equipment Return (April 21, 2018).

Riccardo Panarella, Director of Competitive

- Discussions are underway for the Blues Coach selection process.
- The Blues budget will be completed by Thursday; a new financial arrangement between the three associations is being drawn up with pricing structure still to be determined.
- The Blues Jersey order is almost ready to be finalized.



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Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Nothing to report; all is well.

Dan Hurtibise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam

- Dan will be scheduling meeting with last year coaches.
- Currently planning for next season.

Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile

- Planning to meet with past season coaches; date to be determined.

Mike Begin, Director Discipline/Risk/Safety

- Trainer certification: Mike asked if other licenced organizations (eg. St. John Ambulance) could provide First Aid/CPR certification to trainers. Mike will investigate external course providers to schedule certification courses to run over a few different weekends in order to accommodate trainer certification for all teams. Discussion occurred among the executive in regard to providing an open invitation to other districts. As part of Risk and Safety, this could be mandatory for all trainers. Currently, trainers complete an on-line trainer certification course.
- Discussion occurred regarding 4 on 4 programs and if they are a worthwhile and successful venture.

Kevin Gallagher, Director of Mentorship

- Kevin discussed having a Town Hall next season to explain to parents the importance of player development as a first priority.
- Kevin presented the Mentorship leads for next season: Bantam – Leo Bisson; Pee Wee – Jeremy Whalen; Atom – Pat Brookes; Novice – Joel Neuheimer. Mentors will be attending coach interviews, the first Parent Meetings (to explain the concept of player development and to help new coaches to learn how to communicate and manage parent questions), and will attend a minimum of 1 practice and 1 game of assigned teams. They will remain in regular communication with assigned teams throughout the season. There will be four Whiteboard sessions (Topics to be determined) and two goalie development sessions (on ice/classroom). As well, three coaching sessions will be scheduled to assist coaches in practice planning, teaching skating/passing/shooting techniques and off-ice fitness instruction sessions will also be available. The 'Behind the Bench' membership publication will return this year with six issues planned. Isabelle, while no longer on Mentorship committee, will continue to run the manager course at the beginning of the year. Kevin presented the proposed budget for the Mentorship Committee to the executive.



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Jocelyn motioned to approve the Mentorship Committee budget for the 2017-2018 season.

Second: Riccardo Panarella Carried: All

- Kevin reviewed the program plan for Hockey Development: There will be five goalie development sessions (delivered by an approved Goalie School Instructor), 24 power skating sessions, and four skill development sessions. Kevin presented the budget for the Development Program; this budget was previously approved by the OMHA executive.
- Kevin discussed the need for a Director of Development—separate from the Mentorship Committee. The OMHA Board agreed to look out for someone to fill this position. Developmental Budget has been previously approved by executive.
- Gilles requested Kevin/Riccardo email ice requirements for both Mentorship and Blues.

New Business:

- The executive discussed how to encourage volunteer interest for the OMHA. It was agreed that a volunteer recruitment 'town hall' be considered during evaluation/pre-season when interest in hockey is high. The need for succession was recognized by all board members.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Bob Picard

Second: Dan Hurtubise **Carried:** All

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm

Next Meeting: June 13, 2017 7:00pm