

LEDUC OLD BLADES HOCKEY LEAGUE

Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2016



In attendance: Gene Sturk, Craig Price, Greg Williams, Bill Bolton, Adam Clark, Geoff Stewart, Ross Hockley, Dean Charpentier, Phil Stubbs, Lee Tomchuk, Shawn Rowles, Brian Evans, KJ Farmer, Dan Potvin, Curtis Ferguson, Brian Goertz, Rick Brown, Mike Boekenstyn, Jeremy Thorne, Sarah Reed, Paul Bettio, Cory Schwab, Todd Hicks, Jeff Janzen, Mark Vandenhouten, Ron Rietel.

Meeting Called to order at 7:05pm

QUICK UPDATES

Spring Meeting

- Need to update the constitution. Currently it says the AGM is held on draft night which is false. The AGM is same as spring meeting. Changes to league operations should be made prior to draft night.

Draft

- We will be drafting 5 rounds of defensemen (along with 9 forwards) instead of forcing a forward to play defense all year. Past years we drafted 10 forwards, and 4 defensemen.

Spare Players

- A1 spare rule will be reinstated. However we need to first see who we have for spares to determine what ranking we need. Whether is A1 FWD and A1 DMAN only or A1 FWD and A2 FWD, and A1 DMAN etc.
- New spares should be encouraged to come out during summer and August pre-season skates. This will help with rankings.
- Spares can only play once per week.
- If spares have 2 strikes they are out. Ex, cancel with one team to play for another, etc. If they are caught trying to switch teams they are ineligible to play that week.
- Spare cutoff remains at 3pm on Sundays.
- Teams to manage their own deadlines for regular members to notify them they are in fact playing and a spare is not needed. Example, some teams may have a Saturday night deadline, meaning that a regular player cannot call their rep Sunday morning saying they can make the game after all. This encourages fair treatment of scheduled spares. Members must be considerate of this and provide their reps with ample notice.

August Pre-Season and First Game of the Season Update (Craig)

- September long weekend start date to the season. The Monday night would be preferred and ideal solution. Craig verifying Monday rate and seeing if feasible. We cannot bump the season schedule out a week though as more people would dislike extending into spring break.

Golf Tournament (Gene)

- Gene brought up the idea of a summer golf tournament. Consensus from those in attendance were in favor and Gene will organize the tournament (Scheduled for August 27, 2016). Greg will assist with the email communication to members.

Rob Losing

seeking volunteers for Alberta Summer Games, email to general membership to follow – Greg

Outdoor Hockey Game (Gene)

- Idea brought forward, any interest? There seemed to be a fair bit of interest from those in attendance. Concerns over the games affecting league standings, versus a separate fun tournament were discussed. Gene and Craig will continue to look into the feasibility of this, and will report back to the group.

Reps (Greg)

- Reps have been selected for the upcoming season. This will help provide Reps with more time well ahead of the draft to get familiar with players (summer/pre-season skates). Greg is available to answer any questions from reps.
- The following Rep Pairings were voted on unanimously by the executive committee.

Team 1	Kirkman, Robert	Janzen, Jeff
Team 2	Mallis, Gus	Rowles, Shawn
Team 3	Williams, Greg	Tomchuk, Lee
Team 4	Ferguson, Curtis	Vandenhauten, Mark
Team 5	Boekestyn, Mike	Thorne, Jeremy
Team 6	Klooster, Matt	Charpentier, Dean
Team 7	Baille, Derek	Bettio, Paul
Team 8	Pierce, Rob	Schwab, Corey

ITEMS REQUIRING AGM VOTE

Refs and Officiating

- Referee's (rates/people/respect)
 - A ref rate increase of \$5 per ref per game has been suggested. **Requires AGM vote.** All in favor, vote passed.

Member Fees

- \$5 rate increase for members to account for Ref increases. Fees will go up to \$520 I believe after raise. **Requires AGM vote.** All in favor, vote passed.

LOBHL Rules

- The following rules were discussed and decided upon.
 - Shootout format – All in agreement that we go back to previous shootout rules where if a team is missing all players of a certain level (ex C Players) they forfeit any shot attempts for those rounds. That is a suitable level of accountability for not ensuring they get C spares. It is at their risk not to get a C spare, and may encourage more C spares in future. **Requires AGM vote.** All in favor, vote passed.
 - 10 minute misconduct penalty becomes an automatic game ejection – NOT SUSPENSION
 - Definition of a slapshot, and if the league should consider changing. Currently stick has to be touching ice, but refs indicate that this rarely happens and ankle height is easier to judge. All in favor, vote passed to update to ankle height.
 - Delay of game while penalty killing – Brian suggests no line changes during a penalty kill. This reduces time wasted. Line changes must occur on the fly during a penalty kill. It was decided to leave rule as outlined in Hockey Alberta rulebook.
 - When can the time clock can be stopped? Can it be stopped if goalie has to fix his equipment? This can cause a timeslot issue, but also can favor the team killing last few mins of the game. In this event, Refs and team reps can meet at centre ice, discuss, and decide on approach (evaluate the situation as they all are different).
 - It was discussed and decided that upstairs functions go back to the way they used to be where teams bring their own food and beverages vs having Moos provide food and beverages.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.