

Hockey Edmonton AA Council
April 11, 2015
HILTON GARDEN INN @ 9:00 am

1.0 Adoption of minutes:

2.0 Business Arising

3.0 Delegations

4.0 Correspondence

5.0 Committee Reports

5.01 Statistician:

5.02 Referees

5.03 Henry White Tournament

5.04 Hockey Edmonton

5.05 Hockey Alberta Operations Council/Zone 8 Manager of Operations

6.0 Director Reports

6.01 Bantam AA

6.02 Bantam AAA

6.03 REM15

6.04 Midget AA

6.05 Minor Midget AAA

6.06 Midget AAA

7.0 Club Reports

7.01 St. Albert

7.02 Sherwood Park

7.03 Spruce Grove

7.04 Leduc

7.05 Fort Sask

7.06 MLAC

7.07 KC

7.08 CAC

7.09 SSAC

8.0 New Business

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9.0 Meeting Adjourned

HOCKEY EDMONTON “AA” COUNCIL

March 7, 2015

Attendance: Attached

- 1.0 Adoption of Minutes February 7, 2015: MOTION: Bruce K of C, Seconded by Doug Stoker CAC. CARRIED
- 2.0 Business Arising from the Minutes
 - Discussion on player movement.
- 3.0 Delegations –none
- 4.0 Correspondence - none
- 5.0 Committee Reports
 - 5.01 Statistician – Bruce Kirby
 - Bruce expresses his view of clubs abusing him. What are his options? Edmonton have for the Good of the Game. Ed Croken had a discussion with him on referees. Incidents needs to be documented and dealt with at the proper levels.
 - 5.02 Referees – Herman Costa-absent
 - 5.03 Henry White Christmas Tournament – Bobby Olynyk-absent
 - 5.04 Hockey Edmonton – Betty Chmilar
 - Banquet April 28 at Millwoods Golf Course.
 - Vimy girls team denied by Hockey Alberta.
 - Okanagan Hockey School still on hold before Hockey Alberta. Hockey Edmonton has written a letter of concern to Hockey Alberta on the schools and they process.
 - Boundary Review meeting March 19 at EMHA office. Hockey Edmonton set the committee. Some of the zones are wrong because of Garrison and Enoch’s numbers. Enoch wants its players back.
 - AGM in May is where bylaws changes happen.
 - 5.05 Hockey Alberta – Betty Chmilar and Paul Schmidt-absent
 - Concerns with Pee Wee AA Model. Email will be attached to the minutes from Kevin Macrae.
 - Regulation changes are coming.
 - Federation is looking at non checking league at Bantam. It already exists in grass roots hockey.
 - Minimum suspension guidelines will increase.

6.0 Director's Reports

- 6.01 BAA – Russ Lukawesky – attached
- 6.02 BAAA – Ed Croken -
- Last city team was SSAC. Fort Sask and Sherwood Park are now playing and series is tied 2-2.
- 6.03 REM15 AA – Mike Hennessey -
- A few issues have arose but as Govenor Mike has dealt with them.
 - Finals almost done.
 - Mike feels there is a conflict with the Hockey Edmonton Discipline Chair being a coach at this level.
 - Will be approaching St. Albert about putting 2 teams in the league next year. Also Fort Sask may be coming back.
- 6.04 Midget AA – Tracey Orbell-absent
- **MOTION:** K of C to Banff for tournament March 20. Bruce seconded by Ed. **CARRIED**
- 6.05 Minor Midget AAA – Carrie Aldridge-absent
- Cac has a concern about expenses for the North Suter Cup. Host is given \$2000.00 from league and \$600.00 from each team and it is up to host club to raise the rest for a break even point. League makes host well aware of what is responsibility and money attached to that.
- 6.06 Midget AAA – Bobby Olynyk-absent
- Website was wrong for March 6 games. SSAC did not win.

7.0 Club Reports

- 7.01 St. Albert – Joe Kueber- absent. Keith Waldbillig
- Awards Banquet April 8, and they will be getting league awards from Bantam AA so Russell needs to be there to present.
- 7.02 Sherwood Park – Dave Schotte –
- NTR
- 7.03 Spruce Grove – Rob Matsuba-absent
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- 7.04 Leduc – Allen Fandrick – absent
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- 7.05 Fort Sask - absent
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- 7.06 MLAC – Ed Croken
- Banquet March 26 at Italian Cultural Centre.
 - Applications for coaches have gone out.
- 7.07 KC – Bruce Fitzpatrick -

- NTR
- 7.08 CAC – Brad Kurlyk-absent. James McAllister
- Awaiting boundary review.
 - Banquet April 7 at River Cree
 - James has passed on Brad’s concern about the MMAAA league holding back information on hosting of North Suter Cup. Will spoke to the issue.
- 7.09 SSAC – Ted Boomer-
- Banquet April 22.

8.0 New Business

- **MOTION:** all 15 year olds be allowed in and out of Zone 8 and to follow normal procedure of Hockey Alberta. Ed seconded by Doug. **CARRIED.**
- Motion needs to have rational to be taken forward to Hockey Edmonton.

**9.0 Notice of Next Meeting Saturday, APRIL 11, 2015 @ 9:00 AM. HILTON GARDEN INN
17610 STONY PLAIN ROAD.**

10.0 Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm

Betty Chmilar

From: Macrae, Kevin [kmacrae@hockeyalberta.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 12:38 PM
To:

Subject: AA Model - Peewee Rationale

As I mentioned last night, here is the rationale for peewee that I put together by going back through the past meeting notes. If you wish to use it, it may help in some discussions you have with people out in the communities. If you have thoughts on it, let me know as this could be key in the communication with the stakeholders when we release the final model.

When the discussion about a possible "AA" model being implemented Provincially started there were two clearly different mindsets of whether or not Peewee "should" be included in the model. One reason that was expressed for supporting the inclusion of Peewee was from a developmental perspective. Looking at the existing minor hockey structure there is a need to be able to teach players so that they progress through the different levels of hockey. If a player has the skill and desire to play a higher level of hockey, they should be able to do so. If Peewee was not included in a "AA" model we were simply creating a gap in the development of Alberta players between Peewee and, potentially, Bantam AA or AAA.

As the process developed and information began to be gathered from the member MHA's, there was a slight change in mindset. With only 50% of the membership supporting Peewee being included and the other 50% being against the inclusion of Peewee, there would need to be definite rationale to include Peewee in the "AA" model.

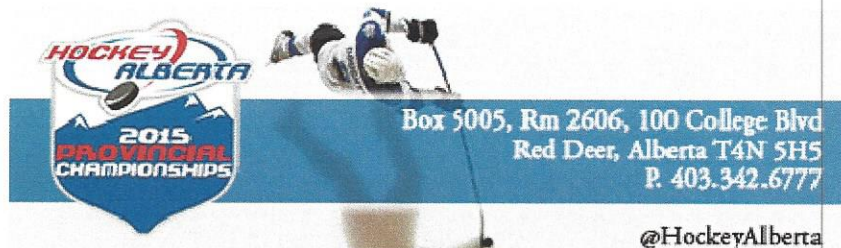
As the "AA" Implementation Committee began discussing the MHA feedback and what the best way to proceed would be, they identified that the same common themes were coming up amongst those that did not support the inclusion of Peewee. The age of the athletes was always a concern with how it related to the amount and time of travel players should be subject to. There was not a concern for Peewee players playing a higher level of hockey, just that they should not be subject to as much travel as the older kids. From there the Committee recognized that the real issue that had to be addressed was travel and noted that there was no reason a "AA" Model could not be built providing a slightly different structure for Peewee than it does for Bantam and Midget.

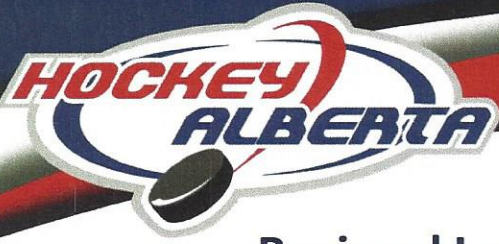
As the committee continued to discuss the rationale for a decision on Peewee, it was noted that regardless of what it is called (AAA, AA or Tier 1), a top level of Peewee hockey will always exist in the Province. Currently MHA's and Leagues have created what they call a Peewee AA level of hockey because they want it and no one believed that this is going to change. The idea behind the "AA" Model is to create a consistent program across the Province that offers a proper developmental system for players. Ignoring the Peewee Division would essentially lead to building a new model that does not align with the objectives of creating the model in the first place. The Committee identified that the only possible rationale for not including Peewee in the "AA" Model would be if everyone believed that players of this age should not be permitted an opportunity to play a higher level of hockey at all. Looking to create a proper development progression for the players, it was determined that the best option was to include Peewee to offer that consistent program but to alter the model so Peewee has less travel than the older players. It was also noted that including Peewee would provide an opportunity to put a Provincial structure in place for that age division that would help regulate various things, such as the number of players playing that highest level and the travel distances permitted for regular game play.

The "AA" Committee recognizes that the rationale above also leads to speculation about the current Atom levels of hockey. The LTPD Model tells us that the Atom Division of hockey is one where the kids are still really at a learning stage of the game. This level is where players are still developing individual skills and should not yet be introduced to high

levels of team tactics or high levels of “competition”. Including the Atom Division in the “AA” Model would be counterproductive to athlete development, whereas including Peewee is right on track with the LTPD plan as they begin to learn about training, mastering skills and we introduce higher levels of competition.

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Regional Leader Development Program (RLDP)

Program overview:

The Regional Leader Development Program purpose will be to develop and train graduating male and female Midget hockey players (17 year olds) in the areas of coaching, skill instruction and leadership. This program will run as a pilot in the spring of 2015 with 2 of the Regional Centre's offering it. We will look to expand the program to all Regional Centre's in the spring of 2016 by offering 6 of them provincially.

Delegates:

There will be an application process where the top 20 Regional Leaders will be selected. The successful delegates will be trained and mentored on and off ice through classroom sessions that include: leadership, team building and off ice LTPD training. Along with classroom sessions regional leaders will work through the NCCP Coach 2 program and will leave the program with a trained status. Delegates will also receive NCCP Instructional Stream trained status in Skating, Skills and Small Area Games. The Regional Leader Development Program will help to provide a base of enthusiastic, educated young leaders that will hopefully play a role within Regional Centre Programming and their local minor hockey association in the years to come. During the RLDP all registrants will be provided:

- Meals
- Hockey Alberta Track Suit & Clothing Item
- Coaching Resource Package
- NCCP Coach 2 Trained Status
- NCCP Instructional Stream Skating 1 Trained Status
- NCCP Instructional Stream Skills 1 Trained Status
- NCCP Instructional Stream Small Area Games 1 Trained Status

Schedule:

Sample schedule attached with specific sessions outlined.

AA COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 2015

The quarter finals started February 23. They should be finished by March 7.

The top scorer is Ethan Browne from Sherwood Park Sabres.

The top goalie is Shane Silka from St Albert Bears.

The team representing Zone 8 in the Provincials is Real Estate Weekly CAC.

The Provincials are being held in Sherwood Park March 12 – 15.

