



Devon Minor Hockey Meeting Minutes September 2021 DMHA Executive Meeting

Date: November 3, 2021

Called To Order: 7:02pm

Minutes Taken By: Brittany Wright

Attendees: Brittany Wright, Duane McNirney, Rainie Gervais, Nicole Howatt, Steven Kuchirka, Brandy Fisher, Drew Hiltz, Lisa Campbell, Lacey McKay, Ali Whelen, Joanna Parnell, Peggie Melnychuk, Jamie Zimmer, Wayne Wolfe, Kasia Pelley, Max Rupp, Natasha Kuchurka, Leta Primosch, Joe Reynolds, Selena White, Erick Barba, Marc Aromin, Tina Pollock

Motion to approve the November 3, 2021 Agenda:

- Motion to approve the September 21, 2021 Agenda made by: Steven Kuchurka
- Seconded by: Ali Whelen
- All in favor, motion approved

Review and Approve October 6, 2021 Minutes (AGM):

- Motion to approve the October 6, 2021 minutes made by: Peggie Melnychuk
- Seconded by: Ali Whelen
- All in favor, motion approved
- Adjust for Coach Director that Steven Kuchurka was there

New Business: Stephanie: for U9 all players need to get something, or else they get nothing. There are no playoffs so it has to be purchased for all players. \$1500 for 225 kids does not go as far.

Reports:

1. President - Raine Gervais
 - a. Conflict of Interest Policy Discussion
 - i. No formal conflict of interest policy, would be a good idea to have/create one though. The league is working on this as well as some other associations.
 - ii. Thinking Duane, Rainie, Joe, Melissa and Peggie to discuss this
 1. No objections to this
 - b. Evaluation Process Improvements
 - i. Every year they seem to go more smooth, but always looking on ways to improve
 - ii. One thing that Brent suggested is reaching out to Beaumont, Leduc, Stony Plain, Calmar, Thorsby to see how they run their evaluations. Any



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lessons we can learn from them? Anything unique they do that could also benefit us?

- iii. Thinking a committee of Brent, Adam, Steve, Rainie, Duane and Max to discuss and reach out to other associations and bring ideas back to DMHA
 - c. Examination of Executive Roles
 - i. Are all the roles we currently have still applicable? Our new league operates in a different manner than the previous league.
 - ii. Max and Rainie have discussed how the league rep is used, typically not used in EFHL
 - iii. Committee for this Duane, Rainie, Ali, Brittany, Melissa and Peggie suggested. No objections.
 - d. Upcoming Tiering Meetings
 - i. November 9 at 6:30pm will be the tiering meeting for U9, U11 and U13
 - ii. The President and one other individual are invited to these meetings. It will be Rainie and Duane
 - iii. Will be reaching out to coaches over the next week to see if teams need to move or if they are good where they are
 1. This does not mean movement will happen, but we can apply and make a case for the teams
 - e. HA Annual Meeting
 - i. Rainie will message out the date to everyone. Either November 24 or 25
 - f. U18 Affiliation Update
 - i. Can U18-1 affiliate from multiple teams? Yes they can, however the executive will have some input on direction for that. We want to make sure affiliations are spread as evenly as possible so that no one is left without an affiliate
2. Vice President - Duane McNirney
 - a. Tournament Coordinator Position
 - i. Should we have someone to take over as a tournament coordinator to help all the levels? Someone in the know, that can help new parents that are stepping in
 - ii. This should possibly be a paid position?
 - iii. This is a lot of work to add to the Level Director position, looking after the tournaments is basically a full time position
 3. Past President - Marc Aromin
 - a. \$1500 seed money, \$500 extra seed for U9 and U11 levels
 - i. Seed money is just to start out, you can still get donations as well



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- ii. Items are being purchased on personal credit cards as the seed money is not available right away, but we also need time to have items shipped in time for the tournaments
 - b. Prefer to ask parents in future tournaments organizing to either receive seed money, \$50 each parent cash call, or receive both
 - i. You can ask for the parent cash call, but if you are getting the seed money you shouldn't need to
 - ii. The seed money is essentially for the prize table, and if the money isn't all spend, you can give the parents back their money
 - iii. If half the tournament registrations are in, then perhaps we could give the seed money to those teams with tournaments in the first half of the season
 - iv. Rainie suggested looking at everything on a case by case basis. Level coordinators can reach out if they need the the seed money earlier
 - c. Ref cost regularity
 - i. When will teams be getting the ref costs?
 - ii. There was a bit of a delay as teams had to get their bank accounts set up
 - iii. Once the games are scheduled, a cheque will be written for those games for the refs
 - d. Ice schedule for U9 tourney, can we make our own ice schedule for ice slots allotted
 - i. Marc said this was already addressed - no discussion needed
 - e. Clarity for mandatory tournaments for U9 in March
 - i. Which tournament is this? Is DMHA going into this one, or have we opted out?
 - ii. DMHA has not committed to any mandatory tournaments, Rainie is unsure what this is referring to - but this is likely just for Edmonton Minor Hockey
 - f. 5 minutes losing ice every practice, how is that 5 minutes made up after 12 practices where the 5 minutes accumulated equals 1 full hour practice
 - i. This happened because the teams wanted regular dates and times to help manage schedules. At the beginning of the year, the coaches said they want full ice practices at U9 level. If the teams are open to shared ice, then one team won't lose out, or if the parents are okay with not having the schedule be the same every week we can look at that as well. This was done due to feedback received from the parents. The executive is definitely open to change though.
- 4. Treasurer - Melissa Blize



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- a. Nothing to report - swamped getting the fundraising e transfers in so no budget to report
5. Secretary - Brittany Wright
 - a. Do we know if there is a concession starting at the rink?
 - i. No, there will not be one
 - b. The U11 tournament does NOT want the concession if there is one. We've already secured a food truck as we had not heard about a concession prior to booking
 - c. Joanna, when will you be able to create a tab for the 2021/2022 meeting minutes? It was brought to my attention that none of the minutes from this year have been posted yet
 - i. Brittany to send all the minutes to Joanna to post them
6. Coach Director - Steven Kuchirka
 - a. Nothing to report
 - b. Coaches are looking for pucks
 - c. EFHL is putting on coaching clinics
 - i. U11 Tier 1 and 2 is November 10 - can talk drills, practices, games, all that stuff
7. Registrar - Nicole Howatt
 - a. Officially tendering her resignation during this meeting
 - b. Erick Barba wants to know why the HCR's are the way they are
 - i. Rainie tried to explain things, HA will come to DMHA if they have a concern with it.
8. Referee in Chief - Joe Reynolds
 - a. Speakers at benches
 - i. TofD has placed speakers right above the benches, but when there is music on, you can barely hear between the coaches and the refs, or coaches and players. Can we talk to the rink/town to have the speakers turned away from the benches
 1. Rainie will reach out to Sean to address this issue
 - b. Tournament ref payment
 - i. Melissa will pay them
 - c. Team payment for upcoming ref fees
 - i. Melissa will give teams money once they have a team bank account
 - d. Ref Clinic
 - i. Everything went fairly well. We've had some refs go to other associations.
 - ii. Some kids are looking to fill the on ice requirements with Joe in Devon



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1. Rainie wants to know how much ice time is needed? Joe could likely get this done in 15 minutes prior to a U9 game
 2. Joe should reach out to Tina to get some ice time for a junior ref session
9. Referee Assignor - Brandy Fisher
- a. Ref Pay
 - i. Need to figure out payment when there is a 3 man system, some U15 and U18 refs are getting shorted
 - ii. Rainie suggested reaching out to Duncan and other associations to see how they are dealing with this
 - b. KM Pay
 - i. We are going to have to start paying km pay for some refs that are from Edmonton - need to chat about this offline with Rainie - There are rules with the EFHL that we are not to pay mileage, so we need to consult with EFHL.
 - c. Tournament food - U11 will be providing gift cards or an option for DQ
 - d. Number of Games - Why are there so little games right now? Biggest part of that is that we have fewer teams this year since our numbers are down. Fewer teams means fewer games. Refs are concerned with the number of games.
10. Level Director - Ali Whelen
- a. Still need a level director at U18 level
 - b. Picture Day - need approval from the town, they have been reluctant to give the OK for that as of yet - Rainie will give an example of what was done in Beaumont
11. Fundraising Director - Peggie Melnychuk
- a. Rafflebox Sign Up
 - i. The association has signed up with this so that anyone can use it
 - ii. Had a discussion about this with one parent
 1. Setting up the website and everything for U11
 2. 50/50's will be online for the tournaments
 3. Can be used for so many different things, possibly can even be used for individual games. One team is trying that this week
 - b. Volunteer Grant
 - i. A coach is asking to apply using DMHA as their non profit organization and donating it to DMHA - can part of the \$750 be used for their fundraising fee as well before donating the rest to DMHA?
 - ii. Melissa has dealt with this, she deposited the money and gave it back to the person to use for their team



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- iii. Peggie will tell them it's okay and to see how they want to proceed with the funds
- c. Finishing up VIP food orders
 - i. Will reach out to all managers to arrange for pick up
 - ii. Had about 40 people participate in this fundraiser
 - iii. Max asked if we could do VIP Foods in the spring?
- 12. League Representative - Max Rupp
 - a. Conflict of Interest form with EFHL - They did recommend having someone not involved in other associations representing us for EFHL, stepping aside and letting Duane attend those meetings in his place
 - b. There was no conflict of interest made towards Max, the EFHL just sees HSL and for profit leagues as competition so they will be discussing potential marketing ideas that they may want to ensure doesn't get out to HSL before going to the general public
 - i. Several of the members feel that people on the executive board of EFHL only have kids in the EFHL, not in any of the competing leagues
- 13. Ice Coordinator - Tina Pollock
 - a. Nothing to report, any questions?
 - b. Full schedule should be up hopefully by the end of November for all levels, then Tina will work to get all practices out as early as she can
 - i. Remind team managers to check the schedules regularly
- 14. Equipment Manager - Adam Wright
 - a. Third jersey request from U15-2
 - i. The team will be buying them and we will allow them to use them in a league that we play in
 - ii. Is the image copyrighted? Perhaps limiting it to tournaments?
 - iii. Rainie will reach out to Sue and let her know the motion passed and we will go from there
 - b. Pucks for U13-2 and U15-2
 - i. Executive has given approval to purchase more pucks if needed
 - c. Larger goalie jerseys
 - i. Working on getting these ordered
- 15. AA/AAA Representative - Jon Morton
 - a. Nothing to report, not in attendance
- 16. Evaluations Coordinator - Brent Coutu/Adam Wright
 - a. Nothing to report, not in attendance
- 17. Website Coordinator - Joanna Parnell
 - a. She had to leave the meeting



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18. U7 Level Coordinator - Looking to get her jerseys, have all their teams for the tournament, will meet up Friday evening with Brittany to get them
19. U9 Level Coordinator - Not in attendance
20. U11 Level Coordinator - Looking good for the tournament
21. U13 Level Coordinator - Nothing to report, things are going good
22. U15 Level Coordinator - Not in attendance
23. U18 Level Coordinator - TBD - No coordinator in place, Rainie to confirm if Wayne Wolfe is taking this position

Closing Discussion:

Next Meeting Date: December 1, 2021 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:01pm