



Langley Minor Hockey Association

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Langley Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2012

Langley Events Centre, 7:00PM

In attendance: Pete Dalglish John Stuart Bob Woykin Jean Adams Kevin Green Sharon Pollock
Jared Harmen Christa McCarthy Shannon Willett Jackie Lawrence Amanda Hazelton Byron Lazar Sharon
Sielsky Teresa Bramley Tom Locke

Agenda

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a) Motion to approve Agenda – Motion to accept: Bob W Sec: John S Carried
- b) Motion to approve 2010/2011 AGM Minutes – Motion to accept: Tom L Sec: Steve P Carried

2. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS of DIRECTORS

- 27 director positions, not including President and Past President
- 12 - 2 year terms open for election
- 1 - 1 year term open for election, Christa McCarthy wishes to return for 1 year as treasurer.
- Sharon Pollock to be appointed to handle special events (AGM, Awards night, and team pictures)
- Only 1 name was added from the floor – that was Mike Rothwell
- Christa McCarthy coming back for 1 year term only as Treasurer and all other 13 spots are 2 year terms
- Question from the floor: time commitment and what kinds of jobs are available? Kevin gave a good description of some of the jobs that are open and announced that most/all coordinators are coming back to their same position again for next year

Motion to accept 8 names on the ballots as is...Steve P Sec: Richard Newberry Carried

Bob Woykin made a motion to destroy the ballots Sec: Shannon W Carried

3. PRESENTATION

Craig Sherbaty, LMHA Director of Coach Development.

- Craig thanked all for their help this year – it was a successful season this year in terms of coaches feed back
- Craig created a Coaches Handbook (age appropriate) to complement Hockey Canada binder this year, he introduced monthly manager reports (some info was missing on these) but next year there is hopes to be more team tracking to take place

-Craig attended team meetings, player conflict meetings too – he faced new things this year that helped LMHA implement some new policies moving forward – he attended PAC Coast meeting this year as well – and was yes disappointed how it was run

-Craig set up coach seminars 4 clinics /month and there was increase in attendance with this – Initiation to PW was well attended and they were very energetic – next year he is having new seminars and topics and thanks to all who got the word out about these – he has the names of coaches who attended and what they attended – he ended his seminars with an open forum and this was well received

-he has some ideas moving forward in regards to: C evaluations, draft procedures and better communication from Exec to the coaches, in regards to association rules and team rules

-Craig feels that Spring Hockey rules are conflicting with LMHA rules

-he attended both games and practices this year at all levels and it was good

Only once did a coach show up with no helmet – he was able to mentor at all levels in regards to practices and protocols from Rep to C.

-For next year: he will continue to have coach development seminars, for skill development idea to bring teams out for this so coaches can see what this all looks like – Rep coaches evaluations and interview process will be better this year – Co Coaches criteria: they will be asked what was your attendance for coach seminars? And the coaches will be asked to submit team rules prior to the season starting (to anticipate any problems is a good thing)

Thoughts or comments:

1. Jason Northhard – how are we doing things in Langley Minor Hockey – suggestion we need to have 1 way to move up through the process and teach them (the kids/skaters) properly and all the same – can we come up with a LMHA manual to have the same directive for all players at all levels so we are the same and grow from there? Craig commented on this. Gave examples that H4 should not teach break out plays – but keep it simple. But all use the same language. Our initiation is a strong coaching base. – they are very knowledgeable and will be moving to Atom. Kevin suggested that we can't force a coach to coach a certain way...we need to give them the fundamentals. One fellow in the audience said when he started in H2 coaching he would have liked something like a manual to have been given to him. Hockey Canada took away the initiation training session and have lumped it with hybrid, so in one room you have from Initiation to Midget. Jason suggested getting all REP coaches together to brainstorm or get some suggestions of a system going and working. Steve Pitt – coached in Langley for a long time – and suggested that 1st year players coming in and playing with those who have played for say 5 yrs, you will always have that mix it is very difficult yes, but you will be starting from scratch. Craig would like to have a committee to deal with this and would like to sit down with Jason to get some of his thoughts on this moving forward.

Motion to accept Craigs presentation Motion by Bob W Sec: Steve Pitt Carried

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- Kevin Green

- **Comments/questions:**

-from the floor: PW Rep – they will be voting in June to eliminate body checking yes/no and this will be done at the Provincial Forum. Bant/Mid REP – yes there will be body checking, it will not be eliminated here

-Stu – asked how many other associations interest in A4, A5, A6 teams and will there be other teams to play if we go this route....Kevin said he has spoken to a few around our association in regards to this

-Lori – what other associations voted against this and how will making more rep teams work? Carol McGregor (from PCAHA) suggested that you can have more rep teams, that associations never thought of this before

-Question from the floor – is the voting from PCAHA the final end of this rope and a done deal? For C hockey, Kevin replied yes, the only review is the PW Rep to be decided in June. The vote on this was not

based on number in the association, smaller associations got the same number of votes. BC Minor Hockey has been addressed in regards to this and wonder what the PCAHA hidden agenda may be on this – nothing to happen for next year but perhaps some talk to other associations who want this and see what can be done
-Lori would also like to see Langley be proactive and teach kids skill to not get hurt (teach players how to check and take a check) and teach kids not to check as well
-Tom Locke – Hockey Canada doesn't put out a hitting DVDE but they do for passing and shooting
Motion to accept: Pete D Sec: John S Carried

Please see attached

5. REPORTS

- a) V.P. Administration – Tom Locke
 - includes Financial Report
- b) V.P. Operations – Brad White

Questions for the floor:

-Lori – in regards to the ref fees being eliminated from actual fees, will scaling the discount be different for each division, as each division pays the refs different amounts? Right now set fees reflect ice the teams get and initiation is getting a bargain

-Midget teams – discussion that next year more players are needed on the teams – Byron commented on sheets of ice and how extra ice is shared between division and how they pay for it on their own – there may be less ice next year available with more teams, we will have to wait and see

- Motion to accept made by Jean A Sec: Lori Pearson Carried

Please see attached

6. DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

- Motion to destroy ballots (please see above)

7. OTHER BUSINESS

-Eric Carmichael – H1-H4 the gap in players is huge and different levels of coaches – what do we as an association do to address this? We are mandated by PCAHA to have balanced teams or they will do it for us, but email Craig Sherbaty if you have suggestions or ideas

-Janine Newberry – any plans for a goalie development? – they are important to the team and the association. Yes we do at every level offer goalie clinics. Bantam and Midget don't want to come. Initiation level is great and energetic, the REP teams had helpers come out and practice with their teams and the teams paid for it – perhaps a mentor program older kids with younger ones...like a network – lets thing of someway to use the kids we have out there helping others – this may be a good idea for Intitaiton

-Norm from Rec Excellence – 1st new exec meeting he would like to attend and say his hi – he has good friends in LMHA and he would like to share what's up and coming and have us both grow from this – also, allocation is not an easy thing to do. Byron thanks for a good job this year and looking forward to working with you again next year. He would like a chance to put names to faces.

- 8. **TERMINATION** –Kevin thanked all for attending and coming forward with their suggestions, questions and ideas. He is looking forward to a great season again next year.

Time 8:49 pm

Motion to end our AGM by Pete D Sec: Jason Grasby Carried