



Thompson Minor Hockey Association

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2008

Present: Diane Platford, Kristina Hearn, Kris Menard, John McNevin, Donnie Mitchell, Angela Cummings, Maxine Larway, Murray Kissick, Tanya Oakes, Troy Steeves,

Regrets:

John McNevin wanted to know how many people were signed up for Midget. Kristina reported that there were 15 players registered. Diane noted that many people would probably be signing up for Midget hockey on the Friday before tryouts.

John announced that he is willing to help with ice operations this year, but will not be able to come to all meetings. It was noted that there may be a problem with the frequency of the Bantam kids on the ice, since right now they are slotted for only one time slot in the GB.

Murray Kissick made a motion that John McNevin step in as interim ice operator until a Full time person is available or until after next season's AGM. Seconded by Kris Menard. CARRIED

Donnie Mitchell announced that he is looking for someone to become the Pre-novice Program Director. He said there are a couple people interested, but they needed more information about what the job entails. Donnie said he will remain in the position until someone else is available.

Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting by Kris Menard, seconded by Troy Steeves.

New Business:

Norman Hockey – Kris Menard

Kris attended the Norman hockey meetings held in The Pas on Saturday, September 6, 2008. Not much new came out of the meeting. He questioned the AA Tournament rule (whether they have four AA teams registered for the tournament, if they are able to get teams from Southern Manitoba that's great) He made the point that we should be going to their tournament, and they should be coming to ours. Suggested that coaches be put on the additions/deletions sheets. Over-aged players with special circumstances, are now allowed to play in provincials. It was explained that if they apply to play up/down and they are accepted, they will be allowed to play in tournaments and provincials. All transfers and overage requests must go directly to Cheryl from Hockey Manitoba. They are still working on a Midget AA Norman Female team. They will more than likely host two tryouts. One in either Thompson, Snow Lake or Norway House, and one in either Flin Flon or The Pas. There are still some provincials that are open, if we are interested in making a bid.

All Confidentiality forms must be in by October 1, 2008.

Christina and Kristina need to have their criminal record checks done by October 1, 2008 as well.

Vacant positions:

We need an equipment manager. Brian Moss is willing to help out. Diane is going to talk to the city to see if we can have a dressing room, so we can set up a similar room to what the Thompson Lacrosse Association has.

Troy Steeves made a motion that Brian Moss be asked to fill in as Equipment Manager until the position is filled, if he decides not to take the position fulltime. Seconded by Kris Menard. CARRIED

Coaching Clinics:

The coaching clinics have been squeezed in before Thanksgiving weekend. We are waiting to find out from Clinton Bullock to see how much ice time he requires. If only Thompson residents need to do the initiation Clinic, then we will move it to Friday night. All coaches require IP to coach in the Pre-Novice program, and at least one person on each team must have their safety. Respect in Sport can be taken online via the 3 hour course. This course is available on the Hockey Manitoba website. All coaches MUST wear a helmet while on the ice, as per the new rule.

On October 20th Thompson Minor Hockey will hold a general meeting to elect a new president and then have a regular board meeting following.

Referee Incentives:

This was tabled from last year. TMHA is trying to find an incentive for their referees. It was also suggested that after a year of service, TMHA could refund the referee their registration cost. Gilliam and the Pas pay their referee fees and they do not pay the refs until they have worked a certain amount of games. Also, they have referee jerseys at the arena, so that the referees can start immediately, and not be held up by trying to find a jersey. This issue was tabled to the next meeting.

Equipment room:

There is some interest for TMHA to ask for a dressing room to use as an equipment room (similar to what Thompson Lacrosse does) Some concern was made over whether this room would become a free-for-all, and that equipment would go missing. It was suggested that if we do not do this, we could buy sweater bags for all the coaches to bring their jerseys home. Diane would be asking about the availability of a room when she meets with the city. This issue was tabled until next meeting.

Director's Reports

Maxine: the photos and videos at the leisure mart were a big hit! They are not taking novice/pre-novice players. This year we have 12 brand new players. There will be a female hockey meeting to be held on Wednesday September 10th. There are four second year novice players, and possibly more players to come. Right now there is a possibility of having an Atom/Peewee team and a Bantam/Midget team. Maxine will talk with house league coaches to encourage everyone to try goalie. We need to bring interest in the goalie position in order to further the program. This year there will be a Gilliam/Split Lake team.

Novice: The Pre-Novice jerseys are in. They have also received their water bottles and pylons. It was requested that the parents are informed that in order to get their drink from Tim Horton's, parents must bring their kids into Tim Horton's, and not go through the drive thru.

Kristina reported that registration was a great success at the leisure mart. Thank you to everyone who helped out. Numbers of kids in each division will be available later this week.

Kris motioned that Kristina be allowed to purchase a keyboard and mouse for the computer. Munn Cup to pay for this.

Darin wondered if there were many parents complaining about the fundraising fee. Kristina said not many once the idea behind it was explained. Maxine did not collect fundraising fees from the girls.

New business:

Pre-season schedule will have to be redone due to the fact that the City wants to start public skating early this year. The last two weekends will be affected.

Pre-Novice: Diane is sure that they will be on the ice on October 5, 2008. Donnie would like a revised copy of the schedule once we know.

Evaluations are this weekend. Registration will also be Friday night from 7pm-8pm.

Coaches will let players and parents know when the hitting clinic will take place.

Diane will be meeting with the city officials this week. Due to the construction there may be troubles with scheduling. Figure Skating will require more ice time in the Gordon Beard.

It was questioned that if we lose more ice time, will it affect the cost of registration. At this point the decision is to leave the fees as they are. Donnie made a point that pre-novice does not really need a 2 hour ice time.

An email was sent to the coaches saying that they all need to be at the evaluation.

Motion for adjournment made by Kris Menard, seconded by Murray Kissick.