



BRDMHA Semi-Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2010

7:00 PM

Emeryville Knights of Columbus

Meeting called by:	BRDMHA
Type of meeting:	Semi-Annual General Meeting
Facilitator:	Kevin Beuglet (in the absence of Gil Lanoue)
Note taker:	Gina Facca, Secretary
Timekeeper:	Gina Facca, Secretary
Attendees:	Board Members: Denis Comartin, Sue Dominato, Julie Malone, Sharon Dunwoody, Elaine Nocent, Jim Root, Gina Facca, Mark Jennings, Kevin Beuglet, Marc Gilbert, Lorne Strong, Phil Landry, Kristie Cronin, Pat Campeau General Members: Carmela Fenos, Sandy Bondy

Agenda topics

General

Kevin Beuglet

Discussion:

Kevin Beuglet indicated that Gil Lanoue could not be present at the meeting and he would therefore be facilitating the meeting on Gil's behalf.

Kevin asked for approval of the meeting minutes for the April Annual General Meeting. Denis Comartin made a motion to accept the minutes from that meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Jennings and the motion was passed.

Kevin announced that the Board Directors' reports would be followed by several by-law amendment proposals for the purpose of properly describing director's duties as some of these have changed significantly over the past year or so.

Travel Director Update

Pat Campeau

Pat introduced himself as the Director of Travel and OMHA Center contact for the BRDMHA.

Pat explained that a different approach to tryouts was used this year and that we co-ordinated tryouts with Lasalle who agreed to participate in exhibition games with Belle River so that coaches could assess kids in a game environment. Pat believes that based on the feedback from coaches and parents, we are on the right track to creating teams with the focus on giving players every chance to show coaches what they can bring to the game. Pat also mentioned that they will try and expand this next year and possibly take a different approach to the selection of goaltenders.

This year three goaltenders were permitted to play in other centers that requested goaltender relief. This is a great opportunity for our goaltenders to play at the travel level and return to us next year.

Six players are being sent to the Bluewater Midget Minor All Star game this year to be held in Essex on Dec 1st at 7pm.

Bluewater has changed the format for our regular season as well as OMHA playdowns. The playdowns will now be a double round knockout over two weekends and the winner will move on the OMHA quarter finals. Pat met with the coaches and managers last week and explained the new format to them. The cost of the new format will be \$350 and will be the responsibility of each team.

There has been a lot of discussion about player movement and the Made for Ontario Plan. Pat is being told that the OMHA will have a solution ready for the AGM in June and will bring the resolution to the Board and ask for the BRDMHA's comments so that it can be voted on in Toronto.

Pat reminded everyone that any questions or concerns regarding the travel program should be directed to him.

A motion to accept Pat's report was made by Elaine Nocent, seconded by Mark Jennings and passed by the Board.

	Director of Sponsorship and Communication	Kristie Cronin
Discussion:		
<p>Kristie reported that all of the travel teams have sponsors. The Kick-Off event at the start of the season was met with great success and we will plan to do the same again next year with some additional features. Kristie's focus for the remainder of the year will be on a new BRDMHA web-site.</p> <p>A motion to accept Kristie Cronin's report was made by Pat Campeau, seconded by Sue Dominato and the motion was passed by the Board.</p>		
	Director of Abuse and Harassment	Phil Landry
Discussion:		
<p>Phil Landry mentioned that there were five or six issues that he has had to deal with to date this year. All have now been resolved and he expects the rest of the year to be relatively smooth.</p> <p>A motion to accept Phil Landry's report was made by Mark Jennings, seconded by Kristie Cronin and the motion was passed by the Board,</p>		
	Director of Registration	Lorne Strong
Discussion:		
<p>Lorne Strong reported that all registrations are now complete and all travel teams have been rostered. A couple of AP players still need to be added to a couple of teams. Three house league teams are left to roster in order to complete insurance requirements. Once again the mites/tykes are grouped together for rostering purposes.</p> <p>A motion to accept Lorne Strong's report was made by Phil Landry, seconded by Marc Gilbert and passed by the Board.</p>		
	Director of Equipment	Marc Gilbert
Discussion:		
<p>Marc Gilbert reported that the Belle River Canadiens jersey transition went fairly smooth with just a few size issues that have been resolved.</p> <p>House league jersey transition went equally smooth and the response regarding the jerseys in both cases has been very positive.</p> <p>Goalie equipment for the Novice division has been upgraded with the purchase of 5 new sets of pads. The mailboxes have all been updated to reflect the BR Canadiens transition.</p> <p>Lockers have been installed for the coaches and trainers to make the use of equipment (pucks, etc) easier and hopefully this will also reduce loss of equipment.</p> <p>Marc is working on pricing and procurement of the medals and pins for the Day of Champs.</p> <p>A motion to accept Marc's report was made by Mark Jennings, seconded by Jim Root and passed by the Board.</p>		
	Director of Player Development	Kevin Beuglet
Discussion:		

Kevin Beuglet indicated that Mites, Tyke and Novice divisions were all going well this year. We currently have 2 mite, 6 tyke and 6 novice teams. He has received many good reports from coaches and parents about the programs to date.

Minor goalie clinics have been scheduled and to date there have been 24 spots and all have been filled. Late entries are being used to fill in any cancellations at the last minute.

Lockers are coming to fruition and are a big help. Kevin thanked Marc for doing such a great job with the lockers, jerseys and equipment.

A motion to accept Kevin Beuglet's report was made by Jim Root, seconded by Mark Jennings and passed by the Board.

	Director of House League	Mark Jennings
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Discussion:

Mark Jennings has only been in the position for a little over a month but is transitioning well. He indicated that there are 5 peewee and 6 atom teams. The teams seem fairly close and there have been no issues to date.

A motion to accept Mark Jennings's report was made by Lorne Strong, seconded by Denis Comartin and passed by the Board.

	Director of Local League	Denis Comartin
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Discussion:

Denis Comartin reported that there are 3 midget and 4 bantam teams this year. All teams have been rostered and everything is going well so far.

A motion to accept Denis Comartin's report was made by Mark Jennings, seconded by Sue Dominato and passed by the Board.

	Director of Parent's Club	Sue Dominato
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Discussion:

Sue reported that team and individual pictures are wrapping up with 3 teams to be completed this week. Fundraising for the year is also complete.

A motion to accept Sue Dominato's report was made by Julie Malone, seconded by Lorne Strong and passed by the Board.

	Director of House League Scheduling	Julie Malone
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Discussion:

Julie indicated that everything is running smooth and there have been no issues to date.

A motion to accept Julie Malone's report was made by Kristie Cronin, seconded by Elaine Nocent and passed by the Board.

	Director of Referees	Sharon Dunwoody
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Discussion:

Sharon has sent 5 new referees to ref school and they are again donating \$500.

Seven referees were lost this year (some due to injury) and 3 referees have been sent to the adult referee clinic – all were successful.

Sharon is currently reviewing applications for timekeepers for travel and local league games as the Board agreed that this is necessary going forward. The details around how timekeepers will be scheduled, paid, etc. still need to be worked out.

A motion to accept Sharon Dunwoody's report was made by Julie Malone, seconded by Sue Dominato and passed by the Board.

	Treasurer	Elaine Nocent
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Discussion:

Elaine handed out the draft audit report to be reviewed.

Elaine indicated that the major expenses for the year have been paid, but there are still some ice, referee and miscellaneous other expenses to be paid.

A motion to accept Elaine Nocent's report was made by Jim Root, seconded by Sue Dominato and passed by the Board.

	Director of Travel Scheduling	Jim Root
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Discussion:

Jim said that everything is going okay to date. The travel schedule to the end of the calendar year is now complete and he expects to have the remainder of the hockey season completed over the next couple of weeks.

Due to the extension of the hockey season there is no shortage of ice this year.

A motion to accept Jim's report was made by Mark Jennings, seconded by Marc Gilbert and passed by the Board.

	By-Law Amendment Proposals	All
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Discussion:

Amendment #1

8.1 (c) Term of Office

- viii) Change Interlock Director to **Local League Director**
- ix) Clinic Director (**Add – new position**)

9.2 Board Positions

- Change Interlock Director to **Local League Director**
- ADD: Clinic Director**

A motion to accept Amendment #1 to the By-laws was made by Pat Campeau, seconded by Marc Gilbert and passed by the Board.

Amendment #2

11.7

- a) President
The president shall

Proposed Change

- a) President
The president shall **when no conflict of interest exists,**

A motion to accept Amendment #2 to the By-laws was made by Jim Root, seconded by Mark Jennings and passed by the Board.

Amendment #3

a) Treasurer

The treasurer shall:

Add the following:

- ix) Be responsible for both the general BRDMHA and Bingo Budgets
- x) Be the liaison between the BRDMHA Board and the Auditors and provide information as required to complete the Audit
- xi) Prepare tax receipts for families (Feb)
- xii) Collect and balance all monies related to tryout fees, exhibition games, etc. that pertain to AA and AE travel tryouts
- xiii) Ensure all travel teams pay travel fees and borrowed tournament funds back to the association.

A motion to accept Amendment #3 was made by Marc Gilbert, seconded by Denis Comartin and passed by the Board.

Amendment #4

e) Director of Travel

Add the following:

- iv) Liaise with the Director of Clinics with regards to coaches, trainers and PRS/ Speakout certifications for coaches in all travel divisions.

A motion to accept Amendment #4 was made by Mark Jennings, seconded by Elaine Nocent and passed by the Board.

Amendment #5

e) Director of Travel Scheduling

Add:

- iv) Travel Scheduler to negotiate the minor hockey ice contract with the Town of Lakeshore by mid July prior to each hockey season.
- v) Travel Scheduler to work directly with BR travel director and BR travel coaches and travel directors from competing centres to ensure an accurate schedule.
- vi) Travel Scheduler to maintain an up to date and accurate online schedule for all BR minor hockey teams
- vii) Travel Scheduler to attend annual scheduling meetings with competing centers to schedule each years games for all travel teams

A motion to accept Amendment #5 was made by Elaine Nocent, seconded by Sandy Bondy and passed by the Board.

Amendment #6

e) Director of House League

Add:

- xi) Liaise with Director of Clinics with regards to coaches and trainers for PRS/
Speakout certifications for coaches in Atom and Pee wee divisions.

A motion to accept Amendment #6 was made by Phil Landry, seconded by Denis Comartin and passed by the Board.

Amendment #7

e) Director of Referees

Change ii) from “Responsible for interviewing and hiring all new referees (house league)”
to:

“Be authorized to recruit, interview and recommend for hire to the Board of Directors new
referees for House League in conjunction with the Director of Local League.”

A motion to accept Amendment #7 was made by Lorne Strong, seconded by Kristie Cronin and passed by the Board.

Amendment #8

- I) **Remove Director of Interlock and all associated duties as listed below and replace with “Director of Local League” and all new associated duties as indicated below.**

Director of Interlock: (Remove all of the following and replace with Director of Local League items below)

The Director of Interlock shall:

- (i) Attend and participate in all scheduled Board meetings, Semi Annual and/or General Annual meetings of the Board;
- (ii) Attend all BRDMHA meetings as scheduled, attend all Interlock meetings as scheduled;
- (iii) Assist in the drafting of the Interlock teams and solicit the appropriate coaching staff;
- (iv) Work in conjunction with the House League Scheduler and reschedule the necessary games with other centres;
- (v) Ensure that the Code of Conduct and the OMHA rules are followed;
- (vi) Collect and fax to the Local League all game sheets;
- (vii) Assist other Board Members as to the Interlock League issues;
- (viii) Carry out other duties as assigned by the Board or the President.

Director of Local League:

The Director of Local League shall:

- (i) Attend and participate in all scheduled Board meetings, Semi Annual and/or General Annual meetings of the Board;
- (ii) Attend all Local League meetings as scheduled and act as BRDMHA’s representative;
- (iii) Assist in the drafting of the Bantam and Midget Local League teams and solicit the appropriate coaching staff;
- (iv) Work directly with the Director of Player Development and the Director of House League to ensure all players are playing at the right level;
- (v) Ensure that all coaches and staff have the appropriate credentials and clearances and work directly with the Director of Clinics and the Director of Abuse and Harassment to attain such
- (vi) Work directly with the Director of Registration to roster the Local League teams;
- (vii) Work in conjunction with the House League and Travel Scheduler to reschedule games with other centers as needed;
- (viii) Generate a ‘Request for Game Change’ with the affected center when game scheduling conflicts occur;

A motion to accept Amendment #8 was made by Jim Root, seconded by Elaine Nocent and passed by the Board.

Amendment #9

NEW POSITION – Director of Clinics

- Q) Director of Clinics
- (i) Attend and participate in all scheduled Board meetings, Semi-Annual or General Meetings of the Board.
 - (ii) Liaise with Directors of Travel, Player Development, House League and Local League with respect to coach and trainer certification requirements
 - (iii) Liaise with the OMHA for the scheduling and execution of the coaching, trainer and PRS/Speakout clinics.
 - (iv) Liaise with the Director of Abuse and Harassment with respect to police clearances for all coaches, assistants and trainers.
 - (v) Maintain records of all coaches, assistants and trainers with respect to their qualifications and police clearances.
 - (vi) Display ethical conduct and professionalism while holding a position on the board bearing in mind the Confidentiality Agreement.

A motion to accept Amendment #9 was made by Pat Campeau, seconded by Jim Root and passed by the Board.

Amendment #10

Add the following to all positions on the BRDMHA Board:

Display ethical conduct and professionalism while holding a position on the board bearing in mind the Confidentiality Agreement.

A motion to accept Amendment #10 was made by Sandy Bondy, seconded by Pat Campeau and passed by the Board.

Amendment #11

K) Director of Registration:

Add:

- v) Enter all player payments into Hockey Canada Registry (HCR)

Amendment #12

N) Director of Parent’s Club

Remove:

- v) Provide gate boxes to all individual Travel teams which gate boxes shall include the designated float, and referee payment chart and shall receive from all individual teams the reconciliation for such funds and shall thereafter and upon requisition from the teams of 48 hours notice provide a replenishment of funds for the gate boxes float;

Add:

Work with town of Lakeshore to acquire licensing for any required fundraising.

A motion to accept Amendment #12 was made by Jim Root, seconded by Elaine Nocent and passed by the Board.

	Questions from the Floor/Adjournment	Kevin Beuglet
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Discussion:

Kevin Beuglet asked if there were any questions from the Floor.
Sandy Bondy asked if the new position of “Director of Clinics” would be a voting position. The answer was “yes” this would be a voting position.
There were no other questions, so Kevin Beuglet adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.