



Devon Minor Hockey Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2020

Called to Order: 7:08 PM

Minutes Taken By: Joanna Parnell

Attendees: Joanna Parnell, Peggie Melnychuk-Millard, Nicole Howatt, Trisha Way, Rainie Gervais, Darcy Skinner, Brent Coutu, Brandy Fisher, Bobby Moore, Max Rupp, Kathy Morton, Steven Kuchirka, Ali Whelen, Joe Reynolds, Melissa Price

Motion to approve the agenda:

- Motion to approve the January 8, 2020 agenda made by Nicole Howatt, seconded by Peggie Melnychuk; All in favour, motion approved

Review and Approve October 29, 2019 Minutes:

- Motion to approve the November 26, 2020 minutes made by Ali Whelen, seconded by Steven Kuchirka; All in favour, motion approved

New Business:

Rainie Gervais Presentation for Hockey Edmonton League

- Brief explanation about why he looked into Hockey Edmonton and examples about the challenges of having three boys in the NAI League and the extreme amounts of travel in kilometers and time.
- has gotten bylaws from HE, from Hockey Edmonton
- has spoken with representatives and from the old Stoney plain League and what they have experienced in making the move to Hockey Edmonton one year ago. Some questions asked were about ice times, if Edmonton takes practice time and ice for game, where games are held, tournaments, week night games in Edmonton, how long does it take to get in the league – got in right away once the official application goes in.
- Not governed by EH bylaws, would be considered an interlock team and maintain our own association and are affiliated with Edmonton. Meaning we still control our own ice ties, schedules, governing rules/regulations etc..
- To apply to join, the application needs to be submitted by April 1, 2020, rational for request to leave current league...why, impact statement on league we are leaving and demonstrate we can have our own ice time.
- Contact tier 1,2,3; non-contact tier 4,5,6; game lengths novice and atom 1 hour (13/13/13), peewee 1.5 hours (15/15/20), bantam 1.5 hours (15/15/20), Midget
- Max Rupp – spoke to the office manager from Spruce Grove, got some negative feedback, such as Hockey Edmonton dictates what, where and when.



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- Recommendations: we need to jump on this fast to speak to each team to present the information, collect feedback, and get questions answers. Rainie Gervais, Max Rupp, to coordinate, Trisha Way and Ali Whelen to assist; would be willing to step up and get moving forward on a shift to Hockey Edmonton.

Reports:

- 1. President:** Ali Whelen
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- 2. Vice President:** Marc Aromin – not present
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- 3. Past President:** Steven Kuchirka
 - Junior coaches – has noticed that a lot of times there are multiple junior coaches on ice and it is becoming an issue,
- 4. Treasurer:** Melissa Price
 - Question from Yannik Cohwen about getting reimbursements from DMHA from his ref clinic, as per bylaws, the first year as a ref in DMHA will not get the reimbursement back
 - Has gotten a request for a benevolent fund withdrawal, will speak to President in regards.
 - Expenses coaching clinic 3150, equipment 304.48, ice rent 18877.58 calmar/thorsby/devon nov/dec, general supplies 130.70; accounting fees 73.50 nov/dec, phone fees ice co, registrar treasure, ice scheduler 250 , facility rental 598.58, volunteer wages 2300, ref wages nov/dec 6097, ref clinic supplies 346.42
- 5. Secretary:** Joanna Parnell –
 - Update on rules and regs changes
- 6. Coach Director:** Rob Melnychuk
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- 7. Registrar:** Nicole Howatt
 - Had a hockey Alberta Zone 4 conference call. No major changes, has sent out a provincial categorization chart
 - Has the schedule for the provincial playoffs. Put dates in. Locations to be determined. Attached at back of minutes.
 - Has run into issues from Novice 3 manager. Regarding ice and shared practice times with Novice 1and 2. The issue has been passed off to the Level Director as no resolution has been reached with the Novice level coordinator
- 8. Referee in Chief:** Joe Reynolds
 - Received an email from North Zone mentorship group for a refresher course held in Warburg January 20th 6-9 held at the school and Warburg arena



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9. Referee Assignor: Brandy Fisher

- Novice 3 manager challenges with not getting reffing requests in on time. Brandy has requested that the manager please get requests in a timelier fashion.
- Referring wage rates have gone up 1.5 times more \$ for Sunday games. has had to honour during a tournament, if a game goes to a shoot out or over time, refs are entitled to an extra \$20.
- Has a ref who is no longer willing to get on the ice as a Midget 2 parent approached the ref as she was leaving the ref room after a game and proceeded to tell the ref how to make calls, what calls the ref missed, etc...she is going to be taking a break
- Had a different ref mention that he never did the clinic so is not eligible to ref.
- Steve Benson has created a template for the awards night

10. Level Director: Steve Benson

- Midget tournament banner cost was \$193.69, plaque cost \$155.38. motion to have DMHA pay for it. Steve Benson made motion, Ali seconded.
- Old jerseys have a colony of mice living in the pile. They now need to be thrown in the garbage.
- IP tournament update: IP level co-ordinator has sent out multiple emails trying to generate interest in the tournament. IP has had zero responses at this time. Tourney is in Feb. 15. currently that same weekend there are multiple tournaments in surrounding areas at the same time, drop entry fee from \$600 to \$400 to get teams interested. Put entry deadline by January 20th or the tournament will be cancelled
- Motion to drop IP tournament fee to \$400 for the 2020 tournament. Steve Benson made motion to adopt, Nicole Howatt seconded; All approved, motion passed

11. Fundraising Director: Peggie Melnychuk

- Raffle tickets are out but has not had many requests for more ticket books come in. has approached Independent to set up a table near the entrance to sell extra tickets. The response was not very positive. IGA will be approached next to set up a table. Talk to home hardware, the eye clinic, dental offices, alternate businesses to have tickets available to sell.
- 50/50 volunteers we are only at our minimum of 57 people.
- Mandatory fundraising – has reached out to other associations about implementing mandatory fundraising and how to do it.

12. League Representative: Max Rupp

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13. Ice Coordinator: Kathy Morton

- Max Rupp has had a few questions from some parents regarding ice time and if we would be able to get ice schedules out with more advance notice. Kathy explained that all TBA games have now been booked, we lost an ice time because we had to give back to the Devon Figure skating time back,



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- Has gotten cost of ice from tournaments: Atom tourney \$3082.70, Bantam tourney \$3375.49, Midget tourney \$3317.74, PeeWee tourney \$3549.32.
- Novice needs ice for tourney only on the Saturday and Sunday, and is giving up ice on the Friday for the tournament.

14. AA/AAA Representative: Jon Morton – not in attendance

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15. Equipment Manager: Trish Way – not in attendance

- Novice 1 and 2 need new goalie equipment pads, chest, stick
- Will take care of old jerseys and get them disposed of.

16. Evaluations Co-ordinator:

17. Website Coordinator:

18. IP Level Coordinator:

19. Novice Level Coordinator:

20. Atom Level Coordinator:

21. PeeWee Level Coordinator:

22. Bantam Level Coordinator:

23. Midget Level Coordinator:

Closing Discussion:

Next Meeting Date: Feb 5, 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 9:23



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INFORMATION BULLETIN 19-05

December 4, 2019

Minor Hockey division names to change for 2020-21 season

At Hockey Canada's Winter Congress recently in Montreal, a national regulation change was approved to revise the naming of the age divisions used in minor hockey across Canada. Please note that these changes only apply to Minor Hockey. Junior hockey (WHL, AJHL, Junior B and C leagues) and Senior hockey are not impacted.

This Bulletin is to confirm that the changes outlined by Hockey Canada will be in effect in Alberta effective for the 2020-21 season:

Current Division Name	Age Division Name for 2020-21
Initiation	Under-7 (U7)
Novice	Under-9 (U9)
Atom	Under-11 (U11)
Pee wee	Under-13 (U13)
Bantam	Under-15 (U15)
Minor Midget	Under-16 (U16)
Midget	Under-18 (U18)

NOTE: Ages are as of December 31 of the current year.

Specific to minor hockey in Alberta, please note the following:

1. In the Intro to Hockey model, if Major and Minor Novice divisions are used by a Minor Hockey Association, the division names would become U8 for Minor Novice and U9 for Major Novice.
2. Levels of play in each Age Division, including category and tiering systems, are not impacted by these changes.

The change to Age Divisions from Division Names aligns with current practices within the IIHF and other national and provincial sports organizations. Longer term, we believe that using Age divisions rather than Names will be easier to understand for all involved in our sport and newcomers looking to join our sport for the first time.

The process is underway to identify changes and updates that need to occur at various levels, including for Hockey Alberta's Bylaws and Regulations, for leagues, and for our member organizations across the province. We will be working on updates for our website, as well as forms and documents, awards and plaques, and other items, with a goal of having updates in place prior to the start of the season. Historical references to Division Names will not be changed; the focus is looking forward on existing documents and resources.

Minor Hockey Associations and Sanctioned Leagues are encouraged to examine their resources and identify changes that need to be made, as well as connect with Hockey Alberta staff members or Volunteer Committee Coordinators about changes in documents or processes that may need to be implemented.

Our goal is to work with our member organizations to make this process as smooth as possible. If you have questions on the process, please submit them to a special email address for this project:

agedivisions@hockeyalberta.ca



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2020 HOCKEY ALBERTA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY ATB FINANCIAL

CATEGORY / DIVISION	DATES	LOCATION
Senior AAA Male	Provincial Playoff	
Senior AA Male	March 26 – 29, 2020	Lethbridge Lightning
Junior A	League Playoffs	
Junior B Male	April 2 - 5, 2020	Blackfalds Wranglers
Junior C Male	TBD	
Junior Female	League Playoffs	
Midget		
Midget AAA	League Playoffs	
Minor Midget AAA	TBD	
Midget AA	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Midget Tier 1	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Midget Tier 2	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Midget Tier 3	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Midget Tier 4	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Midget Female AAA	March 20 - 22, 2020	
Midget Female Elite	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Midget Female A	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Midget Female B	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Bantam		
Bantam AAA	League Playoffs	
Bantam AA	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Bantam Tier 1	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Bantam Tier 2	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Bantam Tier 3	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Bantam Tier 4	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Bantam Female Elite	March 19 - 22, 2020	
Bantam Female A	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Bantam Female B	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Pee wee		
Pee wee AA	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Pee wee Tier 1	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Pee wee Tier 2	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Pee wee Tier 3	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Pee wee Tier 4	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Pee wee Female A	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Pee wee Female B	March 26 – 29, 2020	
Atom		
Atom AA Major	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Atom AA Minor	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Atom A	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Atom B	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Atom C	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Atom D	March 19 – 22, 2020	
Atom Female	March 19 – 22, 2020	



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ZONE 4 - ATOM PROVINCIAL CATEGORIZATION					
AA MAJOR	AA MINOR	A	B	C	D
Beaumont 1 - T1	Red Deer Phone Experts - T2	Blackfalds 1 - T2	Blackfalds 2 - T4	Blackfalds 3 - T5	Lacombe 4 - T6
Leduc 1 - T1	Sylvan Lake 1 - T1	Devon 1 - T2	Innisfail 2 - T5	Eckville 2 - T5	Thorsby 3 - T6
Red Deer KFC - T1	** Rocky Mtn House 1 - T1	Innisfail 1 - T3	Lacombe 2 - T3	Innisfail 3 - T6	Warburg 1 - T5
Red Deer SW - T1	Lacombe 1 - T1	Maskwacis 1 - T4	Ponoka 1 - T3	Ponoka 2 - T4	Winfield 1 - T6
		Red Deer Cambridge - T3	Rocky Mtn House 2 - T3	Rimbey 1 - T3	
		Sylvan Lake 2 - T3	Sylvan Lake 3 - T4	Rocky Mtn House 3 - T6	
		Eckville 1 - T2	Wetaskiwin 1 - T3	Sylvan Lake 4 - T5	
		Thorsby 1 - T2	Spruce View 1 - T4	Thorsby 2 - T3	
			Bentley 1 - T2	Wetaskiwin 2 - T6	
				** Bowden 1 - T3	

Provincial Tourney
Host

Moved Up due to tier
&/or Record

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Prov Host & Tier

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