

ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Meeting

Thursday January 17, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: Bryan Walters, Don Brown, Jodi Rainford, Dean Morrow, Tim Missios, Sandi Large, Milan Legris

Regrets: Karen Viersen, Mark Tower, Chris Naylor, Ian Milne, Dave Rohrer, Brad Charlong, Len Van Berkel

Welcome

D. Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Although there was not a quorum present the minutes were recorded.

1.0 Approval of Agenda & Minutes of November 6, and December 4, 2007

Deferred as quorum absent.

2.0 Awards Day – Saturday March 29, 2008

Discussion of a 6 member committee to help plan and organize Awards Day for Saturday March 29 as well as confirmation that AMHL has full ice that day. J. Rainford discussed JHL format for the day will have both championship and consolation championship games and that there may be an increased cost with trophies. S. Large mentioned that SHL will require 1 hour of ice time on Sunday March 30 but that no gymnasium time is required from the recreation centre for Juvenile teams.

3.0 AMHL Refund Policy

Mentioned that there is no refund to players on rep teams and that members of the executive should read and be ready to discuss AMHL refund policy at next meeting.

4.0 Time keepers

Discussion of budgeting for timekeepers in 2009 budget, i.e. 20 games/week X 20 weeks X \$10 /game = \$4,000.00 cost.

5.0 Discussion of Legal Insurance

Discussion noted the policy offers limited coverage, many exclusions and qualification to payment (i.e. many restrictions, advance notice required before retaining counsel except in emergency, sliding scale of increased legal cost reimbursement) and particularly no coverage for liability (i.e. it is strictly for legal costs). Recommended that the board not incur this expense or obtain its coverage, but going forward look into better coverage of liability from a directors & officers liability policy for the members of the executive.

6.0 Reports

a) Sponsorship: T. Missios reported on the upcoming Tim Horton's' night a Copps coliseum for the IP and novice teams and 1 atom team. Coaches and players can attend to watch the game with tickets donated by Tim Horton's. T. Missios is also following up on any outstanding sponsorship payments.

b) Jr. House League: J. Rainford reported on a letter sent to the Peewee division coaches and parents and the different reactions/responses to that letter. With respect to the JHL rule(s) implemented in the letter, the JHL Convenor discussed this in advance with the President and Referee in chief. J. Rainford reported that for Bull Dogs Day, there have been 534 tickets sold.

J. Rainford also raised an item for a budget request in 2009 dealing with an honorarium for the Convenors (JHL & SHL) similar to Oakville minor hockey policy (and other minor Soccer leagues). I.e. in recognition of the hockey seasons' administrative time of the Convenors, that the board acknowledge this time commitment/contribution by waiving the registration fee for the Convenor's child(ren) to participate in the league.

There was additional discussion by members of possibly changing the structure of teams/divisions, for example as follows:

- JHL (Novice & Atom), Intermediate HL (Peewee & Bantam) and SHL (Midget & Juvenile); or
- having Ex-officio members (appointed for 1 year term with renewal option) to assist the JHL and SHL Convenors with certain matters, including; scheduling, communication with coaches and parents and as liaison with the board.

It was also mentioned that Food Donation at playoff games is being looked into.

c) Treasurer: B. Walters reported on the financial statements for December 31, 2007. There was also discussion of working to increase player registration numbers to CHIPs in the coming year to ensure there continues to be a strong incoming stream of players to feed the AMHL system. It appears AMHL may be at risk of losing player registrations to Chedoke minor hockey. Discussion of the Trillium grant and utilizing the funds including building/developing our resource centre and upgrading of the league's goalie equipment.

B. Walters also reported on a summary draft 2009 budget and commented that further input is needed on player registration numbers, expenses - including time keeper costs, Convenor honorarium, etc. Discussion of possible advertising of 2008-09 season registration would include the Ancaster News, and consideration may be given to preparing and distributing flyers to local schools, etc. It was also noted that this year sponsor recognition by the league is much improved and possible use of yearly banner to recognize sponsors could be used at both Morgan Firestone and Spring Valley arenas.

7.0 New Business:

a) Freedom of Information and Privacy

D. Morrow mentioned that an issue associated with email and privacy has been raised and should be addressed by the AMHL. Discussion on the possible limited application to AMHL of:

- the federal PIPEDA (*Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*) legislation, and
- Provincial legislation (*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*).

However, it was noted that Ontario's *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*, may apply to AMHL particularly as trainers/coaches may gather players' health number and the Act would apply therefore to those persons. In addition, it was pointed out that the OMHA has a privacy policy (and disclosed on its website) and notwithstanding the possible limited application of privacy laws, it would be good practice for AMHL to have and adopt a privacy policy. M. Legris to look into a form of privacy policy for the board members to review and consider.

b) Awards Day (March 29)

Discussed above, see item 2.0

c) Food Donations at Playoff games

Discussed above under JHL report, see item 6.0 b).

d) AMHL Refund Policy

Discussed above, see item 3.0

e) 2008 Board meeting dates

D. Morrow reported that Monday evenings are suitable for most board members to attend meetings.

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting concluded at 9:15pm. No adjournment necessary in absence of meeting quorum.