



## Devon Minor Hockey Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 26, 2018  
**Called to Order:** 6:36 PM  
**Minutes Taken By:** Joanna Parnell

**Attendees:** Joanna Parnell, Ali Whelen, Steven Kuchirka, Melissa Price, Peggie Melnychuk, Rob Melnychuk, Steve Benson, Les Hodge, Jon Morton, Kathy Morton, Rachelle Morgado, Trisha Way, Tina Pollock, Darcy Zaft, Chad Preece, Jackie Jeffries, Kolby Preece, Cole Matwichuk, Brandy Fisher, Dean Westlin, Dave Van Slyke, Vicci Letourneau, Crystal Bernard, Josh Generaux, Angela Simms, Lisa Wright

### **Motion to approve the agenda:**

- Motion made to approve the September 26, 2018 agenda by Steve Benson, seconded by Ali Whelen; All in favor; Motion Carried

### **Motion to Review and Approve August 21, 2018 Minutes:**

- Motion made to approve the August 21, 2018 meeting minutes by Ali Whelen, seconded by Les Hodge; All in favor; Motion carried

### **New Business:**

- 1. Motion made to Approve** September 16, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes for DMHA Exec and Midget Parents by Jon Morton, Seconded by Steve Benson; All in favor; Motion Carried
- 2. Midget Parents Presentation :**
  - Concerns expressed about the evaluation process
  - some concerns about top midget team, ie why is it based only by numbers for players, and not the goalies; is there a way to evaluate goaltenders differently in future years; how are goalies ranked?
  - issues with the goalies who are coming back to DMHA at the last minute when they have been trying out for AA/AAA teams; fair tryouts for the DMHA teams during the evaluation process; why do the goalies need to be locked down to a team now, before game play has even been initiated by the league?; why are the exec's not watching the evaluations? A request to have one more fair evaluation opportunity for the goaltenders with the evaluators and maybe during some real gameplay
  - Comments made to leave the GT positions open and not placed team specific UNTIL all GT's have returned from AA/AAA tryouts and evaluate all the Goalies once they are all together. Moving forward make sure that all goalies are at every practice for BOTH



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teams to allow the Coaching staff and goalies to police themselves for the best fit for team makeup.

- Jon Morton spoke about the reason why executive members ARE NOT PRESENT at evaluations: last years model was not working, therefore as an executive it was decided at the 2017 AGM to leave the evaluations process up to the outside evaluators that DMHA has hired. From 2016/17 feedback, it was stated that for fair Evaluations, the Goaltenders would be ranked based on numbers only with no intervention from coaches or executive members
- Jon Morton made a suggestion that more parent involvement is necessary; ie to show up at the AGM for voting and volunteer time on evaluations committee for input
- Joanna Parnell made a statement that questions/concerns about the goaltender evaluation process should be made at an earlier date and not during the evaluations week. Changes to the evaluation process take place months ahead of time and cannot be adjusted during the evaluation period and the process is voted on at the AGM.

### Reports:

#### 1. **President:** Steven Kuchirka

- **Evaluations update:** teams are built up to the PeeWee level, evaluation numbers for Bantam need to be handed in for team make up
- **Midget** has 47 registered players with 4 goalies, 1 player release has been signed and is still out. Team 1 has 17 players with one out with an injury, 3 GT's which needs to be brought down to 2
- A letter was sent out to two DMHA families with regards to outstanding registration balances from last season, and that if past due accounts are not cleared before month end, children will not be allowed on ice to play

#### 2. **Vice President:** Ali Whelen

- No report

#### 3. **Past President/AA Representative:** Jonathon Morton

- 20 kids still out on releases

#### 4. **Referee Assignor:** Brandy Fisher

- Midget 1 will have problems finding refs with this level. Only has a total of 5 refs, loosing 3 from past years; Some refs from Edmonton have been contacted and is still waiting for



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confirmation if they will be available; need to train more refs and push for faster training, two man ref system for Midget 2 is not as much trouble

### 5. **Treasurer:** Melissa Price

- See attached expense form (at end of minutes)
- Needs information from executive members to transfer signing authority; Ali Whelen needs to be added, Chris Higdon removed
- Has sent off the licencing fee for the travel raffle voucher
- 2 outstanding registration balances from last season have been looked at and the parents have been contacted; one check has been received and waiting on one more

### 6. **Secretary:** Joanna Parnell

- Benevolent fund application form and process was presented as a draft for review, directed to contact Vic Wherden for more info

### 7. **Coach Director:** Rob Melnychuk

- All coaches for all teams are in place
- Has CRC with VP copies ready to hand out at the coaches/managers meeting on September 27.
- Steve Benson has all updated coaches on the website
- The September 15 Regional Development Director Meeting went well; information session regarding coach certification and clinic hosting, coach devlp opportunities, lvl 2 instructional stream clinics, player devlp strategies, novice transition and gameplay, best practice sharing btn associations, discussion on various delegate topics

### 8. **Registrar:** Rachelle Morgado

- 260 registrants to date; has 2 suspensions that are still standing fr last season, with one at the midget level for one game
- IP – 32, N – 44, A – 51, PW – 49, B – 37, M – 47

### 9. **Referee in Chief:** Cole Matwichuk

- 30 lvl 1 refs (minimum age req; 13 and up)
- Was able to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> ref clinic; November 3<sup>rd</sup> clinic is for returning refs only at lvl 2 and open to 18 yrs old and up



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### 10. Level Director: Steve Benson

- October 15-16 is photo and apparel night; Mike Saramega is unavailable to do photo night, Gord from 20/20 will be returning this year, DMHA is not locked into another contract however.
- Level Coordinators have been selected; IP – Nicole Howett, N – Josh Generaux, A – Shawn Bartoshewski, PW – Tina Pollock and Jacquie Simeniuk, B – Crystal Bernard, M – Vicci Letourneau
- Still needs to get the sanction numbers from Hockey Alberta
- Committee needs to be formed for jersey colour selection
- New tournament prices are as proposed:
  - Current            Proposed
  - IP \$600            \$ --
  - N \$900            \$1000
  - A \$1000           \$1100
  - PW \$1100        \$1200
  - B \$1300           \$1500
  - M \$1300           \$1500

**Motion made** from Steve Benson to adopt the new pricing for the DMHA 2018/19 season as stated above for the home tournament fees; Seconded by Steven Kuchirka

All in Favour; motion carried

### 11. Fundraising Director: Peggie Melnychuk

- Tickets for travel vouchers have been ordered; it will take 7 weeks for the AGLC to receive and approve application forms for licencing numbers; Each team needs a fundraising chair who will distribute and collect ticket books and money.
- Addition Oil Kings fundraiser is set for October 28 afternoon game Oil Kings vs Lethbridge; 5 Experiences need to be divvied out, once more information comes in, the experiences will be awarded, tickets are \$25 ea with \$7 returning to DMHA
- Casino night idea – date TBD but thinking about this as a yearen event; Diamond Sound is potential tender for night; \$175/table for minimum 2 hours; blackjack, craps, roulette, Caribbean Stud, wheel of chance, poker, slot machines (4 slots = 1 table); minimum 10 tables

### 12. League Representative: Les Hodge



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- Has game books and helmet stickers which will be handed out at coaches/managers meeting

### **13. Ice Coordinator:** Kathy Morton

- Has two ice slots in Thorsby, 2 ice slots in Calmar; deposit checks have been submitted
- Devon Skating Club has denied DMHA ice times that we requested for use during tournaments; moving forward DMHA will be reluctant to release our ice times if DSC asks for ice during their special events

### **14. Equipment Manager:** Trisha Way

- Jerseys have been going out, sizing and condition of some jerseys has been a bit of an issue
- Tim Bits jerseys and socks have come in, a large quantity was able to be ordered.
- Found some sponsorship bars from independent grocers and will hold on to them until an agreement has been reached; Evolution would like new sponsorship logos to be submitted via VECTOR format, PDF will be acceptable, however a conversion fee will be charged; all new sponsorships to be directed to Steve Benson

**15. Evaluations Co-ordinator:** Brad Whelen

**16. Website Coordinator:** Natasha Kuchirka

**17. IP Level Coordinator:** Nicole Howett

**18. Novice Level Coordinator:** Josh Generaux

**19. Atom Level Coordinator:** Shawn Bartoshweski

**20. PeeWee Level Coordinator:** Tina Pollock & Jacquie Simeniuk

**21. Bantam Level Coordinator:** Crystal Bernard

**22. Midget Level Coordinator:** Vicci Letourneau


**Closing Discussion:**

**Next Meeting Date: October 24, 2018**

**Meeting adjourned: 9:21 PM**



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