

# WMHA Board Conference Call Meeting MINUTES October 20, 2011 at 7:30 – 8:00 pm

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- Location: Carried out via Telus Conference Call
- Meeting called to order by President John Kennedy at: 7:32 pm
- In attendance by telephone: John Kennedy, Ken Davie, Jackie Pearson, Shelley Providence, Barb Borynec, Norm Desnoyers, Aleigha & Jared Kravontka, Steve Cote
- Regrets: Heather Doerr

*(Below letter distributed and reviewed prior to conference call commencement):*

**1. Correspondence – Letter dated October 15<sup>th</sup> from Darrel Velichko on behalf of Wes & Lorrie Musto & Harvey & Lynne Scheideman – Player Movement Request of Devin Velichko, Tanner Musto, and Jason Scheideman from PeeWee Tier 2 team to Bantam Tier 3 team.**

**Correspondence reviewed by the board prior to meeting – email submitted from PeeWee coaches Cam Pearson & Shane Rose; email submitted from Bantam coach Jamie Kause**

**2. Call to the floor open discussion; from open discussion these points were raised:**

- the request was specific in that the players be allowed to be moved up to the team coached by Jamie Kause (referred to as the bantam tier 3 team)
- players cannot skip over the lower bantam team (referred to as the bantam tier 4 team) as there are players in that age category that were on the bubble of making the bantam tier 3 team and how would they feel
- Size, strength and maturity level issues are a concern; it would be negligent in placing these players at the bantam tier 3 level with the possibility of injury; some players weigh 160 lbs + in the bantam age category
- applications for underage player movement are to be submitted prior to league tiering games as it affects all players in Wabamun at that team level with placement
- Hockey Alberta's mandate for minor hockey associations is to follow what is best for the entire hockey community as a whole not just for the few; that is why there is the affiliation rule in place to help out with numbers at different team levels
- let the kids be kids and see that all teams are properly tiered as tiering process for the peewee team is complete (late to be moving players) and is the league's job to put the teams where it is best compete level, and if these players were allowed the movement it would change this level for the players that remain; team has placed in tier 2 peewee and this will provide these players the proper compete level where they can develop
- WMHA has worked hard towards having operational policies and procedures in place it is important we as a board do our best to follow them; by possibly allowing movement now when the preseason is almost over may open it up for other late requests which is unfair to all other players establishing teams and coaches
- it was suggested that perhaps because the late request was made by the parents to permit their children to be specifically placed onto Jamie Kause's team that it was made for the reason that they were unhappy with the higher number of players on the peewee team; it was questioned why (from a skill development standpoint) the parents would want their children to move from playing peewee tier 2 to bantam tier 3 or possibly tier 4 (as the bantam tiering has not yet been completed).

**3. Call to the floor by John Kennedy to vote in favour or opposed to granting the request of allowing Devin Velichko, Tanner Musto and Jason Scheideman permission to move up to the Bantam Tier 3 team coached by Jamie Kause:**

**8 board members voting – all opposed. The player movement request is denied.**

**Moved to Adjourn by John at 7:50 pm; John thanked everyone for their time.**