

**KDMHA Executive Board Meeting
Minutes**

Date: Oct. 15, 2009

Location: Walmar Ventilation, 23 Precision Drive, Kemptville

Present: Dave van Zyl, Eric Lavoie, Lyndon Sands, Angela Meulenbroek, Kim Ferrin, Daina Warren, Dale Lafave, Pete Johnston, Anne Leach, Jen Bellefontaine, Jo-Ann Hendry, Todd Durie, Bart Millson, Bob Hunt, Pat Poirier

Regrets: Randy Cavill, Bill McAdam, Joel McGuire, Bob Schrader, JC Thibault, Beth Thompson, Brent Thompson, Lou Matura.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion for Sept. 24th minutes to be approved based on discussed changes. Motion made by Dave and seconded by Bart. All in favour. Motion carried.

3. Business Arising Since Previous Meeting

Motion put forward by Bart to have Lou Matura take the Referee-in-Chief vacancy. Seconded by Kim. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion put forward by Bart to have Trevor Lafave take the Referee Scheduler vacancy. Seconded by Kim. All in favour. Motion carried.

4. Vice-President Storm

Lyndon mentioned that he's been discussing ice with Eric and Eric is working on it.

5. Ice Convenor

Hopes to have the season ice schedule out this weekend. He noted that he only has Juvenile games until November. That's as far as the schedule was set for Bob pointed out.

6. Referee Scheduler

Trevor needed clarification about the Novice schedules; there aren't any because the Novice teams aren't in the UC league. Midget schedule is online (but there is no Midget C).

7. Referee In Chief

Lou is getting back in to the role of RIC. If anyone has questions, please email him. Scheduling is completed up to the 29th. Waiting for feedback on schedules that were sent out this week.

Requesting that Novice games be scheduled 2 or 3 in a row, as he is training new refs and it's easier if they come to the rink for 2 games instead of just 1.

Found a website with hockey drills for full ice and half ice practices:

<http://www.passthepuck.net/>

8. Treasurer

Bart was reviewing the books. We are \$6000 over budget for equipment.

Bart was able to get EFT payments set up for paying the referees. He needs their bank account numbers to complete the process.

9. Coach Coordinator

- Daina needs OPP screening forms back by Nov. 1st for all coaches.
- She needs letters of intent for coaches who don't have their certifications.
- Daina has the extra game sheets.
- Need a guest speaker for "Coaches' Corner" for around the 2nd week in November. Let her know if you can think of someone.
- We had a brief discussion about the executive having police screening done. Daina motioned to have OPP screening forms submitted by all executives. Bart seconded. All in favour. Motion carried. (* will need to be ratified at the AGM).

10. Ways and Means

Haven't heard much with regards to feedback about the Calendars – waiting to hear. Sales are going well. Pat is looking at a "mini-jersey" that we could also sell as a fundraiser.

Novice - \$400 or \$500 per team for each KDMHA team through Dodge Caravan Sponsorship

Sponsor bars – some jerseys still have sponsor bars on.

There is money available (if we apply) in the World Junior Legacy Fund. Deadline is Dec. 31st and there is very specific criteria to be met. Details on the ODMHA website.

11. Risk and Safety

Bob sent out his report as follows:

Since our last meeting, I have had four issues of concern reported to me.

1. On-Ice Helpers

- *This has been a concern that has been around for sometime and has not had any real direction for Convenors or Coaches and as a result I put together as a result of some research a policy/guideline that should help. See attached.*

2. Drug and Alcohol Abuse

- *There was a report of possible Drug and Alcohol abuse reported. As a result I reviewed our constitution, which I believe to be weak, when trying to deal with this issue. Our Constitution reads:*

1.10. An official or players, while a game of their team is in progress, who is believed on reasonable grounds to have been drinking alcoholic beverages or taking illegal drugs, who used abusive language to anyone, including spectators or players, or whose conduct is deemed by the officer in charge to require immediate action while subject to the provisions of this part, shall be subject to immediate suspension by the officer in charge pending a hearing by the Discipline Committee.

This policy has a number of weaknesses, which I will address later. The major issue that we have is (while a game of their team is in progress), this would imply that a player could do anything at the rink while other games are in progress and not be held accountable. I will rewrite this policy to strengthen the overall power of the league to deal with these types of issues.

The other issue we would have is that ODHA and ODMHA does have a policy regarding conduct with the use of alcoholic and illegal drugs, but suggests that the association develop the overall policy, which means that legally we would end up going back to 1.10. Please find attached a revised policy regarding Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Note: Both the On-Ice Help and Drug and Alcohol policies would require a change in our Constitution, which I believe would need to officially

3. A parent of one of our teams had a concern about one of our Assistant Coaches, about his abuse of language and overall attitude around the players from last year. I suggested that if there is an issue again this year to inform the Division Coordinator. I will talk with the Coordinator about the individual in question for mentoring purposes at this time.
4. Pee Wee Goalie playing up in Bantam. JC has a valid concern about the Pee Wee goalie playing at the Bantam House C level in regards to his Safety. He is a Major Pee Wee goalie that did not make the Pee Wee rep. or B house teams. I will be attending the game on Saturday October the 17th and if required the practice on the 18th. If we find that he should not be playing at this level as a result of Safety, we would be left with a need for a goalie at Bantam House C level. The only way we can correct this is to bring down the extra Goalie that we have at the Rep. Level and affiliate him back up with the Rep. Team. We can also look at affiliating a Pee Wee Goalie as well, but I would have to look at the specific rules in this regard.

12. Tournaments

The Atom and Pee Wee rep tournaments were cancelled due to lack of interest. Ice has been turned back in for practices. Bantam will be opened to more teams as the interest is there.

13. Registrar

Juvenile – 16 players

Osgoode-Rideau MHA took more registrations that had room for (5 kids didn't make 'C' house so there is no room for those kids). We will accept them if interested (at least 2 will likely come.)

She has checked all coaches' certifications and verifying with Bob Schrader who is running the clinics.

Ang has to get all team lists to District registrar as well as Affiliated player lists.

73's is offering another deal: a team can pay \$200 and get a season's pass for all players and an "affinity" card which gets parents various discounts at Canadian Tire, public skating, First Goal, and other discounts.

14. IP Convenor

Suggestion: start IP season sooner next year (but still go until the end of March).

Tim Horton's has agreed to provide 4 new sets of jerseys.

15. Novice Convenor

- Novice sorts went well thanks to coaches and evaluators.
- Another Novice goalie moved up to Atom C House to fill a vacancy.
- Novice teams play their first games this weekend.
- Pete will be arranging games for the B House teams with other associations.

16. Bantam Convenor – submitted by email by Beth Thompson

Working with Risk & Safety on a serious note in regards to a player.

17. Midget Convenor – submitted by email by Bill McAdam

The year is well on its way, try-outs for the Major Midget are proceeding well. Based on a reduced number of bantams moving up we have dramatically reduced the numbers of teams. Last year we had 6 teams, this year 4.

No issues regarding try-outs or the camps. A few small parental issues, and coaching issues, all have been resolved. I am happy with the coach selections.

- 1 Major Rep B – 13 skaters 2 goalies
- 1 Minor Rep B - 13 skaters 2 goalies
- 1 House B1 – 17 skaters, 1 goalie – Lee Eckford
- 1 House B2 – 17 skaters, 1 goalie - Andy Parent

Executive Issues.

The C division was cancelled the night the schedules were given out, since it was clear that both teams were strong and both started to bond only minor changes were made. The last releases from the rep try-outs were moved to the old C team, total changes were 6. The stats reflect both teams will do well.

18. Juvenile Convenor

Juvenile team: 16 skaters, 1 goalie, 1 AP goalie. It's a young team (eight 18 year olds, four 19 year olds, four 20 year olds). If anyone needs an on-ice helper, his players would be happy to help out (with Bob's urging!).

Regarding fights, the league is giving a 2 game suspension for the first fight, Bob is matching that. Second fight, player gets 5 games, Bob is matching that.

19. Novice/Atom/Storm Convenor

Sunday is the first ever Novice Storm game. Atom and Peewee is underway.

20. Equipment Convenor – submitted by email by Brent Thompson

No new concerns.

21. New Business

Daina was chatting at District with other Coach Coordinators, and they seem to have a pet peeve about our conditioning camps because of the varied approaches the coaches take in their idea of "conditioning". Some camps are rigorous, some not as much. This is an idea from District for next year: let the first 2 sessions be a "free, safe environment" that gets the kids back on their feet; after that, they can review drills that the kids will see at try-outs and sorts.

22. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.