



Langley Minor Hockey Association

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Langley Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting

April 18, 2013

Langley Events Center, 6:00PM
Eligible Voting Members in Attendance - 111

Minutes

1. INTRODUCTIONS

a) Motion to approve Agenda

M. Barbara Goyer S. Christa

b) Motion to approve 2011/2012 AGM Minutes

M. John Stuart S. Steve Pitt

2. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS of DIRECTORS

- 27 director positions, not including President and Past President
- 12 - 2 year terms open for election

Motion to accept the following people by acclamation,

Teressa Bramley, Colleen Dzogan, Greg Fuchs, Ed Genberg, Gindy Gill, Roger Gosal, Melissa Leclair, Marnie Lemay, Doug MacDonald, Ross Murdoch, Shelley Rosner, Carl Schmor, Alyssa Wright, Simon Tanner

M. Amanda S. Byron

- Kevin Green thanks all retiring executive members & extends his sincere gratitude for their time and effort. Special thank you to Char Crowe & Kim Doering for their volunteer time. Welcome to Erinn Kredba, LMHA new administrator to assist the executive.
- Last year LMHA had 71 teams, 1060 players, which shows 6% growth/year since 2007. (see attached)
- Christa has done a fantastic job at keeping track of LMHA finances. We received a \$60,000 grant from BC Hockey in addition to our \$100,000 grant. Langley has more ice available to them than any other association which helps with our number of teams. Magic ice will no longer be used and will be replaced with NTR.
- Ref supervisors went above and beyond training our refs. Langley is known to have the best Refs than any other association.
- New Socks & Jerseys have been ordered with a slightly different color combination. They will be incorporated slowly.

- Jordan Owens was another great success. Initiation coaches have done a fantastic job, a lot of great feedback from parents.
- Kevin intends on returning for 1 more year as President and Erinn is expected to off load many of the executives jobs. Kevin's goal is to make sure we have enough executive to carry the workload and the possibility of offering an incentive to executives such as reduced registration fees.
- LMHA is at the point where they need to consider hiring paid coaches for REP level. Our goal is to get the best qualified candidates. A estimated coaching fee of about \$5000.00 will be paid by teams.
- BC Hockey is considering removing body checking from Pee wee Rep hockey. This will be addressed at BC Hockey AGM.
- Expansion of Craig Sherbatys role. He is very skilled and has a lot of experience coaching junior hockey. Its also valuable to have a neutral party such as Craig who can resolve coach/team issues.
- Kevin would like to have baseline concussion testing set up for all teams.

Comments/Questions from audience:

- What is PCAHA basing their findings on regarding banning body checking from Pee wee Rep? PCAHA has looked at associations across Canada to see the results of body checking on players. Is it wise to go from Pee wee non-hitting to Bantam hitting? Kevin poses the question if anyone in the audience feels we need to change/eliminate hitting in Pee wee? No one in audience felt the need for change. A decision such as this one needs to be voted on at BC Hockey AGM. It seems most people are happy as it is.

Motion to accept Kevin's reviews.

M. John Stuart S. Christa

3. PRESENTATION

Craig Sherbaty, LMHA Director of Coach Development. (see attached)

- Craig would like to thank all executives for all the work they've put in the year. Craig will be helping this year to make the Rep tryouts run smoothly and eliminate any problems which may occur.
- He expects to have a new policy manual done up for next season.
- Bullying is not acceptable in LMHA and a clinic will be set up for coaches to help alleviate and deal with issues that may come up with their team thru the season.
- Coaches will get a series of practice drills to help teams develop quicker.
- Craig did a lot of mentoring last year, helping coaches and conducted coaching seminars thru out the season. This made for better coaches, better practices and a better association.
- Craig will be keeping a data base to keep track of clinics and seminars and which coaches are attending.
- For the future – New processes will be implemented and continual communication with coaches to see what they need and answer all their questions.

Motion to accept Craig s report.

M. Barbara S. Teressa

4. REP TRYOUT PROCESS 2012/13

- Revised process for next LMHA Hockey Season (see presentation)
- Last year we had a lot of challenges with tryouts. Not enough good evaluators, to many kids in one pool, placing coaches too early, no evaluators pre-meeting were a few of the issues faced.
- Proposal for next year – All players in 1 large group. Goalies start Aug. 23rd, Midget always starts 1 week later. No separation from A1 & A2 pools. One Rep tryout fee of \$150.00. Same jersey color and number thru out entire tryout. Scrimmage teams will be balanced to best of our ability. Top 84 players will be in Rep level all others go to house.

- By Labor Day Sunday, all coaches will be put in place for the teams. Coaches make the final releases from the teams.

Questions/Comments

- Who dictates 20 – 24 skaters for top Rep level pools? Its ultimately up to the head coach at the end, he/she makes the final decision.
- After round 1 can a coach putt a few kids up who he thinks fell thru the cracks? Is there movement available if the coach really wants a kid who got knocked out? If the coach feels a kid didn't perform to their full potential and got knocked down a level, there is an appeal process for such incidences, as long as the players was still ranked fairly high.
- The new Rep process will shorten the tryouts by about 3 weeks.
- What is the plan for evaluators criteria? Jamie Fisset is recruiting evaluators and getting qualified people. There will be a meeting for all evaluators before the tryouts to go over what exactly they are to be looking for so everyone is on the same page. Jamie is looking at the most senior people in the association.
- There is a concern that kids may tryout in Rep when they're not really at that hockey level and the chance of injuring is greater, since with the new process all kids are in the same pool. Unfortunately this is unavoidable and kids should know what they're getting into with Rep tryouts. Tryouts are still refereed games so players will be watched and penalized if they are being to rough.
- If a player decides to cut themselves from a level, they must automatically go down 2 levels. Rep teams can be very expensive, and if a player is opting out of a Rep team due to financial reasons the executive will take this into consideration and possibly give the option of only dropping one level. Rep teams are usually a minimum of 2 games and 2 practices / week.

Motion to accept Rep tryout process.

M. Connie S. Barbara

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- Kevin Green
- Includes reports from operations and administration. (see attached)
- There will be an expansion of Craig Sherbaty's role – he was hired 2 years ago part time. His expansion will cost more which will increase registration fees. Maple Ridge pays about \$55,000/year for this role in their association, and others pay up to \$80,000-\$90,000/year.
- Registration fees will increase by about \$30.00 /player.
- Craig is willing and eager to devote his full time to LMHA.
- Dave Wood commented that Craig was an amazing help to him during the year. He was always very approachable and always available to help when needed. Craig s help thru the year made Dave a better coach. A Peewee coach also benefited from Craig s help thru out the season.

Motion to accept Presidents report.

M. Amanda S. Yuri

6. RESOLUTION 1

- Expansion of Craig Sherbaty's role.(see attached)

7. RESOLUTION 2

- Use of credit towards registration to recruit new executive members.
- The idea has been put forward to offer the executive a credit towards registration for all their time and work. This will be up to the new executive to decide.

Comments/Questions

- What about the coaches and managers who also put in a huge amount of time for their teams? Kevin realized that other parents from teams also volunteer their time, but the only separation would be that the executive do work for the whole association and not just one individual team.
- The credit if approved would be a max of \$450 for each executive which is the H1 registration fee. This would be given to executives that fulfill their 2 year commitment. Other associations vary and some charge all parents a \$200 volunteer fee which is only reimbursed if they are on executive. Saskatoon executives are reimbursed 1 registration fee.
- The suggestion that more research is made before any decision is made. Kevin states we have enough people on the executive right now which will make the year run a lot smoother and he doesn't plan on doing anything regarding credits for executives this year.

Motion to accept.

M. Amanda S. Ross Murdock 2 people opposed to executive receiving credit.

8. RESOLUTION 3

- Financial support of teams who make it to Provincial championships.(see attached)

9. RESOLUTION 4

- Paid rep coaches (max \$4,000 - \$5,000) per season.
- Possibility if the right candidate is found to have a paid non-parent Rep coach for A1 possibly A2. \$4000.00 for A1 coach, \$3000.00 for A2.
- LMHA is ultimately looking for the best candidate for the position. This could be a parent or non-parent.

Motion to accept.

M. Craig S. John

10. DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

- Motion to destroy ballots

11. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Comment/Questions

Is it possible for a goalie to play out if they pay full registration fee? LMHA doesn't have an issue with a goalie playing out if they have paid full reg. Fee. Only issue would be if there is a full roster it is not possible, then other players loose ice time. This would be relevant on Rep teams where kids have tried out for certain position and want as much ice time as possible. On house teams if the roster isn't full which it many times isn't, a goalie can play out.

John will receive names of all coaches applying for this upcoming season. All coaches who apply for Rep will get an interview.

13. TERMINATION

M. Ross S. Michelle Gehring