



## BRANTFORD CHURCH HOCKEY LEAGUE

### AGM MINUTES – 2017/18 SEASON

Tuesday, April 17/2018

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Civic Center Auditorium

1. Call meeting to order at 6:30 pm
  - Rules of the AGM reviewed.
2. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest – none declared
3. Approval of Agenda and prior minutes
  - Motioned by: Mike Winter. Seconded by: John Finnegan. All approved
4. President's Report
  - BCHL continues to be one of the largest sports organizations within the city of Brantford (close to 500 participants).
  - This past season was a resounding success.
  - Fiscal Responsibility – we continued to demonstrate fiscal responsibility, while investing in our programs. Details will be provided in the Treasurer's Report.
  - Our goal is to provide the 'best' program we can – to our participants!
  - Open Day BBQ – another success, raising nearly \$1000.
  - Electronic Game Sheets – new, innovative Game Sheet App. Very successful implementation. We are leaders in this respect.
  - New Image/Logo – rebranding effort last off season. We should all be very proud of the new image!
  - Saints Wear – partnered with Giant Tiger, which offers Saints Wear exclusively. Allows BCHL to 'protect' our new logo.

- Installed new Trophy Case in the Civic Centre Lobby.
- Hosted the Tournament of Friends – once again. There was growth this past year, and we intend to grow a little more next season.
- Santa Clause Parade – Tyke Group represented the organization at the annual parade
- Development Program – with Cro's Nest. Well attended.
- Leaders re: Goalie Discount Program.
- Extremely successful select program – Pee wee Team won the Streetsville Tournament. Midgets won the "B" final in the Buffalo Tournament. Novice were "B" finalists in the Oshawa Tournament. Great year!
- Recently hosted the IP Festival – which was a 100% success!!
- This past year – adopted half ice format for Tyke.
- City Championships – ***this was a BCHL initiative*** – and a great event. This will become an annual event in the City.
- Super Saturday – a great way to conclude the season!!
- Alliance House League Championships – great showing by our teams. Pee wee Smoke won the Alliance!
- Continued our focus on cost control. Efficient use of ice time.
- Invested in our programs – new Tyke nets, and rink dividers.
- We are financially strong.
- **WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**

#### Plans for Next Season:

- Continue to run Select Program to be administered centrally by the league – there may be some opportunities to align with BHMA on our Select Programs – TBD.
- Host the Tournament of Friends once again.
- Continue with the City Championships.
- Inter-league play for our House League Teams – with BMHA and Woodstock (discussions taking place).
- Intend to host the IP Festival once again.
- Increase sponsorship and continue to generate fundraising \$'s.
- Continue to be an organization which places fun as our top objective.

Proposed minor revision to BCHL Constitution.

- Defined the Ice Scheduler Position
- Added in 'Conflict of Interest' section.
- Motion to accept: George Ziotek. Seconded by Rick Fitzgerald. All in favour. No one opposed

5. Presentation of Reports:

- Treasurer Report - See attached. Submitted by Sandra Gagne
- Junior House Report – Submitted by Dan Skater
  - ✓ Tyke became Initiation Program and moved to cross ice hockey. The reception was good as it included a reduced price to reflect the number of kids on the ice. Introduced uniform practices where all teams received the same practice plan. This was also well received.
  - ✓ Novice registration numbers remained strong.
  - ✓ Next year will see the introduction of the IP5-6 and the IP7 program. Which will see 5-6-year old's play cross ice and 7-year old's play half ice
- Senior House Report – Submitted by Eric Stamp
  - ✓ It was an exciting year for bantam and peewee. We had player evaluations at the beginning which helped with our team balancing at the beginning of the year. We have collected coach's evaluations at the end of this year to help us even better with the balancing of next year.
  - ✓ We had house league teams going to the Walter Gretzky tournament and Jordan station tournament, representing BCHL very well with both teams making it to the quarter finals and semifinals. Next year we will encourage other HL teams to represent BCHL in other HL tournaments.
  - ✓ During March break the peewee division ran a skills competition which was exciting and a lot of fun for the kids. We will review this event next year and see if we can make this a more consistent across all divisions next year during this time.



- ✓ Due to the growing increase of other sports and major age group starting to get part time jobs and high school commitments etc. we will review the Bantam division and look at reducing the number of practices and increase the number of games to enhance the fun factor and increase the participation during the week.
  - ✓ Overall both divisions ran fairly smooth with very little issues on and off the ice. We look forward to another successful year and an increase in participation next year.
  - ✓ Our midget division was made up of kids born in 2000, 2001 and 2002. With 70% of the kids in this division being 2002 there is new excitement in the air. Midget Just Play always has many challenges but 2017 2018 was simply a success. From team balancing to fewer on ice issues this division is now stable and expected to grow in the seasons to come.
- Select Report – Submitted by Ken Lupton
    - ✓ 2018 will be remembered as the year we made Southern Ontario take notice.
    - ✓ Our rebrand put us back on the map creating excitement within our organization as well as letting other associations know we are growing and committed to icing more competitive teams.
    - ✓ In its 2nd year back the Tournament of Friends was a great success.
    - ✓ Season started off strong with both Pee wee and Bantam making it to the championship game of our own Tournament of Friends.
    - ✓ Novice and Atom both had great growth years improving on last year's win loss totals
    - ✓ Pee wee Select won the Streetsville Spring Classic Tourney in March and was a force everywhere they went

- ✓ Bantam made it to 2 champions games in there 4 tournament appearances and had an opportunity to win every game every night.
  - ✓ Midget fielded its strongest and most competitive team ever
  - ✓ As an Organization our Select program surpassed the 50-win mark!
  - ✓ From Novice to Midget we made our opponents take notice we are no longer the easy victory little church league.
  - ✓ We are the BCHL Saints Select!
- MD Report (if applicable) – No Report
    - ✓ We have started conversations with Alliance regarding MD program and we want to have a seat at the table in the program going forward.

#### 6. Awards: Presented by George Ziotek

- i. Coach of the Year – Junior – Kirk Anderson
- ii. Coach of the Year – Senior – Cory Cummerson
- iii. Coach of the Year – Select – Darryl Purificati
- iv. Presidents Award – Ken Lupton
- v. Volunteer of the Year award – Jeff Corbett
- vi. BCHL Midget Bursary Award – no applicants received this year

#### 7. Nominations & Election of Directors

- No elections required this year
- Proud to say we have a full Board of Directors!
- Begin meetings May 22

#### 8. New Business

- Alliance AGM IS HELD FIRST WEEKEND IN June
- Sandra to send out link for AGM registration to new board members

#### 9. Motion to Adjourn - Tammy Fitzgerald motioned to adjourn. Ken Lupton seconded. All in favour.