

**Belle River District Minor Hockey Association
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 23rd 2010

MEMBERS:

Present: Gil Lanoue, Kevin Beuglet, Pat Campeau, Denis Comartin, Sue Dominato, Sharon Dunwoody, Dave Ferris, Marc Gilbert, Tony Gossmann, Ray Holland, Lise Lévesque, Elaine Nocent, and Lorne Strong.
Absent: Kristie Cronin, Rob Dannenberg, and Scott Marentette.

PROCEEDINGS:

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Gil Lanoue.

Minutes from the March 10, 2010 meeting approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kevin Beuglet was coordinating dates with certifications in order to firm upcoming clinics.
- Names were discussed in consideration of the Hometown Hero awards.
- Referees had been assigned to cover all games scheduled for March 27th, the House League Day of Champs.
- Dave Ferris explained the available options found during his research into obtaining permission to use the Jr. Canadiens logo and steps required in securing control of the new logo. Dave went on to mention that the latter could best be ensured in the course of designating a sole supplier for items bearing the Jr. Canadiens logo, and having everything approved by the Board prior to any distribution.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF EQUIPMENT:

- Marc Gilbert provided specifics in confirming that the Belle River Source for Sports had succeeded over other local suppliers by quoting the best price based on sample jerseys.

MOTION to approve Marc's report by Lorne Strong, and seconded by Tony Gossmann. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF PARENT'S CLUB:

- Sue Dominato indicated that six parents were available to help with the upcoming Day of Champs as well as some student volunteers.
- Sue had distributed forms to reserve places at the Coaches Appreciation Dinner and a disc jockey would be retained for that evening.

MOTION to accept Sue's report by Marc Gilbert, and seconded by Dave Ferris. Motion passed.

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REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF TRAVEL:

- Pat Campeau was appreciative to the Members present for their consideration during his brief time away on bereavement leave.
- Pat was in the process of determining how both colours of Rink Rat jerseys could be utilized for scrimmaging with other Travel teams during early tryouts in June.
- The format for tryouts would include three (3) sessions at a cost of \$30. The players selected, by invitation only, to move on for scrimmages would need to pay for each home and away game played.
- Rink Rat pins would be made available for anyone wishing to obtain nostalgic memorabilia from the Association.
- Pat reported that nine out of eleven Travel teams had succeeded to the semi finals.
- The Travel Operating Procedures were in the process of being revised based on several changes, including the decision for new jerseys.

Gil Lanoue introduced a MOTION to award the contract of sole supplier and exclusive distributor to Source for Sports in Belle River for the 2010/11 season.

The Motion was seconded by Pat Campeau. ALL in favour. Motion passed.

- It was decided that the Director of Parent's Club would be responsible for choosing appropriate apparel to be distributed by the supplier.
- Pat moved on to announce that delegates representing our Association could be sent to the OMHA's 76th Annual General Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto from June 11th-13th. He planned to remain in the area for Travel tryouts set to take place during the same time as this event.

MOTION to go in-camera by Pat Campeau and seconded by Kevin Beuglet.

(In-camera discussion ensued.)

MOTION to go out of camera by Pat Campeau and seconded by Lorne Strong. Motion passed.

- Pat was to attend a Bluewater meeting on March 30th in order to discuss format of the playoffs, including frustrations with the 4-point series and other issues surrounding ice scheduling.

MOTION to accept Pat's report by Ray Holland, and seconded by Lorne Strong. Motion passed.

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REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION:

- Lorne Strong was planning to open up registration immediately following an upgrade and a training session expected from Hockey Canada. Lorne anticipated going “live” on April 8th.
- Lorne suggested the following changes be considered for choices being offered during on-line registration sessions:
 1. Permission-to-skate only;
 2. Permission-to-skate with general registration;
 3. General registration.

Lorne Strong introduced a MOTION to change the option for providing post-dated cheque dates this year to June 1st, July 1st, and August 1st in registering for the 2010/11 season.

The Motion was seconded by Kevin Beuglet. ALL in favour. Motion passed.

- Lorne continued by proposing that any unpaid players not be allowed on the ice.
- It was mentioned that the current system is limited to allowing mass emails strictly for the provision of tax receipts.

MOTION to accept Lorne’s report by Dave Ferris, and seconded by Tony Gossmann. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF REFEREES – HOUSE LEAGUE:

No report from Tony Gossmann.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ABUSE AND HARASSMENT:

- Dave Ferris opened his report with an issue he had recently dealt with.

MOTION to go in-camera by Dave Ferris and seconded by Pat Campeau.

(In-camera discussion ensued.)

MOTION to go out of camera by Dave Ferris and seconded by Denis Comartin. Motion passed.

MOTION to accept Dave’s report by Gil Lanoue, and seconded by Sharon Dunwoody. Motion passed.

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REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF HOUSE LEAGUE SCHEDULING:

- Sharon Dunwoody mentioned that semi-final games would take place during the week with the unavoidable circumstance of having to juggle ice times to accommodate the Junior C game on Wednesday night.
- In addition to Saturday's Day of Champs in Belle River, Sharon was also preparing for the Day of Champs in Southpoint to take place for Local League teams on Sunday.

MOTION to accept Sharon's report by Tony Gossmann, and seconded by Elaine Nocent. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF TRAVEL SCHEDULING:

No report from Denis Comartin.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:

- Kevin Beuglet submitted his figures in estimating a budget required for improving the development program and running year-round clinics. He explained a fluctuation in numbers that would depend on how many individuals need to certify at any point in time – sometimes higher, sometimes lower.
- Kevin was planning to alternate three clinics at a time such as the Trainers, Coach Developmental 1, and PRS (Speak Out), which would then be substituted by the Initiation (CHIP), Coach Stream, and Refresher certifications.
- New equipment was considered in the plan to include a confined area to hold pucks and other training accessories, in addition to dry-erase boards and assorted training aids.

Gil Lanoue introduced a MOTION to allocate funds required to support the budget proposed for the advancement of Player Development.

The Motion was seconded by Denis Comartin. ALL in favour. Motion passed.

- Kevin was also planning to organize two goalie clinics per month. These would begin the month before tryouts and continue during tryouts whereby coaches could have an opportunity to watch.

Gil Lanoue introduced a MOTION to have \$260 made payable to the Ice Park for these goalie clinics. The Motion was seconded by Dave Ferris. ALL in favour. Motion passed.

MOTION to accept Kevin's report by Ray Holland, and seconded by Pat Campeau. Motion passed.

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REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF TOURNAMENTS:

No report from Ray Holland.

REPORT FROM TREASURER:

- Elaine Nocent briefly explained her analysis of registration costs.

Gil Lanoue introduced a MOTION to maintain the status quo by keeping registration fees at \$550 per player for the 2010/11 season.

The Motion was seconded by Lorne Strong. ALL in favour. Motion passed.

- Elaine brought up the need to replace the Association's letterhead and envelopes once design of the new logo is established.
- Elaine was arranging all paperwork required for the coaches' wrap-up meeting on March 31st. With financials completed and jerseys handed-in, cheques for each team's year-end party could be issued and appointment times organized to have staff sign-off on their team accounts.
- Elaine mentioned that the Bingo account had accumulated a sufficient amount of proceeds to use towards prepaying some ice rental costs in an effort to reduce this expense.

MOTION to accept Elaine's report by Dave Ferris, and seconded by Lorne Strong. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Certain revisions required to the Constitution were discussed, such as to address the conflicting entitlement between points 6.1 (c) and 6.6 for Honorary Members' Right to Vote, as well as rectifying the limitations currently existing under 8.1 (a) (iii) to describe eligibility for a position on the Board of Directors.

Gil Lanoue introduced a MOTION to recommend an amendment to the By-Laws of the Association in revising the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting.

The Motion was seconded by Lise Lévesque. ALL in favour. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Next meeting scheduled, to precede the Annual General Meeting, for Tuesday

April 6th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at

The Knights of Columbus Hall in Emeryville.

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