



# Langley Minor Hockey Association

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## **Annual General Meeting**

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:00PM  
Langley Events Centre

### **Minutes**

#### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

- a) Motion to approve Agenda – motion by Greg Fuchs, second by Teresa
- b) Motion to approve 2012/2013 AGM Minutes – motion by Serina, second by Ross

#### **2. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS of DIRECTORS**

- 21 director positions, including President but not Past President
- 9 Director 2 year terms open for election and Presidents 1 Year Term

Steve Pitt voted in as President. Returning and new members voted in and approved. Barbara Goyer, Christa McCarthy, Michelle Andreone, Jamie Fiset, Amanda Hurford, Jean Adams, Brad White, John Johnson, Belinda Bowsher.

All nominations approved and carried.

#### **3. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

- Steve Pitt on behalf of Kevin Green
- Includes reports from operations and administration.

#### **4. PRESENTATION**

Craig Sherbaty, LMHA Director of Hockey Operations.

#### **5. REP TRYOUT PROCESS 2013/14**

- Revised process for next LMHA Hockey Season
- There was an opinion from the crowd that he feels the process shouldn't be shortened just to cater to parent's complaints of it taking too long. He doesn't think we should commit to two weeks, and should be focusing on evaluating and not worry about how long it takes.
- Steve's condensed version is very well structured and kids are being very well evaluated. All evaluations will still be in one pool with all players trying out together. There were concerns put forward that kids of a lesser skill are trying out with players who are bigger and stronger and the possibility of getting injured is greater. It is felt that if you are signing your kid up to tryout for Rep you should be well aware of what you are signing them up for. Steve does not know of any

injuries which occurred during the past tryouts with the mixed levels. In the end mistakes will be made whether it's a 2 week process or 5 week process.

## **6. RESOLUTION 1**

- Proposed amendments to constitution and bylaws. – Motion by Greg, second by Teresa.

## **7. REFEREE FEES**

- Motion from Loyd Christensen, Second by John Campbell - Move to have LMHA reinstate payment of referee fees to every team for each scheduled game. (Not for exhibition games or tournaments)
  - Loyd says we are the only association who doesn't pay Ref fees. Loyd motions to have a base rate per team to pay Ref fees, second by John Campbell.
  - Doing this would increase registration fees which is not something we want to do if possible. In the past when we supplied fees, there were usually funds left over with each team at the end of the season and they never made it back to LMHA. We have to account for every cent which goes out of our account.
  - The problem is there is no control of when Refs are no shows and how many games a team signs up for, as most teams will sign up for numerous extra games thru the season. Loyd had seen teams run into problems with regard to fundraising for Ref fees, where a lot of parents aren't contributing. This is pointed out as a team issue not an association issue.
  - There would also be administration costs associated with the association paying for Ref fees. There are also countless volunteer hours with delivering cheques contacting and getting a hold of all teams. There was an idea put forward for the association to put a cap on Ref fees, but every level would be different. Initiation is quite a big difference to Pee wee. It is felt it has to be all or nothing.
  - Another question put forward is why LMHA has the highest registration fees yet we still have to pay for our own Ref fees? Possible to look at getting rid of the paid mentor coach to have more money for the association.
  - Another parent feels all the issues put forward are an issue of team management and communication. He doesn't feel there is an issue of how we do the Ref fees right now. Every parent should be informed at the time of registration so everyone is fully aware. Steve feels this would definitely be a good idea to post on the website.
  - It is voted 10 for the changes to Ref fees, and defeated by majority vote.

## **8. DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS POSITION**

- Motion from Loyd Christensen, Second by John Campbell - Move to terminate the position and contract for the Director of Hockey Operations.
  - Loyd motions to re-evaluate the position. It has taken on far too many roles. Second by Kathy Cove
  - Other associations are doing a user pay system for hockey mentoring. If parents and coaches on a team decide they want some extra guidance they pay themselves for mentoring.
  - In LMHA coach mentoring was very popular and used quite a bit, the older teams were not needing as much mentoring but still using the service. Craig Sherbaty the current Director of Hockey does a great deal for the association and has been invaluable. A lot of associations have a paid director of hockey.
  - One parent thinks it would be a good idea to have a performance evaluation for Craig and a job description this may help people understand his position since most parents find it hard to vote on a position they know nothing about. He feels Craig is adding value to LMHA.
  - The executive needs to be held accountable for Craig's time one parent says he did not see him all season.
  - This debate shows how important Director of Hockey is to LMHA. Greg Fuchs motions to refer this matter to a committee, second by Teresa. Motion also put forward to post the results of the committee to the website. Motion carried.
  - A quick opinion put forward by a coach, if it's possible for coaches to get their own evaluations back so they can assess how they have done as a coach. LMHA is working on providing these for next year.

## **9. DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS**

- Motion to destroy ballots

## **10. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS**

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **12. TERMINATION**

Termination motioned by Sharron Pollock, second by Jari Koskelainen