

MEETING OF COUNCIL, MARCH 6, 2018

A meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with some Coaches from the Bonavista Trinity Minor Hockey Association. There were four members of Council present namely Mayor John Norman, Councillors Calvin Rolls, Lindsay Phillips and Reg Butler. Also present at the meeting were Coaches from the Bonavista Trinity Minor Hockey Association namely Patti Hoddinott, Jody Tremblett, Shelley Tremblett, Derrick Maloney and Sarah Pilgrim. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

The Minor Hockey Coaches wanted to meet with members of Council to find out what the protocol and rules of conduct are for Cabot Stadium. The children are not the problem: the parents are the problem. The Coaches are not being physically abused but are being verbally abused by parents of some of the children who are involved playing minor hockey. This problem has been reported to the Stadium Manager, to the Executive of the Minor Hockey Association and also to the R.C.M.P. ; however, the situation continues as they are not getting support from the Executive. There is also a lot of profanity being spoken at the Stadium both to the parents and the children. This is quite inappropriate.

It was noted that when children sign up for Minor Hockey, the parents have to sign a waiver but most times only one parent signs the waiver. It was stated that maybe both parents should be signing this waiver rather than only one parent. Then the Coaches would not be getting the abuse which they are getting.

In Minor Hockey the children are put in groups according to their age and not according to their skills. Some parents feel that their children should be put in the category according to their skills and not according to their age. Therefore, they are verbally abusing the Coaches about this type of categorizing for their children.

It was agreed that Council needs to meet with Stadium Manager, Lloyd Stagg, to discuss this matter and find out what the protocol and rules of conduct are for the Stadium. If it comes to the point that people need to be banned from the Stadium for their undisciplinatory actions, then this will have to be enforced and adhered to.

At 7:40 p.m. the delegation from the Minor Hockey retired from the meeting.

Council continued to discuss this matter for a short time after the delegation left and agreed that something needs to be done with this situation.

At 7:55 p.m. the meeting adjourned.