



Devon Minor Hockey Meeting Minutes

Date: September 4, 2019

Called to Order: 6:38 PM

Minutes Taken By: Joanna Parnell

Attendees: Nicole Howatt, Peggie Melnychuk-Millard, Joe Reynolds, Max Rupp, Russ Buote, Brandy Fisher, Trisha Way, Jerrit Zimmer, Teshia Rupp, Steven Kuchirka, Allison Whelen, Joanna Parnell, Marc Aromin, Rob Melnychuk, Brad Whelen, Steve Benson, Mitch Way

Motion to approve the agenda:

- Motion made to approve the September 4, 2019 agenda by Nicole Howatt, seconded by Steven Kuchirka
- All in favor

Review and Approve August 20, 2019 Minutes:

- Motion made to approve the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes by Steven Kuchirka, seconded by Nicole Howatt
- All in favor

New Business:

1. Novice level concerns – Teshia Rupp

- Concerns about team sizes, has major concerns about 3 large teams (15 kids/team) as opposed to 4 small team sizes (10 kids/team) would preferred small team sizes to allow for more ice time, to allow for more development for the children, better engagement etc.
- concerns about driving for 1.5 hours to a game for a 45-minute game and not having enough game/play time, boredom of the kids, bench management issues
- discussion surrounding ice availability and running 4 teams, ice is scarce
- **Motion** to create 3 Novice teams of: Team A to consist of 12-13 players, Team B to consist of 12-13 players, Team C to consist of 19-remainder of kids. Made by Ali Whelen, seconded by Joanna Parnell; all in favour, motion passed
- **Motion** to put Novice Teams A and B into NAI league play and Team C will have local league game play. Made by Joanna Parnell, seconded by Ali Whelen; all in favour, motion passed

Reports:



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1. **President:** Ali Whelen

- Brent C says evaluations are running smoothly, both weekend schedules are made up. Discussion about the goalies and have they been moved to have two goalies per scrimmage team
- Checking clinic is on Thursday September 12. Nicole to send out email to second year peewee and bantam level kids (look on website)
- Parent volunteers allowed on ice and bench must have a current criminal/vulnerable check done.
- Parents cannot be allowed on the bench with own children

2. **Vice President:** Marc Aromin

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3. **Past President:** Steven Kuchirka

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4. **Treasurer:** Melissa Price

- Will send expense report
- 2 families will not be allowed on ice as per rules and regulations and late fees not yet cleared
- Checks out are to
 - NAI league \$3150 for 14 teams @ \$225per team

5. **Secretary:** Joanna Parnell

- Will create a Dropbox or a shared google document with consideration as to who can gain access to specific files, financial information/documents/letters will only be granted access to the treasurer and the president.

6. **Coach Director:** Rob Melnychuk

- At coaches/managers meeting need to speak about each level coordinator to create a tournament committee to help with set up etc.
- Have been receiving a flood of applications, will be setting up interviews ASAP
- Will send out more emails for levels that are deficient in applications

7. **Registrar:** Nicole Howatt

- Registrar/president meeting in Millet on August 28th, meeting went well; gained training and education on how to perform the duties and expectations on how to be a registrar
- Novice and IP players can be used with no affiliation and are interchangeable



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- Three players still on waitlist on midget level, they will still participate in the evaluations
- There are still some respect in sports that have expired that need to be finished, as well as some kids are not linked to parents, a few have expired; 1 midget, 1 bantam, 2 peewee, 2 Atom, 1 Novice, 2 IP
- Numbers: 32 IP, 43 Novice, 41 Atom, 53 PeeWee, 32 Bantam, 39 Midget (3 on waitlist); have one child that registered in IP, should have been registered in Novice

8. Referee in Chief: Joe Reynolds

- Has two clinics set November 16th 2019, hoping to split into more senior refs, then more junior refs in other clinic

9. Level Director: Steve Benson

- Jerseys are in and are ready to be sorted
- Discussion on providing some compensation to volunteers; Volunteers are harder to come by perhaps a small compensation would incite more people to step up to volunteer. Perhaps executive members and level coordinators should receive a small incentive to volunteer for the positions. Funds could potentially be pulled from the tournament proceeds. Table discussion to future meeting.

10. Fundraising Director: Peggie Melnychuk-Millard

- Motion to approve Navajo printing to print out raffle tickets in the amount of \$871.50, Peggie made the motion, Ali seconded, all in favour, approved
- Is ahead of schedule to get the licencing for cash raffle.
- 50/50 game night – needs 70 volunteers to maximize how many tickets are sold; needs to get on track with creating the list of volunteers etc. more info should come out at the coaches/managers meeting

11. League Representative: Max Rupp

- Just getting information needed for the NAI meeting this Saturday September 7th, and governors meeting either on the 14th, or 20th.
- Edmonton league has responded about joining the league with some preliminary documentation, more follow up to come for questions and answers to come. More discussion needed at a future meeting

12. Ice Coordinator: Kathy Morton



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- Still getting all documents ready to send out, Calmar at this point has no available ice, other than a few ice times on the weekend
- Still looking into getting Thorsby ice time, will not have that until late
- Morning ice is looking like we may need to add into rotation 6:30-7:30 am; ice is limited this year
- Ice agreement is just needing some minor adjustments for final approval
- NAI Novice ice, waiting to hear from ToD, trying to work how it would look with 3-4 teams; working on timing if ice was to be flooded
 - Practice and game time schedules still need to be worked out dependent on how many teams

13. AA/AAA Representative:

- Leduc is pretty quiet about who is staying and who has been weeded out
- Beaumont is running strong, and cuts are being made

14. Referee Assignor:

- Bring back Ref of the month, check out Evolution Sports for small gift as way of thanks. Discussion about local business sponsoring the gift bag for a chance at some advertising
- Novice refs are not to call official penalties (can still blow the whistle, call out the arm movements as a teaching moment) refs will still be shadowed

15. Equipment Manager:

- Look into pricing to purchase letters "C" and "A"'s for each team that need to be passed out and returned at the end of the year.
- Motion made by Nicole, second Ali, all in favour, passed. Trisha Way to look into pricing and purchase of sticks and magnetic
- Has all equipment returned the storage room is cleaned out, needs help from some kids to help hang up jerseys up and organize. Needs to order/procure hangers
- Pucks are needed, need first aid kits, has authorization to purchase supplies needed.
- Old trophies have been returned, is wondering where to give the really old ones. The Devon Historic society has offered to take all old trophies. JP to contact Anita Fisher about coming to get them. (trophy case on the inside of the rink houses our trophies)

Closing Discussion: Call novice committee meeting before evaluations commence next week.

Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2019

Meeting adjourned: 8:58 PM