



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	August 21, 2017
Time	19:00:00
Location	Bob MacQuarrie Champneuf Room
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	September 12, 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	Mike Begin	
Director, Mentorship	Kevin Gallagher	
Director, Communications and Public Relations	Michelle Couture	
Associates/Guests		
Ice Coordinator	Dave Stephenson	

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Review and approval of Minutes of June 20, 2017

Motion: Bob Picard **Second:** Mike Begin **Carried:** all

Agenda and Executive Reports

Gilles Vanasse, President

- Gilles introduced Michelle Couture, Director of Communications and Public Relations and welcomed her to the OMHA executive Board of Directors. Michelle will be responsible for internal and external communication to the OMHA membership.



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- Gilles invited Dave Stephenson, Ice Scheduler, to provide an updated report on ice allocation for the 2017-2018 hockey season. Dave reviewed the following information:
 - Pre-evaluation ice allocation 'rust off sessions'
 - 2 hours available.
 - Evaluation ice allocation
 - Evaluation ice has been established. Ice is available for exhibition games against other minor association teams during evaluations. This ice is available for the weekend following balancing games. Dave will schedule for efficient use of ice time for all teams. Gilles recommended that Directors meet with Dave to discuss ice requirements of exhibition games (~ 23rd/24th September).
 - Dave reported that evaluation software has been set up; Directors have the same password as last year. All players are in the database.
 - Season ice allocation
 - Dave has received ice allotment for the upcoming year; the OMHA should have approximately 30 hours less than last year. This season the OMHA has been allocated a significant amount of 5pm and evening ice. Coaches may request how much of their ice they would like early in the season. Dave stated that he would do his best to coordinated ice around team tournament schedules.
- Gilles reported that the tuition cost has been reduced and the number of participants required for IP coaching clinics has been reduced to 10. This will ensure that the OMHA will be able to host a clinic for those interested.
- Gilles invited Bob to provide a summary of the HEO Minor Appeal
 - Bob provided board members with a brief summary of the 14 page Hockey Canada document in response to the conflicts that have surfaced between HEO and HEO minor. The following points were made:
 - Hockey Canada ruled in favour for continuation of activities governed by HEO Minor.
 - Hockey Canada ruled in favour for HEO for the development council. It was noted that HEO minor not represented on this council and Hockey Canada put forth the recommendation to HEO that they should consider having representation from HEO Minor present.
 - Hockey Canada would not provide a decision on the subject of HEO Minor leaving the Hockey Eastern Ontario quarters at the Richcraft facility.
 - Subsequently, HEO decided to have HEO Minor removed from Richcraft.
 - Hockey Canada on AAA and U18...ruled back to HEO minor jurisdiction
 - Hockey Canada gave responsibility re: sanction of tournaments to HEO minor; cost related to sanction fee was reduced.
 - Bob stated that the Hockey Canada report is available for others to review.
- Gilles forward the HEO August Bulletin to board members for review. The HEO will collect \$33.92/player (Hockey Canada and HEO fees included). The breakdown of these



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fees, and the HEO Contact list, will be posted on the OMHA website. Gilles recommended that all coaches be familiar with this information in order to answer parent questions.

- Respect in Sport: Gilles stressed that all Directors need to support Louise in monitoring and making sure that all parents have taken Respect in Sport on-line course, prior to their player getting on the ice. Brian Flynn (GHA) will provide the list of certifications to Riccardo. **Parents of all first year players or players new to hockey in this district will need to have completed the Respect in Sport certifications.
- There will be a Senators Hometown tour at the Orleans Canadian Tire on August 22, 2017. Autographs and games will be provided to community members.
- Rangers will be adding a second Peewee A team for this season.
- Gilles reminded Directors of previous discussions regarding hosting a Parents Town-Hall meeting. Currently, there are no specific dates set aside for this event, however it was agreed that it should be scheduled before the hockey season gets underway. Louise will look to book a room, possible on September 20, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Directors should consider the purpose of the meeting and the messages that we would like to share with parents. The town-hall meeting will be a resource and information night and will address topics such as gender diversity rights, current projects of the OMHA—essentially providing information that goes beyond the information on the FAQ link. It was suggested that a small committee could be struck to discuss content and agenda.
- Gilles proposed scheduling this year's Coaches Meeting/Manager Training on Tuesday October 3, 2017. Louise will book two rooms, one for coach meeting, one for manager training.
- Discussion occurred regarding the schedule of the Code of Conduct and Discipline meeting for the Bantam/Midget divisions. One session would be preferable and could be achieved if a larger space could be reserved. Using the gymnasium at Convent Glen Catholic School was suggested. Jocelyn agreed to confirm his evaluation ice times for these divisions and provide Louise with possible dates that she could book this mandatory player meeting.
- GHA Meeting (August 3 2017) Update:
Brian Cook (guest attendee from HEO): each minor association will get 370 tickets for the grey cup fundraising raffle. The OMHA will have 400 tickets.
 - Gilles reviewed the prizes on the raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5 each. Half the money goes to HEO half to OMHA. Gilles proposed selling tickets as an association during the evaluation period as parent traffic is heavy during this time. Tickets that have not been sold can be returned to HEO or the OMHA can continue to sell; having tickets available for purchase at the Atom Tournament is a consideration. Revenues received by the OMHA could be directed towards our needy families' fund.



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- CAA road side assistance and insurance benefits discounts are now available to Minor Hockey Association board members.
- HEO has 1000 free 67's tickets for the Sept 24/17 game; the OMHA can put an order in to receive free tickets.
- HEO is ordering 300 IP nets for distributions to the branches.
- helmets can be ordered; see Vanessa for orders.

D9 Referee-in-Chief, Bill Wong: There will be a new officials course on Sept 10 (34 new officials). All officials who are 19 years of age or older must do a Police Record Check by October 30, 2017; any official in non-compliance will not be permitted to officiate games.

- Gilles suggested that the minor associations meet with the RIC to hammer out an end to end process to better deal with referee complaints. Further discussion in regard to investigation process and outcomes will be considered.

Jenn Primeau: Jenn provided the following information on behalf of District Chair, Reg MacDonald: The HEO Minor appeal is being heard today; stay tuned for information in this regard. There is a new Transgender Awareness course; some confusion about who has to take the course and the deadline date to take it. The new Gender Identity and Gender Expression Course were introduced this summer to support trans-inclusive hockey in Ontario. All three Ontario Branches are offering the training for their members. **The two-hour course is mandatory for all coaches and trainers.** Certified coaches will receive three certification maintenance points. Other bench staff and volunteers are encouraged to participate in the course, but are not required. The program is free and registration is done through eHockey, the same as registration for coaching courses. The deadline to take the training is October 1st. If the member is added to a roster after October 1st, they have 30 days from when they were put on the roster to complete the training. Once registered, the qualification will show up on the members HCR profile along with all the other qualifications they have.

The link to the course is:

<https://ehockey.hockeycanada.ca/ehockey/ClinicDetail.aspx?cid=111725>

- Gilles brought up an issue with the transgender course as there are aspects of this initiative that contradicts Hockey Canada's Respect in Sport course (eg. private conversations with player....against 2 deep rule).

Jenn held her first competitive meeting. Another meeting will be held in August. Jenn will be sending out the minutes shortly. Looking at a more cost effective measure for the joint goalie evaluation process

- 2nd VP House League, Wally Montpetit: no requests will be accepted to not follow the GHA team allocation chart until there have been exhibition games. The association's should be invited to watch exhibition games to get a better sense of what can be done when discussing it at the emergency meeting. The tentative date booked for special considerations meeting is Thursday Sept 21, 2017. Any emergency meetings need to



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occur by Sept 24 or may have to wait until Sept 28 which will delay the schedule being publish.

- Gilles put a motion forward, which passed, that during the evaluation process a concerted effort be made to have exhibition games against other associations for balancing purposes. The GHA board will be advised that this will happen so they can attend and observe. Pertinent information will then be available when a request to exempt from the GHA chart occurs.
- Gilles reminded Directors that the OMHA needs to be available for other associations to balance against. This may mean that you give up an intersquad session. Gilles discussed that you contact the Director of another association to schedule exhibition games.

Discussions occurred in regard to icing Bantam C teams; to date only two associations want Bantam C teams. There was consensus to having a GHA coaches/Managers meeting (Sept 30) for Bantam level and below. Another meeting will be scheduled for the Midgets coaches and Managers (October 4). Gilles highly encouraged Directors to attend this meeting which will be held at Barrett arena.

- Treasurer, Karen Ouellette: Coaches and Managers contact information should be forwarded, as soon as we have them. She provided a list of contacts re: who should be getting the affiliation and suspensions notifications. Gilles, Tim and Kevin were requested to stay and review the GHA audit reports. Karen requested vector files of the minor association logos for ball caps for all players. Price quotes coming in to see if this project is financially viable.
- GHA Registrar, Brian Flynn: The HEO transfer form is becoming an issue. No changes to the new form this year in spite of the concerns. Club affiliation letter requests are still to be sent to HEO Minor for now.
- Risk and Safety, Michelle Benson: Michele reported they are still looking into how to execute the PRC (police record check) information storage issue.
 - Gilles discussed with OMHA board that we need to establish our own internal verification process that does not include storing private information as we do not want to store Police Record Checks.
- Dan MacNeil: Metcalfe may not be icing a Novice Rep B team, players may transfer to Lietrim. This will be a factor to consider re: complying with the team allocation chart at this level. As well, this will potentially have an impact on the Novice House league strength.
- Russell: Need midget goalies; have extra Juvenile goalies who could play for other associations.
- HEO bulletins came out re: teams playing teams in the states (I.e. If one player cannot cross border the whole team should return).



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Bob Picard Vice President

- Police record check confirmations will be scanned and kept on an encrypted flash drive. OMHA will need to see the whole paper, not just the receipt, and it will be kept separate here in the office. If volunteers get the e-copy (rather than the hard copy) of the PRC, then this can be forwarded to OMHA and copy kept on encrypted drive. PRC's are to be replaced every 3 years. Any remarkable information on a volunteer will be forwarded to the OMHA; the scan ensures that the PRC was completed.
- The letter from HEO has been requested; volunteers must attached this letter.
- Sort out lists and mailing lists will be prepared and distributed to Directors by the end of the week. Let Bob know if there are any issues.

Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar

- Total registration to date: 438

<u>Division</u>	<u>Early Bird Registration</u>	<u>Regular Registration</u>
Initiation Program	17	19
Novice	43	14
Atom	60	16
Peewee	57	14
Bantam	61	20
Midget	76	31
Juvenile	6	4

- There are a number of transfer requests into the OMHA (mainly for competitive tryouts) and a few refunds.
- Louise will identify those parents/players requiring Respect In Sport and will provide a date where it has to be completed, otherwise player will not be permitted on the ice.
- Dan requested a list of those players attending competitive tryouts; Louise will forward.
- Atom tournament ice has been given to Louise; the Thursday noon ice will be returned.
- Photographs: Three proposals were received and MVP is the best price. Photography will be contracted one year at a time. MVP will provide a good turnaround time; Louise will book crush place for 2 days in November, after the atom tournament .
- Tim Horton jerseys/socks ordered but we were unable to pick Orleans colours. The sizing has been adjusted.
- Gilles noted that 'Cross Bar' may be closing; need to confirm as we usually book for Volunteer Appreciation night. Louise will follow up.

Riccardo Panarella, Director of Competitive

- Riccardo presented the Blues Budget to the OMHA Board; it has passed the Blues executive.



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Riccardo motioned to approve the budget, as presented.

Second: Bob Picard Carried: All

- Riccardo reviewed evaluation ice and will let Directors know all releases by the Friday night.
- A Blues Parent meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday.
- Riccardo is hoping to schedule a body contact clinic for Sept 3, 2017; Kevin to confirm with Riccardo.

Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Joel presented the Novice-Atom Plan for evaluations . He thanked those who have provided input on Coaches/Volunteers. The Lead Evaluator for Novice - Mitch Baldwin and the Lead Evaluator for Atom - Erick Taillefer. The Lead on Balancing/Exhibition Games - Jay Hatson—will support Erick and Mitch. Exhibition games will be scheduled for the division.
- Joel queried if we can obtain more ice for evaluation exhibition games? No.
- Decision on Lead for Goalie Evaluations was discussed.
- Joel plans to rollout information on 2017-18 Development Skating Sessions (e.g. to Novice and Atom). Kevin will send information in regard to these sessions next month.

Dan Hurtibise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam

- Dan queried the Coach selection process and clarified that all applicants be interviewed.
- Dan discussed Goalie evaluations; Jocelyn agreed to arrange for a goalie evaluator. A two hour block is available for goalie evaluations Novice-Atom-PeeWee/Bantam, Midget/ Juvenile. Joel also indicated he had a contact to participate in the evaluations.
- Dan asked when he can start letting parents know of dates and web access; Bob will let Dan know when lists are ready.
- Dan reported that Bantam volunteers for evaluations are established and he will be planning for peeWee this week.

Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile

- Meeting with Craig Hale this week, with Bob.
- Leo and Dave will assist with IP Evaluations.

Mike Begin, Director Discipline/Risk/Safety

- First aid quotes and request for funding for the initiative; will send the one page information with quotes to members via email and put motion forward. This is a pilot project for two levels to keep costs down for this year.
- Mike spoke to the Gender Diversity training overview. Mike will ensure that the OMHA have an identified room set aside for transgender dressing room. Further discussion will



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occur on this subject. Accommodations will be available for players that self-identify; we will need to get HEO to provide guidance due to the sensitivity and privacy of issue. There is the conflict with the 2-deep rule...need to simplify the duty to accommodate and we will look at options once it actually surfaces—type of room in our home arena and when visiting other arenas.

- There is a need to recruit trainers for the evaluation process. Mike requested directors to ask for names of volunteers from their teams from last year who are both trainer and first aid qualified. Mike will verify that their trainer, first aid certifications and speak out are still good and make up a schedule. Mike requested funds to purchase ice packs that the OMHA would provide with a trainer kit.
- Police Record Check (PRC): Once Mike reviews the list of completed certifications, he will create a list of coaches and trainers who will require updates or new PRC's. Deadlines are Oct 31 of current season for certifications. HEO has provided their policy for PRC's that addresses storage and duration.
- Mike will provide new concussion documentation to Bob in order to update website.
- Coaching applications are starting to be received; the interview questions have been established and the process will be started soon to select coaches.

Kevin Gallagher, Director of Mentorship

- Kevin is looking to recruit an on ice assistant for hockey development.

New Business:

- There was no new business to report.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: Bob Picard **Second:** Joel Neuheimer **Carried:** All

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 pm

Next Meeting: September 12, 2017 7:00pm