



Minutes Orleans Minor Hockey Association



Date	March 14, 2017
Time	7:00 pm
Location	Bob MacQuarrie Complex Champneuf Conference Room
Chair	Bob Picard, Vice-President
Next Meeting	April 11, 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 Hurtubise
Director, Midget/Juvenile		Jocelyn Murray
Director, Discipline/Risk and Safety		Pat Brookes
Director, Mentorship	Kevin Gallagher	
Associates/Guests		
Ice Coordinator	Dave Stephenson	

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. The minutes of the February 5, 2017 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 5, 2017 were reviewed by board members.

Motion for approval of February 5, 2017 Minutes:

Kevin Gallagher Second: Joel Neuheimer Carried: All

Motion for approval of February 5, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes:

Louise Groulx Second: Riccardo Panarella Carried: All

Agenda and Executive Reports

Gilles Vanasse, President



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- Absent. A brief review and discussion took place in regard to the following information provided by Gilles, via email to board members:
GHA Meeting Update GHA summary notes provided by Gilles, via email:
- Ron McCrostie and Barb Levere: HEO was informed by Hockey Canada that the \$75,000 per year subsidy to HEO has not and will not occur which in turn will not be injected into minor hockey. In spite of the above, there is \$14,000 available to be given to 5 minor hockey associations to assist in running clinics. Peak performance now pays \$12,000 in royalties will be added to the \$14,000 already received. It was suggested that HEO take the \$26,000 and spread it across every district (all 10) via a pro-rated formula in order to help the district's run various types of clinics as we believe that this would be a positive message by the HEO that they care about Minor Hockey.
- January 2 2017 "Ottawa 150" grossed \$80,000.
- Hockey Canada is pushing extremely hard to start cross ice for the Novice level for the 2018-2019 season
- HEO charges \$85.00 per coach who attends coaching clinics. Anything above that goes to the host association
- Steve Hope, RIC: Tryouts will be on June 10. Bill will be sending an email to the associations shortly. There have been requests to have the managers to hurry and open the dressing room doors so that Bantam/Midget/Juvenile teams don't linger in the hallways and cause some dangerous issues. Goalie masks/helmets are ok if there is no billy goat protectors and new version of the cat's eyes mask. What they will be looking for is an approved "Blue" CSA sticker and a proper chin strap. Next year, goalies who don't comply, will be removed from the game/ice by the referee.
- District Chair, Reg MacDonald: Home town hockey is coming to Ottawa on March 18 at the pavilion. They approached Lietrim and Gloucester Centre as opposed to the District as the other associations were not aware. The Tournament of Champions are looking for time keepers (certified). The tournament will be held at the Richcraft. Their time keepers will be paid. It's being suggested that the referees enter the GIRs into the TTM. The District Chair and Robin are looking at the technical solution required to make this happen. If this works, the coaches wouldn't need to enter the major infractions into TTM. However, in saying this any major infractions at tournaments would still have to be entered. One of the logistical issues would be to ask HEO is this would be ok as the referees would not need to enter it into the HC system; the TTM could feed the HC system. In regard to AAA U-18 Reg has suggested that the association Presidents send an e-mail re: any positive or negative feedback. Please send out messages to the coaches that, during the playoffs, should the coach not be sure about a possible player suspension to please contact the association discipline person to check to make sure. There will be zero tolerance re: parents trying to access referee rooms and minor officials areas (I.e. Time keepers box)



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- 1st VP Competitive, Ken Hill: There are still visibility and transparency issues re: financial reporting of the AAA U-18. Returning AAA players will not need to register at their home associations, but new AAA players will need to register with their home associations. The Cyclones have made the decision to not accept American imports
- 2nd VP House League, Wally Montpetit: The playoff round robin draw will not change for this season as it is considered too late to do so. The proposed new formula will be presented for next season at the June meeting.
- Treasurer, Karen Ouellette: Monthly statements were presented and accepted.
- Discipline Chair, Lucas Cacciotti: Remind coaches to manage their players in mitigating post game infractions.
- GHA Registrar, Brian Flynn: Suggested that if any associations have any suggestions to make things better for next season, he invites us to send an e-mail with the suggestions.
- Risk and Safety, Tarek Sardana: all is good, no issues.
- Kevin Carroll, Rangers: All is good; four teams are in the finals. The following Rule changes were discussed:
 - 1 - 20.8 was out of order as a result this rule has been moved under the fair ice section
 - 2 - 20.9: cancelled game. Home team must use the ice for practice is now changed to home team may use the ice for a practice. CARRIED
 - 3 - 26.2: using an ineligible player during the playoffs. Offending will forfeit game. CARRIED
 - 4 - 28.10: removing the 5 hours cancellation notice to requesting Head coach must inform the opposing HC, The referee assignor, GHA office Manager and the GHA VP House League. Regardless of when you cancel the game, the requesting team will have to pay the refs. CARRIED
 - 5 - 28.11: same as 28.10 but for competitive, but with a friendly amendment re: the requesting team having to pay for replacing the ice. CARRIED

Bob Picard, Vice President

- The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Any nominations and constitutional amendments must be made by March 24, 2017 11:59 pm. A nomination committee will consist of Louise Groulx and Bob Picard. An email blitz regarding the AGM and need for volunteers to put their name forward for vacant executive positions will be forwarded to members. There are five positions up for re-election: President, Secretary, Director Competitive, Director Novice/Atom, Director Midget/Juvenile.
- A volunteer appreciation night is scheduled for April 21, 2017 at 7:00 at the Cross Bar Restaurant. This is to recognize coaches and other hockey volunteers. Houle Sports are supporting the OMHA and Blues. An gift of appreciation will be provided to each volunteer.



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- A contract with A1 Storage has been signed for 12 months. Clarence will assist with moving the inventory from the current storage locker. The new storage is 10' x 30' and is climate controlled. There will be a need for shelving. Louise will investigate content insurance.
- There are 3 carry-over suspensions going into the playoffs; all infractions occurred during the final game of the season.
- Bob asked Directors to remind coaches that they have 4 hours to enter the game sheet into the TTM during playoffs.

Louise Groulx, Treasurer/Registrar

- Louise stated that the equipment return is scheduled for April 22nd 9:00-11:30am; location to be determined.
- All accounts have been paid as we enter the end of the season.

Riccardo Panarella, Director of Competitive

- Riccardo informed board members that the Blues season is coming to a close. The season went well for teams and administration. A few areas for improvement were identified (eg. Ice allocation, try-outs, financial management strategy). A meeting will be scheduled for year end.
- Riccardo discussed Blues jersey return and the process for sweater deposit refunds.

Kevin Gallagher, Director Mentorship Committee

- Kevin reported that the final White Board session took place in February with ~13 coaches attending. The session discussed managing parent expectations, in particular prioritizing skill development over wins. This would be a good town hall topic as the philosophy of the OMHA. The Mentorship Committee will be looking at ways to improve for next season; reviewing the skating development program, having more guest speakers for white board sessions, and increasing the quantity of on-ice sessions with mentors was suggested. There was also interest in bringing back the goalie development program.
- Kevin discussed the point system awarded to coaches and suggested that points should be considered during the coach selection process.
- Providing Hockey Canada development levels to parents was discussed as a means of education.

Pat Brookes, Director Risk and Safety

- Absent; provided the following report:
- End of Season Program Evaluation Forms have been distributed to Coaches & Managers by Level Directors and also made available to download on the OMHA website



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- Non-Coach parents can indeed access their Respect in Sport Certification #s through Hockey Canada eHockey website. After creating an account, and adding their participating child/player to their profile, the Respect in Sport - Parent Program does appear in the list of courses acquired, and certification number is also listed.

Joel Neuheimer, Director Novice/Atom

- Joel met with the Novice/Atom coaches to review the year as a learning and development opportunity. Joel discussed strengths and challenges of the past season.
- Coach evaluations have been distributed; convenors are attending a practice or game to follow up/collect evaluations.
- Joel commented that he liked the GHA tiers for playoffs; the two pools worked well.

Dan Hurtubise, Director Pee-Wee/Bantam

- Absent

Jocelyn Murray, Director Midget/Juvenile

- Absent

Dave Stephenson, Ice Coordinator

- Absent

New Business:

- 'Frequently Asked Questions' Resource Document: Bob would like to complete this prior to new board elections. This will be reviewed as the main purpose to the April 11 2017 meeting. Julie will send out the copy of the document prior to the meeting so members come prepared with missing information or changes to the document.
- Try-Out jerseys: Houle Sports requested that the order be placed for the balance of the House League and Blues jerseys; these will be ordered on reserve and paid for next season.
- Volunteer Awards: The following players will be receiving the Brad Girouard Award: Colin Naiman (Novice); Parker Hatson (Atom); Claudio Padilla (Peewee); Joey Parker (Bantam); Garrett Massie (Midget). Louise will call previous recipients and get the trophies back and cleaned.
- Louise put forward Leo Bisson as a nomination for the Volunteer of the Year Award. Bob will ask for other nominations to be brought forward and a vote will occur. The award will be presented at the Coach and Volunteer Appreciation event April 21, 2017.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: Joel Neuheimer

Second: Louise Groulx

Carried: All



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Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm
Next Meeting: April 11, 2017 7:00 pm