



# Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	December 12, 2017
Time	19:00:00
Location	Off site
Chair	Gilles Vanasse, President
Next Meeting	January 9, 2018

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 and Development	Kevin Gallagher	
Director, Communications and Public Relations		Michelle Couture
Associates/Guests		
Ice Coordinator		Dave Stephenson

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2017

**Motion:** Joel Neuheimer      **Second:** Jocelyn Murray      **Carried:** All

## Agenda and Executive Reports

### Gilles Vanasse, President

1. GHA meeting briefing (see notes below provided by G. Vanasse)



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- D9 Referee-in-Chief, Bill Wong (Matthew) Confirmed that 6 fines were handed out to officials. A reminder to officials to be more diligent in applying discretion when deciding to increase a minor penalty to a Major penalty.
- President, District Chair, Reg MacDonald: Hockey Canada is going to raise the insurance rates by \$3.00 to \$19.33 beginning next season. Cross ice Novice - some confusion exists re: implementation next season. The OHF had presented a motion at the Hockey Canada meeting; this motion has exempt this branch from having to implement it; this is potentially precedent setting.  
At the referee's meeting on November 15, a concern was shared re: coaches who are aggressive with young officials and what can be done about it. Gilles suggested that D9's supervisory approach should include supervising younger age group games where young officials are officiating and report any coaches who are exhibiting aggressive behaviour. When a player or a coach gets ejected from the game, they are not allowed back in the viewing area. They are to leave the arena or watch the game from the lobby.  
Reg reminded the officials to complete the game sheets properly.  
There are still teams with bench staff who are still not certified. These bench staff members are not to be on the bench, be on the ice and be in dressing rooms effective immediately. Should they be caught violating this policy, the head coach will face disciplinary action.  
Referee complaints should be sent to the association president, not sent directly to the RIC. They will be returned to the association.  
Sensplex tournaments - Blackburn and Russell are entertaining the idea of having the Sensplex tournament send over the spill over teams to the GHA hosted tournaments, especially when the dates of these tournaments are violating the GHA date range restriction rule. There will be an emergency meeting on December 11 to vote on two motions to approve two tournaments violating the date range rule.
- 1st VP Competitive, Jenn Primeau: A competitive meeting is scheduled for Dec 18 2017. An ice schedule meeting is also scheduled for December 18 in order to prepare for end of season playoffs.
- President's meeting is scheduled for Feb 3, 2018. Directors were asked to provide Gilles with any items they wish to be brought forward. Jenn provided report of the B league penalty threshold violation/trending situation.
- 2nd VP House League, Wally Montpetit: All good
- Treasurer, Karen Ouellette: Ice scheduler's meeting on Dec 18; need to start preparing for playoffs. A Presidents meeting is scheduled for Saturday Feb 3 (all day meeting).
- GHA Registrar, Brian Flynn: There are a number of incomplete Respect in Sport parent course are still outstanding among the various associations. **Effective**





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- Bob reported that he is looking into options for website management, as there have been issues and service response is often delayed with the current provider. We have been experiencing issues with notifications/communications and calendar updates.
- Bob will be posting the “Guidelines for Code of Conduct” on the OMHA website.

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

- Team budgets are slowly being submitted. Louise asked Directors to remind all coaches that budgets are now due and must be submitted to Louise by end of December.
- Louise reported that the IP level has a number of parents who have not completed their Respect In Sport and a Novice team also has two incomplete; Louise has communicated with the parents in this regard.
- Louise stated that she will be presenting a proposal for team list submission at the January meeting.
- Louise asked Directors to inform all coaches that travel permits will not be signed by Gilles if the team lists have not completed.
- There is a new IP player entering the system; Jocelyn will follow up to determine team placement.

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

- Blues administration meeting was held a few weeks ago. Riccardo reported that the season has been going well for teams, outside of a few issue that required follow up. Blues Major Peewee recently was tournament champions. A few teams need to work on increased penalty minutes and suspensions.
- Riccardo will be refunding some costs to teams; he will provide information to Louise for budget. Receipt of top up fees is processing well; these fees must be paid by end of December in order to be eligible for playing in January.
- The situation of a Minor Atom team parent that was in arrears has been resolved; now up to date.

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

- Joel provided positive feedback in regard to the OMHA team photographer. The photographs looked great and were ready for on time distribution. Joel commended the photographer for his provision of good service in regard to one issue.
- Novice and Atom fundraising event was successful. Joel thanked Broadways for their collaboration, partnership and support.
- Affiliations: The smaller roster sizes have seen a lot of affiliations this season. This is very positive with a lot of players having the opportunity to play at a higher level.



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

- The division of Pee-wee and Bantam are going well, no concerns. Bantam teams doing quite well in standings while Pee-wee falls in middle of pack.
- Dan queried the process when parents have outstanding team fees. Gilles suggested that the team manager and treasurer follow up with parents; if parent is unable to pay, they will have to be self-funded and be given a deadline date for fee submission. Following that, Bob will send a letter to parents if fees are in arrears beyond this date.
- Dan sought clarification on the roles and responsibility of the team trainer. Specifically, if there is a concussion, the trainer oversees this but what happens if it is an asthma attack—does trainer have the responsibility and authority to tell player he/she cannot play, even if older player had said he was okay to resume playing? Gilles suggested that a discussion should occur with parents regarding these types of health issues and get direction from them; but trainer should always supercede the will of the player, if in doubt.
- Dan requested confirmation regarding teams entering tournaments during playoffs. There is a GHA rule in place where teams cannot enter a tournament during playoffs due to the need for rescheduling ice, games, etc. Suspensions are assessed. Coaches should check all tournament dates carefully so as not to conflict with playoffs.

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

- IP division is going well, first half of season. The Christmas party occurred last weekend and Jocelyn commended Samantha McKeag for her organization and management of the party. Jocelyn requested that Louise prepare refund cheques for coach clinics, prior to Christmas.
- Midget division penalty minutes are reducing.
- Division teams are generally doing well; one is struggling. One player has decided to quit hockey.

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

- absent

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

- Latest Mentorship planning session for new coaches saw only two coaches attend, however it was inclement weather. Those that attended found value in the session. There are no sessions scheduled for December; two sessions planned in January and one more final session in February. A Whiteboard meeting is scheduled in January.
- Development: Jocelyn Clement is now working with goalies and is providing exceptional development sessions. Kevin reported and thanked Joel for his outstanding effort with



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Novice- Atom-PeeWee skating development sessions. There have been a significant number of volunteers and players are showing progress and improvement.

## **New Business:**

- None

## **Motion to Adjourn Meeting:**

**Motion:** Bob Picard

**Second:** Riccardo Panarella

**Carried:** All

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:58 pm

**Next Meeting:** January 9, 2018 7:00pm