



**Devon Minor Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 6, 2017
Called to Order: 6:30 pm
Minutes Taken By: Crystal Reimer

In attendance: Jonathan Morton, Crystal Reimer, Steven Kuchirka, Rachelle Morgado, Melissa Price, Travis Shaw, Brad Whelen, Darcy Skinner, Chris Simonson, Josie Barbon, Shan Tebb, Chris Higdon, Steve Benson, Crystal Bernard

Item 1: Motion to approve the August 22, 2017 Agenda

Motion made to approve September 6, 2017 agenda by motioned by Steven Kuchirka
Seconded by Chris Higdon
All in favour

Item 2: Review & Approve the July 25, 2017 Minutes

Motion made to approve August 22, 2017 minutes made by Crystal Reimer
Seconded by Melissa Price
All in favour

Item 3: New Business Arising from Minutes

- 3.1 Evolution apparel demo (CCM and Bauer) only Bauer was available to view, as the CCM products are not in yet. The CCM products will be brought at the next meeting. Steve will follow up on the price for the hockey bag. Apparel night is scheduled for picture night.
- 3.2 Nominate & vote for a new Website and Equipment coordinator's
 - Chris Simonson announced his interest to be considered for website coordinator role, Steven Kuchirka nominated Chris Simonson, Rachelle Morgado second, all in favour.
 - Crystal Bernard announced her interest to be considered for equipment coordinator
 - Travis provided a job overview of the equipment coordinator role for Crystal Bernard
 - Crystal Reimer nominated Crystal Bernard, second by Steve Benson, all in favour.
- 3.3 Current Registration – Rachelle
258 kids enrolled (August 22 meeting 245 kids)
 - 26 initiations – estimated 2 teams
 - 42 novices – estimated 3 teams
 - 62 atoms – estimated 4 teams
 - 48 peewees – estimated 3 teams

- 45 bantams – estimated 2 teams
 - 35 midgets – estimated 2 teams
 - 35 kids asked for releases
- 3.4 Meeting Protocol discussion – Jonathan asked if a sub group wanted to create a DMHA meeting protocol format outside the regular scheduled DMHA meeting. Steven Kuchirka suggested that we keep to the agenda to ensure we keep these meeting moving. Jonathan said he will put more focus on tabling topics for future meetings.
- 3.5 Jonathan presented the new initiation program mandated by Hockey Alberta: https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/uploads/source/Initiation/2017-18_Initiation_Program_Standards.pdf . DMHA will now comply with Hockey Alberta initiation program. In addition, there will be changes to the Hockey Alberta Novice program next year. Steven Benson will contact our DMHA initiation coordinator and provide her all the Hockey Alberta initiation program requirements and assist her with any support she needs to implement the changes.
- Crystal Bernard will talk to the town to find out if we can store the dividers. Steve Benson will find out when the dividers will be in and ready to be picked up from Drayton Valley.

Item 4.1 President Report

Jonathan Morton

- a. Executive Member Pledges follow-up – Chris Simonson, Crystal Bernard
- b. CMHA info - Calmar is looking to combine their bantam players with Thorsby.
 - DMHA is still waiting to hear about the availability for Calmar ice. Calmar offered 5 pm ice but DMHA would have a hard time getting coaches on the ice in Calmar at 5 pm.
 - DMHA will accommodate as many peewee kids as possible.
 - DMHA currently has 45 kids register for bantam and is over the recommend max number of 38 – includes 4 goalie’s. Some questions occurred on how to handle DMHA kid’s overage. DMHA will follow the existing 9.3.1 Rules and Regulation in the event that the number of registrations is not viable for the operations of a team.
 - Calmar was informed that they need to release the kids and provide the forms to the DMHA registrar before the kids are able to skate on the Devon ice.
 - DMHA players who have a received an N.T.O. (Notification of Tryout Form) signed by the president, may participate in the DMHA conditioning camps ONLY prior to the commencement of their AA or AAA tryouts. Once these Tryouts begin, players must not skate in Devon until they have been released from the association where they are trying-out.
- c. Action log – reviewed and update
- d. Ron Oscroft from Quickstart will be teaching the September 23 and 24 checking clinics. Darcy will draft the details of who should attend and what the processes will be for a notice to be posted on DMHA website by September 12, 2017.

Note: A parent requested in writing to have his initiation son try out for novice. The executive reviewed the 8.2.2 DMHA Rule and Regulations and approve the request following the below rule:

8.2.2. Players of a lower category may try out with the next highest category's representative team by submitting a written request to the DMHA President prior to the start of evaluations. If the request is approved by DMHA the player may participate in evaluations at the requested higher category. If the Devon player succeeds in making the team they will be allowed to play provided they do not bump another Devon player in that category who would thus be unable to play on a Devon team.

Item 4.2 Vice President

Steven Kuchirka

- a. Manager Forms and Document page – No feedback was sent. Steven and Travis will work together to post the information on the Managers tab on the website

Item 4.3: Past President

Chris Higdon – Will be wiping out the old computer to ensure no personal or DMHA information is at risk.

Item 4.4: Treasurer

Melissa Price

- a. Team treasure summary was sent to Travis by Melissa to add to the Manager/Coaches guideline
- b. Provided Cheques for 1660 team registration, Rachelle will give the cheques to Drew

Item 4.5: Secretary

Crystal Reimer

- a. Update on Devon Lions Chalet September 25 – subsidy approved

Item 4.6: Coach Director

Travis Shaw

- a. Last 6 coach's interviews are scheduled for September 7. Two coach applicants are out of town.
- b. Coaches training - work with Rachelle for the list of existing coach certifications
- c. Voted in new policy for CRC and vulnerable sector – every volunteer. Crystal Reimer motioned to approve changes, Jonathan second, all in favour. The Vice President will coordinate the CRC and vulnerable sector process moving forward.
- d. Coaches/manager manual update
- e. Coach committee meeting Sunday September 10

Item 4.7: Registrar

- Rachelle Morgado – Sylvan Lake registrar's meeting Aug 29
- New parents and coaches have to take respect in sport coaches before being added to a team
- Hockey Alberta will be implementing a 5 year renew rule for respect in sport for parents and coaches.
- Every coach must be register to all teams they participate on (cannot be carded to only one)
- LMHA must use the new Hockey Alberta forms, with the new logo

- No more individual zone meetings by Hockey Alberta
- All coach's certifications must be done asap
- Hockey Alberta announced that the Novice program may be going to half ice next year

Item 4.8: Ref in Chief

Cole Matwichuk –

- Ref web page – Cole will draft some information
The registration process: the interested ref applicant emails the DMHA ref in chief who then emails the required registration code back to the ref applicant.

Item 4.9: Level Director

Steve Benson –

- Team manager & sponsorship web pages updates - updated
- Sponsorship letter update not on website – will follow up and get it done
- Team jersey sponsor - Chrysler will sponsor a team
- Novice level coordinator still required
- Initiation will start on the September 23 and 24
- Photo night and apparel night first or second week of October

Item 4.10: Fundraising Director

Chelsey Long - absent

Item 4.11: Governor

Drew Hiltz – absent

Needs ice info by September 9 from ice coordinator

Item 4.12: Ice Coordinator

Kathy Morton – absent

Item 4.13: Referee Assignor

Brandy Fisher – absent

Item 4.14: Equipment Manager

Crystal Bernard

- Jersey replacement update – not required for this hockey session.
- First aid kits, pylons, tooter shooters 10 pylons per team 14 teams, helmet kit, blue pucks
- Where will the dividers be stored – follow up with the town

Item 4.15: Website Coordinator –

The Evaluation process and updates will be posted on the DMHA news feed as the occur
Elite girls try out posted

Posting – communication is between evaluation committee, coaches director, vice president and approved by Jonathan and then sent to the website coordinator to post.

Item 4.16: Evaluations Coordinator

- Darcy Skinner – will request the respective level coordinators to come help hand out pinnies, and perspective coach applicants
- Skills help - Darcy will reach out to the Northern Alberta Extreme Academy and request some players to help.
- Darcy will coordinate a volunteer list
- Condition skating – couple drills and then game play bantam and midget.

Item 4.17: Level Coordinator – IP

Vacant – Di Rushfeldt

Item 4.18: Level Coordinator – Novice

– Absent

Item 4.19: Level Coordinator – Atom

Rob Melnychuk and Shawn Bartoshewski - Absent

Item 4.20: Level Coordinator – Peewee

Tina Genge and Danine Regenwetter –

Item 4.21: Level Coordinator – Bantam

Wayne Wolf – nothing to report

Item 4.22: Level Coordinator – Midget

Shan Tebb – nothing to report

Item 4.23: Regional AA Representative

Darcy Skinner –

- Does Devon have sports for Beaumont or Leduc goalies?
- Beaumont AA - Peewee final team announced September 8, 2017
- Bantams started September 3
- Midget begins September 14

Item 5.1: Closing Discussion

- Concussion testing and awareness promotion discussion, Chris will contact Devon Physical Therapy. Advertising for Devon Physical Therapy \$20 a head for a baseline concussion testing.
- Mouth guard – Devon Dental Associates is offering a free clear mouth guard to any child registered with DMHA. Coordinate with Devon Dental and see if DMHA can promote info on the DMHA website.

Item 5.2: Date of the Next Meeting

October 3, 2017 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned:

8:39 pm