



# Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	November 14, 2017
Time	19:00:00
Location	Bob MacQuarrie Champneuf Room
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	December 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

Meeting was called to Order: 7:02 pm

### **Report from Ice Scheduler**

Dave:

- There is a balance of remaining ice (5 hours in December; 3 hours in January; and two weekends in February). Dave will send a note out to the rest of the league regarding interest in purchasing this ice. Dave reported that he had to give 2 hours of free ice to novice and atom per month, in order to fill early time slots.
- Gilles reported informally that the Manley ice surface may be closed for 22 weeks beginning June 2018; this closure may impact our September ice for pre-season evaluations. It may even extend longer than this impacting season ice. Discussions with GHA will need to take place in this regard.
- Gilles and all board members thanked Dave for his commitment and effort in managing the association ice, which is recognized as a very challenging and time consuming



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endeavor. Dave has done a great job managing OMHA ice for games, practices and tournaments. In addition, Dave was also thanked for his assistance to Jocelyn during preseason evaluations.

\* Ice Scheduler may be excused.

Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2017

**Motion:** Jocelyn Murray

**Second:** Mike Begin

**Carried:** all

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## Agenda and Executive Reports

### Gilles Vanasse, President

- An OMHA Atom 'A' team was selected by Scotia Bank to participate in the Winter Classic weekend; the team will play a game of shinny with another Atom team from Montreal. They will be accompanied on ice by alumni from Montreal Canadians and Ottawa Senators. The event will be filmed and players and parents will receive a ticket to the Winter Classic game.
- Bantam/Midget Annual Classic tournament at Richcraft: The tournament went very well. Gilles thanked Jocelyn and Dan for their effort and support during the tournament weekend. There was one incident which required follow up.
- Atom tournament: Gilles thanked all those that assisted in the Atom tournament; the impressive organization and structure that go into this tournament is positively reflected through emails and direct feedback from teams, parents, referees, etc. In particular, Denis Normand and Louise were thanked for their effective organization of the event. There was a Remembrance Day reflection event which added to the class of the weekend. Jocelyn reported that volunteers as well enjoy their experience.
- Town hall meeting: Gilles suggested deferring this meeting until mid-February 2018. Board members agreed as the season has been very busy to date.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 20<sup>th</sup> 2018: Gilles suggested that we hold this event at another venue. Broadways is available and would dedicate the whole space to the event. The executive agreed to have Gilles follow up with booking this space. Pierre from Houle Sports has also agreed to help sponsor the event. The Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented at this event, rather than at the Annual General Meeting. Gilles also suggested presenting each of "Coach/Manager/Trainer of the Year Awards," as discussed last spring.



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- Gilles reported that Hugo Moreira has agreed to have 67 Players come out to team practices. Teams should be contacting Hugo, if interested.
- GHA meeting summary (notes provided to executive by Gilles):
  - D9 Referee-in-Chief, Bill Wong: certification or recertification: if the refs are not, they will not be permitted to officiate this season. Discussions occurred about not calling contact to the head and body contact. Spoke to several examples. Bill will be speaking to the refs about this at his Nov 15, meeting. Also spoke about the referees better assessing situations when the trainer is required to come onto the ice to tend to a player, which results in ejecting a player. Only after this assessment by the ref, should there be a change from a minor to a major infraction.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VP Competitive, Jenn Primeau: Jenn will be scheduling a competitive meeting sometime in November. Jenn still haven't been invited to a Wild meeting.
  - Treasurer, Karen Ouellette: Reminder to have associations submit their audits. All the teams were reloaded into TTM yesterday as there were a number of shifting rosters. Karen spoke about the disparity of ice for league games at Blackburn; especially at the Midget level. The reason for the large number of Midget games at Blackburn is because of the limited amount of weekday ice available. In addition the loss of Armstrong on Tuesday night and was replaced with Friday night instead. The alternative solution would be to schedule Midget games on weekends, which I believe we do not want.
  - Discipline Chair, Lucas Cacciotti: Reminder to have all association discipline reps checking to see that the major infractions are entered properly as well as being reported in TTM. Coaches are allowed to remove a player or multiple players from the hand shake line, should a condition or safety concern exist.  
There are 9 carry over suspensions. Things are going well.
  - GHA Registrar, Brian Flynn: Gender Awareness courses had to be taken 30 days from the start of the season; November 3, 2017. There appears to be no deadline date this year on the HEO site, which is confusing to what was previously implemented.
  - President, District Chair, Reg MacDonald: HEO Minor has now received the Hockey Canada infraction codes (GM codes) to standardize it throughout Canada, as opposed to every province having their own. This will result in the game sheets will reflect what they have been reflecting since last year while the GIR will reflect the rule codes as well as the GM Hockey Canada codes.  
HEO will be sending the presidents and registrars the 'go sign' app which is the signatory app. This is an HEO paid for app. from an Ottawa based company.
  - Russell: Looking for atom teams for their tournament on January 19-21, 2018 (Atom A and Atom C levels)
  - Gloucester Centre: Considering merging with Blackburn as their numbers are dwindling fast. GC board has had discussions, but Blackburn has not yet had this discussion.



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## **Motions:**

Rule 4.7: a statistical report of the number of fines or suspensions to refs for not complying with D9RA constitution and Bylaws - CARRIED

Rule 4.8: assessing a fine to the referee for not completing a game sheet properly. Need to be careful because should we fine or assess delay of game penalty to coaches/teams for not completing game sheets properly? This may cause friction between refs and associations. - DEFEATED

Rule 18.3: housekeeping - CARRIED

Gloucester Centre requested a variance to the affiliation rule to allow the Bantam B team to affiliate from Peewee C - CARRIED

## **Bob Picard, Vice President**

- OMHA has had 14 suspensions reported; Blues have had 8 suspensions reported.
- Bob met with a Midget team where half of the team had not attended the mandatory discipline meeting and the team players were posting significant penalty minutes.
- Bob reported there was an incident regarding game sheet; sought clarity on game sheet codes.
- A Bantam 'A' incident occurred on the tournament weekend, resulting in suspensions and hearings. As a result, Bob will be meeting with this team.
- TTM notifications went out to Directors to activate passwords; enter this system under your position title, rather than your name.
- Bob reported that there is one game sheet missing from a Novice team, dated November 11, 2017.

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

- Team lists are coming back from GHA as incomplete, missing information. These will be forwarded to Directors for follow up with coaches.
- Accounts payable are up to date.
- Photographs: Teams are booking time slots for the scheduled Photography Weekends. Please refer to Bob's email distributed to the membership.
- Louise reminded Dan that he needs to bring a request for sponsor bars to the board for approval, on behalf of his coaches.
- Louise thanked all volunteers and board members that came out to the Atom Tournament this past weekend.

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

- The season is progressing nicely with most teams doing well, including a few tournament wins.



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- There are a few presenting challenges. A novice player left the Rep B team due to the time commitment and the strong competitive mentality. Player is now playing with a Novice 'A' team.
- Currently collecting top up and team fees from parents. One family is in arrears for payment and this will be monitored.
- Riccardo received feedback from a parent in regard to inconsistent head shot penalties (2 vs 4 minute penalties). This was likely because refs are instructed to call 4 minutes at beginning of year to pass along the message regarding the severity of this infraction.
- A few teams have high penalty minutes; noted that some of these minutes are associated with an affiliate player. The B league expressed concern.

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

Mitch Baldwin, Novice Convenor, reported in Joel's absence.

- OMHA 2017 Atom Tournament: Congratulations to all those involved in the Atom Tournament. The All Star game was well received, as were the prizes for players.
- Need for the OMHA to create a better tool for tracking required staff certifications as this has taken a significant amount of time. Mike will be distributing a summary email to Directors to assist in this tracking and will contact Joel regarding his concerns in this area.

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

- The season is progressing and teams are doing well. Pee wee C is at the bottom of standing but hopefully will continue to develop.
- Sweater tears are occurring at the Bantam level. Dan queried how to repair; Louise stated that the sweaters should be brought to Houle Sports for repair and she should be informed of the sweater numbers involved.
- Time-out rule for season games: Dan described a coach that called a time out at the end of the game, resulting in the game clock running out. The general consensus from the board was that this is not allowed, however the exact ruling could not be determined. Gilles will forward this issue to the RIC.
- GHA Hockey Schedule: Dan wondered if the GHA could publish a schedule for up to 6 weeks allowing teams to book tournaments who would then pass along tournament dates to the GHA for scheduling the remainder of the season. Gilles reported that this would be a significant job for the GHA because of the size of the league. Gilles reported that he would bring this up again but felt that likely it would not be feasible.

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

- Initiation Program: Fun Days- Louise will provide a cheque to Jocelyn and he agreed to pay on his credit card for fun days. There are two trainers that have completed their



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- training and can now be added to team lists. Jocelyn requested trainer kits for IP. The storage situation will be resolved shortly.
- Brian Gillam recently filmed the IP program to use as an example of a practice. Kelly Picard also did an evaluation and provided positive comments to the IP program. This is a testament to our IP program.
  - Jocelyn thanked board members for passing the IP Christmas budget.
  - Midget B1 team need the final team list from Louise as they will be going to a tournament shortly.
  - Jocelyn thanked Bob for his time in communicating with a team with high penalty minutes.
  - Midget B4 also has a lot of tears in jerseys and will require repair.

## **Mike Begin, Director Discipline/Risk/Safety**

- A previous OMHA player was involved in a swarming, this being the 4-5<sup>th</sup> severe incident in Orleans that has occurred. Mike suggested that our players be reminded about this incident and be aware and safe, walking in groups and in well-lit areas, etc. Mike also suggested that if Directors or coaches hear of anything that may be related to this past event please encourage them to come forward. Mike will send out a summary of points to Directors that could be passed along to coaches.
- There are two concussion reports to be submitted.
- The proposal for First Aid training is still being worked through.

## **Kevin Gallagher, Director of Mentorship and Development**

- Mentorship: November 29<sup>th</sup> is a scheduled White Board Session for Novice and Atom coaches: Half Ice practice planning.  
Kevin is trying to schedule K. Manderville for the December white board session, otherwise he will be scheduled for January. Last year this session was extremely well received and valuable.
- Development: Skating sessions are going very well with over 30 skaters at each session. First PW session scheduled for next week. Kevin thanked Joel and Leo for their assistance and Dan for sending a note out to families informing them of this opportunity.
- Goalies have had 2 development sessions. A goalie instructor has been secured and will be starting for remaining sessions. There are 10 goalies participating.

## **New Business:**

- HEO Raffle: Ticket sales were excellent over the tournament weekends with some tickets remaining. These will be purchased as OMHA tickets and if they are drawn as winning tickets, we will pass the win along to volunteers. As a result of this



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partnership raffle, the OMHA will be receiving \$1000 that will be directed toward our needy children's fund.

- Monies received from hosting clinics have also seen revenue of \$4000 to the OMHA, again directed toward this charity.
- The OMHA provided financial assistance to 10 players this season.
- Discussion occurred regarding renaming the 'Needy Kids Fund' to "Player Assistance Program." The board approved this name change.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Broadways.

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:** 9:00 pm

**Motion:** Bob Picard

**Second:** Dan Hurtubise

**Carried:** All

**Meeting adjourned:**

**Next Meeting:**

December 12, 2017 7:00pm

Broadways Restaurant