



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



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| Date | January 9, 2018 |
| Time | 19:00:00 |
| Location | Chateaufneuf Conference Hall |
| Chair | Gilles Vanasse, President |
| Next Meeting | February 13, 2018 |

| Orleans Minor Hockey Executive | | |
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| 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 |
| IP Convenor | | Craig Hale |

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Reports from IP Convenor and Ice Scheduler

- Absent

Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2017

Motion: Joel Neuheimer

Second: Riccardo Panarella

Carried: all

Agenda and Executive Reports



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Gilles Vanasse, President

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

D9 Referee-in-Chief, Bill Wong:

- Bell Canada Cup went well in spite of the cancelled outdoor games.
- There have been 604 supervised games at this point of the season. Will target 1000 games supervised by the end of the season.
- 7 fines assessed to referees: 5 for missed assignments, 1 for being late to a game and 1 for missing a meeting.
- Discussions re: the issue of players who are also referees who are suspended as players for abuse of officials. A motion will be submitted to add a rule that any players who are suspended for abuse of officials cannot ref until such time that his number of games suspension is served.
- The coach does have the option to forfeit the Game due to lack of players and goalie. (Coach should contact the Director to make sure if they're not sure.) Gilles circulated the Hockey Canada rule for forfeiture.

President, District Chair, Reg MacDonald:

- Will set up meeting with HEO to discuss how to work collaboratively to not allow certain tournaments at certain levels to conflict with the GHA association tournaments. Will target the presidents meeting on Feb 3.
- U18; the vote at the Minor council meeting (re: continuance of this program); only the District Chairs can vote.
- Apparently two individuals, independent from hockey, viewed the financial books. It is not clear if these individuals are from an auditing firm or not.
- The Presidents meeting on Feb 3 will be at the Home Town restaurant (Bank and Heron)

2nd VP House League, Wally Montpetit: 1010 affiliations at this point of the season; this is 15% increase, this time last year. This is very encouraging.

- Just a reminder that January 10 is the cut-off date for all game reschedules and January 15 is the deadline for Blues affiliation.

Rangers:

- Coaching applications will be going out next month
- Blackburn President attended the Gloucester Centre board meeting to discuss potential partnering options
- want to revisit the team allocation chart as it pertains to smaller associations.
- Need to meet with the Richcraft Sensplex to discuss the potential new contract for ice. Next year is the final year of the current GHA contract (for additional ice). The OMHA board will need to discuss if we have a need (if any).



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2. OMHA Atom A experience at the NHL 100 Classic.
 - a very positive experience throughout the weekend for all players and families; photo opportunities and meet and greet with Sens alumni
3. Preparation for the Feb Town hall meeting (set-up a dedicated meeting)
 - Gilles suggested a special meeting designated for preparing for this Town Hall meeting as well as any concerns that the OMHA may have for Gilles to bring forward to the President's meeting.
 - Gilles suggested January 21st: Louise will check on available room bookings and the date will be confirmed.
 - The Town Hall meeting will be scheduled for a February weeknight; date to be determined
4. Preparation for the GHA Presidents' meeting on Feb 3
 - Feedback requested from the executive; will discuss at special meeting.
5. AGM
 - Board members who are finishing their term this year please let Gilles know of your intention moving forward.
 - Gilles requested members bring forward interested members names.
6. The OMHA has received sponsorship from Scotia Bank; the funds will be dedicated to our Family Assistance Fund. Gilles will forward a receipt of thanks to the sponsor.

Bob Picard, Vice President

- Bob reported that things are quiet at the HL level.
- One outstanding suspension at Blues level.
- We have had good affiliation numbers in OMHA House League and Blues.

Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar

- Brad Girouard Award: Louise reinforced that Directors must ensure that the nominated player must be present at the AGM to receive their award. Names must be submitted to Louise by February 26, 2018.
- Budgets are being submitted.

Riccardo Panarella, Director of Competitive

- GHA Competitive update: Discussion at this meeting included goalie evaluations and combined player evaluations between Rangers and Rep B. Further discussion is required on this due to logistics and value across all teams; it would not seem to be so advantageous at the 'Rep B' level. Competitive hockey at the lower levels will also be discussed. Rangers are planning on two Peewee A teams next season.
- Playoffs start next month with an 'A' pool and a 'B' pool. The OMHA will be hosting the B -finals on the weekend of March 4th 2018.



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- Teams are doing fairly well with only two teams in the lower half of the standings.
- Tournament wins at Minor Bantam and Major Pee wee with other teams making to the final rounds of some tourneys.
- Rep B has received some extra ice leading into playoffs.
- Parent and player evaluation; each Director has 3-4 teams that they are responsible for completing evaluations with the players in the change room. Parents will be asked to complete evaluations prior to playoffs, using survey monkey.

Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Dodge Caravan fundraising program proposal was received; Bob and Joel will review it and will discuss at the February meeting.
- Joel asked Bob to update Developmental Skating dates on the website as well as the white board sessions. The skating sessions are running very well; time is very efficient.

Dan Hurtibise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam

- mid-year coach evaluations process discussed
- No issues occurring at Pee wee and Bantam; affiliates are playing. One player is moving out of province and will need a release from HEO; the OMHA paperwork has been completed. Bantam teams are well placed in standings and Pee wee is holding steady.
- Dan commended Joel on the Skating Development program

Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile

- Things are going well across Midget, Juvenile divisions in the standings. There are some goalie issues at the Juvenile level.
- Storage issues are not resolved as yet
- IP division progressing well; Jocelyn will be observing this weekend

Mike Begin, Director Discipline/Risk/Safety

- Mike explained the mid-year coach evaluations; likely will be a paper distribution as the responses are better than electronic. Directors will then get copies and distribute to team managers with the thought that evaluations are mandatory for all players/parents to complete. Mike distributed a copy of the evaluation to board members for review; feedback was provided. Mike has engaged conversations with parents during year and there is an interest in mid-season evaluations.
- Mike asked Directors to remind all coaches of the social media policy (see on website under risk and safety), especially in regard to Instagram, snapchat, twitter. In person discussion or email with copies to all is preferable.



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Kevin Gallagher, Director of Mentorship and Development (by report)

Development

- Development started again last night with a session for Goalies and a session for Pee Wee Skating
- Things are going well due to the efforts of Pat, Joel, Leo and Jocelyn and their teams
- We had 1 Pee Wee session taken away due to a Blues play-off game.

Mentor

- We will have 2 White Board sessions in January.
- 1st one will be on Practice Planning & Small Area games at Connors Pub on Wednesday, January 17th at 7 p.m.
- 2nd one will be on Hockey Canada Tactics for Novice, Atom and & Pee Wee teams at Connors Pub on Wednesday, January 31st at 7 p.m.
- Thanks to Joel and Daniel for getting the info on white boards out to their Coaches.

Other

- 9 of the 10 sweaters are in. The other one is on the way.
- Kevin requires a cheque for \$240 made out to himself for as he committed own funds for payment of the Goalie coach last night.

Michelle Couture, Director, Communications and Public Relations

- Michelle question regarding the ruling for 3 minor penalties; on a number of occasions the referee has not seemed to be aware of this rule. It was discussed that the time keeper and game sheet official should monitor this on behalf of the ice officials.
- Michelle queried that she has had to wait a long time to wait for the game sheets (40 min) from the ice officials following the game. Sometimes this is warranted if there is a need for a write up on major penalties or if they need to consult with supervisors regarding new codes, etc. This may be especially true with younger, less experienced officials, the change-over in format for game reporting, or if the game has had a large number of infractions.

New Business:

- none

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: Bob Picard **Second:** Dan Hurtibise **Carried:** All

Meeting adjourned: 8:23 pm

Next Meeting: February 13, 2018 7:00pm