



LMHA Executive Meeting Agenda
Thursday January 26th 2017
Committee Room @ 8:00 pm

Committee Members

Chad Papple , President	Sarah Wickens, Ice Convener (absent)
Rick Heywood, Director of Coaching (absent)	Brian Lewis, Past-President (absent)
Cindy Foster, Secretary	Roch Brazeau, Treasurer
Barb Van Arenalts, Registration	Lori Hickson, LM Rep (absent)
Chris Fischer, OMHA Rep (absent)	Jenny Marrinan, Fundraising (absent)
Eric Hundey, Equipment Manager (absent)	Tanya Barfett, OWHA Rep
Scott Hardy, Shamrock Rep	Craig Irwin, Director of Trainers

Motion to accept minutes Tanya 2nd Roch

- **Registration – Barb**

Barb provided an update regarding the new registration system. It should be in place by mid-Feb in order to have registration happen in a timely fashion.

- **Coaches – Rick**

No update

- **Equipment – Eric**

No update

- **OMHA – Chris**

No update

- **Shamrock – Scott**

Update provided

- **OWHA – Tanya**

Update provided

Tanya is going to work on recruitment of more girls for our LMH program. Lucan is hoping to be able to provide two levels of hockey at each age group.

- **Lambton-Middlesex - Lori**

Tyke will not commit to either staying with Lambton Middlesex or withdrawing from their league for the Tyke program. We should wait to make this decision after we propose of new Tyke Development Program and see what Lambton Middlesex or other area centres are doing for the Tyke program in 2017/2018 season.

- **Ice – Sarah**

No update

- **Finance – Roch**

Roch provided an update of this year's budget and discussed registration fees for 2017/2018. As LMH has had a successful year with fundraising Barb brought a Motion to leave all fees same as 2016/2017 season . 2nd Tanya. All in favour. Motion passed.

- **Fundraising – Jenny**

No update

- **Trainers – Craig**

Update provided

- **Secretary – Cindy**

No update

- **Other Business**

Craig brought a Motion to have Scott develop Mite/Tyke program to present at AGM. Tanya 2nd. All in favour – motion passed.

Request for Player Release: Reviewed a request for player release for the 2017/18 season for a Midget aged player. Consistent with LMH practice, the decision was made that we would not authorize this player release. The executive then discussed the Authorization to Move (ATM) procedure, an OMHA pilot project which applies only to Midget players. This allows players the opportunity to move to another center, on a one year basis, to play Rep hockey if they do not have an opportunity to play "Rep" hockey in their home center/

Topic:

Rep Player Fee

Details:

A question was posed to an LMH executive member as to why LMH doesn't impose a rep player fee ? It was suggested that the rep teams have solo ice practices, more games.....more ice essentially and why are the other players compensating for them ?

Discussion:

A summary of actual ice times (season to date)was reviewed and it was concluded that home ice times were essentially equal between our Rep teams and our Local League teams.

Our Boys Rep teams which play in the Shamrock league have an 18 game schedule (9 home games). Our boys Local League teams, which play in the Lambton-Middlesex Local League, have a 24 game schedule (12 home games). Our girls teams in the Western Ontario Girls Hockey League, regardless of category, all play a 20 game schedule (10 home games).

All teams in LMH are given 1 practice time per week, and all teams are given the same opportunity to book "Open Ice". Teams are not given additional ice for the purpose of exhibition games, but can use practice times and/or open ice to book these games.

It's typical that Rep teams will play more playoff games than our Local League teams, as the Rep teams will compete in both provincial play-downs and league playoffs, where our Local League teams will only play in League playoffs. These additional playoff games for rep teams can offset the additional league games by our Local League teams; but regardless, costs for playoff games are offset by gate fees (as gate passes are not valid for playoffs).

It was noted that in PeeWee and Atom, shared ice practices were essentially even between the rep and local league teams. There is a discrepancy at the Novice level where the Rep team has more full ice practices than the other 3 Novice teams, and this was a result of available practice times and was set to ensure that all teams had a consistent practice night throughout the season. If LMH balanced the full ice practices for all Novice teams, then multiple teams would have rotated practice nights between Tuesday and Thursday, which wasn't a preferred alternative based on feedback from coaches and parents prior to the season.

Conclusion:

An additional "Rep Fee" is not warranted as all teams essentially receive the same amount of ice time during the season.

Tanya brought a Motion to adjourn 2nd Barb. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.