



## Devon Minor Hockey Meeting Minutes

**Date: June 24, 2021**

**Called to Order: 7:07 PM**

**Minutes Taken By: Joanna Parnell**

**Attendees:** Aaron Van Beers, Adam Wright, Alana Gomes, Alex Dewar, Ali Whelen, Amber Darragh, Barry Lowen, Blair Saunders, Brad Whelen, Brandon Weber, Brandy Fisher, Brent Coutu, Brianne Hutchinson, Brittany Wright, Cassandra McNirney, Chris Simonson, Corey Kostyshen, Dawn Kostyshen, Dawn Lazenby, Dayna Pannebaker, Duane McNirney, Elise Gervais, Guiellermo Gomez, Ian MacPherson, Jamie Zimmer, Joanna Parnell, Jon Coleman, Josie Barbon, Julie Wagg, Justin Weber, Kyla Smale, Lacey Mckay, Landon Worrell, Leslie Preece, Marc Aromin, Marianne Maygard, Mark Sloan, Max Rupp, Melissa Blize, Michelle Huculak, Mike Lazenby, Mike Vant Hoff, Natasha Kuchirka, Nicole Howatt, Peggie Melychuk-Millard, Perry Thorne, Rainie Gervais, Rob Melnychuk, Roland Chambers, Roxanne Coutu, Russ Buote, Sabrina Barba, Erick Barba, Sarah Morin, Shelley Simonson, Stephanie Knott, Stephanie Worrell, Steven Kuchirka, Sue Faraschuk, Tanis Lazenby, Tim Darragh, Tina Pollock, Tracie Sarumowa, Travis Preece, Wayne Wolfe

### **Item 1: Motion to approve the June 24, 2021, AGM agenda:**

- Motion to approve the June 24, 2021, agenda made by Rainie Gervais, seconded by Joe Reynolds; All in favour, motion approved

### **Item 2: Review and Approve the June 18, 2020, AGM Minutes:**

- Motion to approve the June 18, 2020, minutes made by Rainie Gervais, seconded by Nicole Howatt ; All in favour, motion approved

### **Item 3: New Business**

#### **EFHL Update:**

- As you know, Devon Minor Hockey has petitioned to join with the EFHL (Edmonton Federated Hockey League) and leaving the NAI. At this time, the Executive has voted on leaving the NAI and moving forward with EFHL. Surveys petitioning the membership have been conducted over the course of the past 6 months. The majority of the membership was in favour of this move. An information session will be held at a later date in the near future to explain the details of this new league.

#### **Evaluations Structures Overview:**

- Brent Coutu presented a PowerPoint Presentation. The summary is attached at the end of the minutes as Appendix A



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### Item 4: Reports

#### 1. President Report:

THANK YOU! To the Parents, the Players and families of DMHA; for your contributions of time and finances and for your passion and your pride in the association, players and teams. Thank you for your support and trust in DMHA team officials, coaches, executives and all other volunteers. Thank you, to the Coaches, Managers, Team officials, organizers, "helpers, in many different capacities" Everyone who contributes to facilitate our kids playing hockey in this community.

Thank you, to the executive, paid administrators, and coordinators for working hard for this association and helping to meet and exceed the society objectives. Thank-you for helping to provide every minor hockey player in Devon an opportunity to participate in a well-organized and structured hockey-program - and have some fun!

Thank you, to all the companies that sponsored DMHA this past season (Hockey boards, tournaments, apparel, Hockey Equipment, fundraising etc.)

Thank you, to the Town of Devon who provides DMHA with a great facility to play the game and for their cooperation and support of our Hockey Programming.

Thank you, members, for your patience and understanding this year as Covid-19 has drastically changed and altered the remainder of our 2020/21 hockey season and all of the much-anticipated events and play-offs at the close of the year that have had to be put on an in-definite hold with the AHS guidelines on gatherings and the number of individuals that can attend. Once more definition has been provided by AHS, we will plan and host our awards ceremony when able to do so.

#### 2. Reviewing the Financial Statements:

- Melissa Price provided a summarized report of the 2020/21 financial statements to the members and opened the floor for questions.
- No questions asked
- Motion to accept the 2020/21 financial statements made by Melissa Price, Joanna Parnell seconded. All in Favour, motion passed

#### 3. Appointing the 2020/21 Financial Statement Auditors:

- Each year, the financial statements need to be reviewed and audited by two members in good standing. The floor is now open to accept our auditors.



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- Cassandra McNirney and Travis Shaw have volunteered to be appointed as the 2020/21 financial statements.

### 4. Electing of the Vice President:

- Duane McNirney has been nominated by Nicole Howatt, the nomination has been accepted.
- Ai Whelen has put forth her name for nomination.
- Both candidates were allowed the floor to speak on the reasons they are seeking the position of Vice President
- Motion made to accept the nominees for the position of Vice president was made by Brittany Wright, seconded by Marc Aromin.
- Results of the vote for Vice President
  - Duane McNirney – 36 votes
  - Ali Whelen – 27 votes
- Motion to appoint Duane McNirney the position of Vice President by a majority vote of 57%. Motion approved.

### 5. Electing of the Executive Directors:

- For the position of Treasurer:
  - o Melissa Price will let name stand.
  - o Marianne Maygaurd has been nominated by Brittany Wright, Maianne has accepted the nomination
  - o Both candidates were allowed the floor to speak to the position.
- Results of the vote for Treasurer
  - Melissa Blize – 35 votes
  - Marianne Maygaurd – 27 votes
- Motion to appoint Melissa Blize to the position of Treasurer by a majority vote of 56%. Motion approved.
- For the position of Secretary:
  - o Brittany Wright has been nominated by Adam Wright. No other nominations received. Brittany wins by acclamation.
- For the position of Coaches Director:
  - o Steven Kuchirka will let name stand. No other nominations received. Steven wins by acclamation.
- For the position of Registrar:
  - o Nicole Howatt will let name stand. No other nominations received. Nicole wins by acclamation.
- For the position of Referee in Chief:
  - o Joe Reynolds will let name stand. No other nominations Received. Joe wins by acclamation.
- For the position of Level Director:



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- No nominations have been put forward at this time. An email will be forth to the membership.
- For the position of Fundraising Director:
  - Peggie Melnychuk lets name stand. No other nominations received. Peggie wins by acclimation.
- For the position of Governor/League Representative:
  - Max Rupp will let name stand. No other nomination was received. Max wins by acclimation.
- Motion to accept all nominees to the positions of the Executive Directors was made by Nicole Howatt, Seconded by Marc Aromin. All approved, motion passed

### **6. Other Motions/items for discussion from the membership:**

- Raffle for the free registration fees was done by a random draw and was awarded to Amber Darragh.

### **Item 4: Closing:**

#### **1. Closing Discussion:**

- No further discussion

#### **2. Date of Next AGM:**

- Exact date TBD, but must happen before June 30, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM**



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# Appendix A

## DMHA EVALUATION PROCESS

### Our Goal for Evaluations

- The purpose of evaluations is to place players on the most appropriate team for their development. The people involved have the kids' best interest in mind and we are doing our best to make this happen.
- We want to provide a fair and equal opportunity for every child to make the team they desire.
- We want to be as transparent as possible, while respect the privacy of the children and families.

### The Timeline

- Hockey Alberta & Canada made a rule that players playing in U9 & U11 must have the opportunity to be on the ice a certain number of times before evaluations. With this rule in place and likely this rule will be implemented into the higher levels, DMHA has decided to push the evaluations for all groups.
- It is also beneficial to delay evaluations for the U13, U15 & U18 to have as many players back to DMHA as possible from their respective AA tryouts.

### Ice time for Evaluations

- Each player will attend 1 skills session and 2 scrimmages. The goalies will get a goalie specific session and 2 scrimmages. They may not get to play 2 full games, but the time in a net will be split as equally as possible.
- The goalies are not required to attend the players skill session, but they are welcome too for an extra ice time and the players appreciate having a goalie to shoot at. Either way, they are not given a score at the players skills session.



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### **How are size teams determined?**

➤ Based on registration numbers, the number of teams and size of teams are then determined. Ideally all teams will have the same number of players plus/minus 1 player. However, this could be difficult to determine exactly because of players coming back from AA or injured players starting the season late

### **How are players dealt with when missing the evaluation weekend?**

#### **(injury, vacation, AA tryouts)**

➤ When the players are available to skate with DMHA, they start at team 1. We only guarantee 1 skate at that level, but if the player has a legitimate shot at making the team, the committee will enforce a minimum 2 skate rule.

➤ The decision to keep the player or to release the player will be made by the head coach of that team. Therefore, it is a great idea to make the evaluation weekend if possible.

### **How are the top teams determined?**

➤ Based on team size, which could be a total # of skaters or a certain number of D & F, the committee will decide how many players to lock, how many picks the coach gets and how many skate in the selection practice and game. The plan is for the coach to only have 2-3 picks out of about 7-8 players, but that could be adjusted based on the scores.

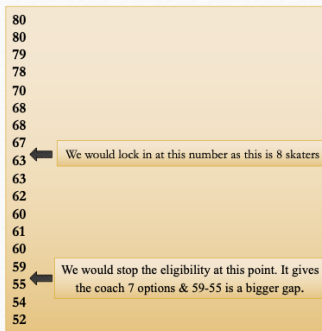
➤ Easiest to explain this with examples. Let's assume the following team needs to have 10 skaters (or 10 Forwards depending on level).



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### Example 1:

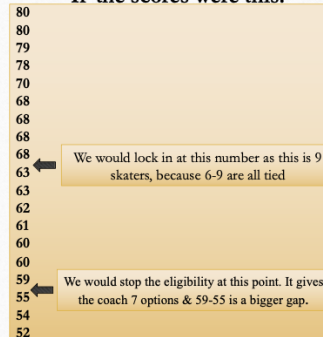
If the scores were this:



This gives the coach 2 picks

### Example 2:

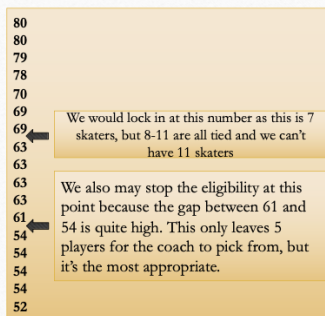
If the scores were this:



This gives the coach 1 picks

### Example 3:

If the scores were this:



This gives the coach 3 picks

## A Few Other Notes on This Selection Process

- The choice of how many to lock and how to select from is decided while only looking at the numbers. No names are shared until the decisions are based on the list of scores.
- The number of coach picks can also be affected by the number of players that are still trying out for AA teams. For example, if there are 3 forwards still at AA tryouts without confirmation that they have made the team, we have to prepare for the possibility of them coming back to DMHA.
- Also, important to know that no AA tryout player is guaranteed a spot on team 1 in Devon.



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### **The opportunity to make the top team**

- Every player that makes the evaluation weekend essentially gets two opportunities to make the top team. One way is to do so well over the weekend that the outside evaluators score them high to be in a locked position.
- The second opportunity comes from the coach pick. If they somehow did not impress the evaluators enough, they still have the opportunity to be selected by the coach.
- If a child did not rank high enough to be eligible to be selected by the coach, then it would usually mean that he/she would fit OK on the 2<sup>nd</sup> team
- The flaw of this system is that a player maybe normally be a team 2 player could have a great weekend of evaluations and be a lock on team 1 while most coaches would place that player on team 2. However, this gives every player a chance to make the top team, no matter how they may perceive a coach feels about them.

### **How are goalies determined**

- There is not a hard rule on how goalies are determined as we make that decision based on the scores. For example, assume there are 2 teams and 2 goalies.
- If the scores come out at 76 and 75, we allow the coach to select the goalie that should make team 1.
- However, if the scores are 80 and 70, then based on evaluation scores, we place the goalies on team 1 and 2.
- As it gets into more scenarios with the number of teams and number of goalies, the situation and decision can be different at each level.





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### Are positions a factor

- U9 level – no position is noted
- U11 level – Players will note their position; however, the scores and the ranking are NOT based on position. The # of players on the team will be a total number, not a certain # of D & F. The ranking of the players will be 1-# for all skaters. The position is only used as information to help the coach with his last selections.
- U13-U18 – Players will be ranked based on their positions and the evaluation committee will determine the number of F and the number of D on each team.

### The selection games for the second teams in levels that have 3 teams

- There is potential that some players that skated in team 1's selection game will not skate in team 2 selection game. If there are a "lock" for team 2 based on evaluations and we feel there will be too many skaters on the ice for team 2 selection game. We may choose to not have some of these players skate in the game.
- The 2 reasons we consider doing this are that this will allow ALL remaining players to skate in team 2 selection game which prevents the bottom end players being left out.
- The second reason is it will benefit the coach as well. Generally, the top players control the puck more in a game and if the players that are already a lock for the team are not on the ice, it gives more opportunity for other players to perform.

### More Information:

- We do not have time for questions right now.
- Everyone is invited to a follow up Zoom meeting strictly on evaluations.
- This will be held on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Zoom ID will be 381 076 1422, password will be "hockey"
- At this time, we will welcome any questions, feedback, & suggestions.
- There may also be a call for additional volunteers to help with the process.