

## KDMHA Executive Board Meeting

### Minutes

**Date:** Sept. 24, 2009

**Location:** Walmar Ventilation, 23 Precision Drive, Kemptville

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**Present:** Randy Cavill, Dave van Zyl, Beth Thompson, Angela Meulenbroek, JC Thibault, Kim Ferrin, Bill McAdam, Daina Warren, Dale Lafave, Pete Johnston, Bob Schrader, Anne Leach, Joel McGuire, Jo-Ann Hendry

**Regrets:** Jen Bellefontaine, Eric Lavoie, Lyndon Sands, Brent Thompson, Todd Durie, Bart Millson, Bob Hunt, Pat Poirier

**Guests:** Paul Vanden Tillaart, Suzanne Ritchie, Mary Pat McKay, Sheila Eckford, Neil Whyte, Kevin Empey

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#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was chaired by Randy and called to order at 7:00 pm.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Motion for Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> minutes to be approved. Motion made by Dave and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth. All in favour. Motion carried.

#### 3. Presentation by Paul Vanden Tillaart and Suzanne Ritchie

Suzanne read a letter to the executive and guests on behalf of herself and Paul. In the letter, Suzanne indicated that the current Referee-in-Chief's spouse had been an employee of P.M. Vanden Tillaart Construction and had embezzled money from the company. Details were provided on the charges laid, the amounts stolen from the company, and the resulting conviction and sentencing. It was explained the information was presented so the executive would be fully informed. They stated that they question the current RIC holding a position on the executive committee.

The RIC had nothing to say except that he had been charged and the charges had been dropped.

Brief discussion took place amongst visitors and board members. Some points made:

- do we have any reason to question his ability to referee and manage referees?
- can we make judgments on members outside the realm of KDMHA?
- do we have grounds to ask him to leave?
- Beth stated that she had no problem with the RIC staying on the executive board
- Randy clarified that the RIC has no contact with money; only scheduling
- Constitution needs to be referenced in order to make any decisions

It was decided to schedule an emergency meeting for Wed. Sept. 30 at 6pm in order for executive to discuss and make a decision; subsequently, the RIC stepped down and the follow-up meeting was not necessary.

#### 4. President's Report

Under the current circumstances surrounding South Grenville Minor Hockey, District 1 has stepped in to operate South Grenville under a trusteeship, until such time as reorganization takes place. Mike Horsburgh will act as their President until such time as they can show self-governance.

**5. Vice-President Storm – submitted by email by Lyndon Sands**

All our conditioning camps were well attended - great work and tons of thanks to Jen and Kim - they have done a crazy amount of work - would like to see about adding convenors for each division for Storm - something we can discuss this year - It is a lot of work to put on two people with the conditioning camps and tryouts - - does not have to be a voting position but with the numbers increasing something to consider

For the camps we need more ice - we ran Bantam with 40 players too big!!!

Thanks to Bob, Daina, Bill and any other executive members I have missed that helped as evaluators - Tryouts ran smoothly thanks to Jen and Kim and their work -we had one issue but it was resolved thanks to the coach involved as well as Daina and Kim.

Thanks to Angela for all the work registering - and Beth and Brent for the equipment supply.

**6. Ice Convenor**

Eric will be receiving schedules from Upper Canada on Mon. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Coaches' meeting to be determined (either Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>).

**7. Equipment Convenor – submitted by email by Brent Thompson**

Equipment-- all in and ready to go -- Novice has picked everything up as well as the Panther competitive teams. Brent is available this Sat. morning: house league coaches are set and ready to pick up their equipment -- not sure when house sorts are finished and / or if all coaches are in place.

**8. Coach Coordinator**

Daina is currently working on the coach's binder for distribution at the upcoming coaches' meeting.

Regarding the new evaluation forms used during try-outs and sorts, there was lots of positive feedback. There were only 3 complaints by parents and it was helpful to be able to show the evaluation form to justify decision.

**9. Secretary**

Anne asked that information reports be sent ahead of meeting date by email, for all board members to read. This information doesn't need to be given at meetings and hopefully that will save time. Members can be added to the agenda if something needs to be brought forward for discussion/decision making.

**10. Registrar's Report**

As of this meeting, registration numbers are as follows:

STORM REGISTRATION		
Division	Total of # players	Teams
Novice	15	1 H
Atom	24	1C
Peewee	45	1C, 2H
Bantam	57	1C, 1B, 2H
Midget	30	1B, 1H

PANTHER REGISTRATION		
Division	Total of # players	Teams
IP	78	6
Novice	82	2B, 4C
Atom	82	1 rep, 2B, 3C
Pewee	64	1 rep, 1B, 2C
Bantam	69	1 rep, 2B, 2C
Minor Midget	17	1 rep
Major Midget	49	1 rep, 2B, 1C
Juvenile	8	

Midget and Pewee Storm teams are capped; Novice is also full. There is room for more girls at Atom.

Before any rep games are played, the team list must be entered into the online data base and approved. The team lists will go to the rep coaches after that for signatures.

\$25 refund cheques have been/ will be given out for kids who were released from rep try-outs. This refund is the difference between house league registration and competitive registration fees.

#### 11. Referee-in-Chief

93 people attended the referee clinic last weekend and it went very well.

Dale's son is doing scheduling and his email will be sent out. Girls teams must go through Girls Referee Assignor.

#### 12. Ways and Means – *submitted by email by Pat Poirier*

Calendars should be here by the 1st week of October.

Spoke to Pepsi and they are not interested in sponsoring our Mega tournament. The rep from Pepsi said that they do not hand out sponsorship anymore to the public. If we were a large organization with a huge market they may consider it. It wouldn't be beneficial for them in North Grenville. However he did mention that if a local retailer or restaurant were to approach them they may be able to help out with something, just not a title sponsorship.

#### 13. Risk and Safety

##### CLINICS:

Speak-out clinic being held on Oct. 3. Form is on our website.

Intro Coach clinic being held on Oct. 25. Form is on our website. \$150 for outside participants (KDMHA people will be reimbursed).

Coach Stream clinic being held on Nov. 6 and 7 (tentative). Needs some help from convenors to get ice for the on-ice portion on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next thing to work on is Trainer Clinic.

##### REMINDERS:

Coaching Staff need to be more aware of dressing room policy. Convenors should ask coaches to have their dressing room supervisors check for damages. For drills at practices, coaches should not be using gloves as pylons, etc. Gloves are to be worn for handshakes. Water bottles should not be shared. Each player should have their own water bottle.

Bob pointed out that he's disappointed that KDMHA is still using a 'letter' to release a child from a competitive team. They don't get feedback from the evaluation and/or coach and that's the purpose of the evaluation forms. The children need to hear what their strengths are and what they need to work on.

Comments were added regarding the difficulty in dealing with a large number of children trying out, such as at Atom and Peewee. Perhaps the evaluators could help with the releases and give feedback to the child.

#### **14. Tournaments**

The schedule is done for Mega Rep tournament Oct. 30 - Nov. 1. There are no teams for Atom rep but there is a waiting list for Bantam Rep. We will wait a week before cancelling the Atom tournament and expanding the Bantam tournament.

#### **15. IP Convenor**

6 teams are set up (by age). After first ice time, player trades can be made if necessary.

#### **16. Novice Convenor**

Novice sorts are this coming weekend. 82 players. We are short on head coaches as we only have 3 at this point. Pete will ask some assistant coaches if they will be a head coach.

#### **17. Atom Convenor**

Joel has asked a Novice goalie to come up to Atom, to fill vacancy on an Atom team. He inquired if any thing else needs to be done (ie. paperwork), and the answer was 'no' since the child is filling a vacancy.

Atom team is finalized. He might be short of evaluators for sorts so if anyone can help, please let him know.

#### **18. Peewee Convenor – submitted by email by JC Thibault**

The Rep team tryouts ended last night and we will be done with the sorts on Sunday.

We will have 4 teams in Peewee. 2 "C" house, 1 "B" house and 1 Rep team.

We are rather lucky this year with 6 goalies. Depending on the results of the sorts, I will approach some goalie parents to see if their child is willing to go to Bantam "C".

#### **19. Bantam Convenor**

Issues for Bantam

-- goalie not playing in KDMHA after being released from rep team try-outs. Can he be prevented from trying out again in Kemptville at the competitive level? Randy clarified that Barb Levere has said that we can't do anything about it. He can continue to try-out year after year.

-- So, need for a goalie for a C house team (coach - Allen Hughes). A Peewee C house goalie will be contacted to be moved up to Bantam C house.

#### **20. Midget Convenor**

Minor Midget – all kids who tried out, made the team

Major Midget – still more releases to be made

For the sorts, the players will be ranked B or C. There will be a motion following the sorts on Saturday regarding whether or not to scrap the C team and have 2 B teams.

#### **21. Juvenile Convenor – submitted by email by Bob Hunt**

Last confirmed registered was 8 as of last week. I have spoken to numerous players and they are supposed to register by this upcoming weekend, which will give us 15 to 16 players, ranging between the ages of 17 - 21.

- I have sent E-mails to Randy and Bart with the subject about the cost per player being reduced as in the Juvenile division, we only need ice for 12 home games, and to cover the cost of referees, league fees etc... and the revised cost per player is now set in the amount of \$325 per player.

- I have 2 potential coaches in place.

**22. Novice/Atom/Storm Convenor – submitted by email by Jen Bellefontaine**

Novice Storm- 15 registered

Atom Storm- 24 registered; 2 teams- 1 house and 1 "C"

Final "C" tryout is this Saturday. No coach for the house team yet.

3 Pee Wee Storm teams are all set to go! 2 house and 1 "C" team. (0 house goalies though-will have to rotate!)

**23. Bantam/Midget Storm Convenor**

Kim needs to determine which players get a refund after being released and which players owe money due to paying a house league registration but making a rep team.

Midget House has been changed to Midget C competitive.

Kim motioned that the Midget C team pay house league fees and the ice formula will be the same as midget house. Seconded by Jo-Ann. All in favour.

**24. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.**