

ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Meeting

Monday February 11, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: Dean Morrow, Jodi Rainford, Milan Legris, Mark Tower, Chris Naylor, Bryan Walters, Len Van Berkel

Regrets: Karen Viersen, Don Brown, Tim Missios, Sandi Large, Ian Milne, Dave Rohrer, Brad Charlton

Welcome

D. Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm.

1.0 Approval of Minutes of November 6 and December 4, 2007 and January 17, 2008

Motion to approve B. Walters, seconded J. Rainford, and unanimously carried.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve J. Rainford, seconded Mark Tower, and unanimously carried.

3.0 Business Arising

Discussion of AMHL refund policy deferred to May or AGM.

4.0 Reports

a) Jr. House League: J. Rainford reported playoffs beginning this week. All divisions were close in standings and in Pee wee 4 teams were vying for first place. As well, after an 18 game season 3rd & 4th place teams were tied on all factors and placement was ultimately determined by a coin toss.

J. Rainford also noted that JHL is very large with 22 teams and requested a budget item to address JHL honorarium (i.e., either a refund at season end or waiving registration fee for child playing in JHL), along with commencing at this time of the season (i.e. with interest and enthusiasm high during season end and playoffs) recruitment of convenors for each division in JHL. Suggestion to recruit ex officio convenors (non-board members) to ensure that the successful systems in place in JHL last 2 years are continued and maintained.

Motion by J. Rainford, seconded M. Legris, that board approve free registration for 3 convenors in JHL for 2008-09 season and board to review this decision in spring 2009; interested convenors are to apply to current JHL convenor; and JHL convenor to bring to the board for approval her recommendations for the 3 convenors. Unanimously carried.

b) Sr. House League: no report.

c) Registrar: no report, and currently attending Tri-County meeting.

d) Initiation Program: no report.

e) Sponsorship Program: no report.

f) Secretary: no report.

g) Coach & Player Development: M. Tower provided an update on Rep. coach applications. All applications being considered were received by the deadline and 7 interviews with prospective coaches are scheduled for Saturday February 16. Consideration by the rep coach selection committee is given to the interview and application itself, i.e. coach philosophy and experience, plan, budget etc. All incumbent rep coaches have been heard from. The Rep coach selection committee consists of Mark Tower, Chris Naylor, Len Van Berkel, Rob Pace and Dave MacDonald.

With respect to applications and interviews: Tyke – no applications received; Minor Peewee AA and Novice AA - 1 applicant for each position and both will still be interviewed. Interviews are also being held for Minor Bantam AA and AE; Minor Peewee AE, and Midget AA. Midget AA will try to recruit sufficient players by May 1st and if not successful in fielding a team, consideration will be given to recruiting for a Midget AE team.

M. Tower also discussed under age player upward movement and a coaches' letter that was sent to the OMHA for approval. The board discussed its understanding that OMHA would send this matter back to the local association for consideration and the issue(s) would include: a players dominant ability (size, strength, injury risk), individual vs. team considerations, affects on league i.e., weakening/hindering team below and incremental improvement to the major/above team, and all being dealt with on a case by case basis. Board referred itself to s. 5.3(b) of the Manual of Operations and the requirement for deemed exceptional player talent by the Director of Coach & Player Development as well as the written permission of the board. Official request for upward player movement is to be made to the board by the parent (who has the player's minor card).

The board discussed a clarifying amendment to the language of s. 5.3(b)(i) of the Manula of Operations to include the written procedure and the agreement of an executive committee (of the board) which would make its recommendation to the board. M. Legris to draft clarifying amendment to s. 5.3 and submit to the board members for their consideration, review and/or approval.

i) Treasurer: B. Walters reported on the registration plan for 2008-09, that rep. team games would be at Morgan Firestone arena (not Spring Valley arena) and reviewed ice time requirements for CHIPs and Jr. & Sr. Pre-Novice.

B. Walters also reviewed draft financial statements for January 2008.

j) Director of Rep Hockey & OMHA contact: C. Naylor reported that OMHA play downs have ended (Feb. 10) for Minor Atom AA, and Minor & Major Peewee AA and that Tri-County playoffs are therefore starting this week.

C. Naylor requested for next meeting a board discussion item concerning coaches naming captains and assistant captains for their teams. OMHA rules permit 1 captain and up to 3 assistant captains, however a goaltender cannot be an assistant captain listed on a game sheet or it results in an immediate team penalty.

k) Special events: D. Morrow reported that a 6 member committee lead by Terry Beaupre is working on planning and organizing for the March 29 Awards Day. However, Awards Day volunteers are still needed for JHL, SHL and rep. events (NB April 5 is rep Awards Day). K. Viersen to arrange for gym at Morgan Firestone on April 5 – estimated time required is 3-4 hours for the 13 rep. teams.

5.0 New Business:

a) 2009 Budget, JHL honorarium, etc.

Discussed above under Treasurer and JHL reports.

b) Underage player upward movement

Discussed above under Coach & Player Development report.

c) Coach selection update

Discussed above under Rep. Hockey and OMHA report.

d) Agenda structure

D. Morrow suggested for board to consider possible future Agenda restructuring with voting items coming earlier and followed by the Directors' reports. To be added and discussed at next board meeting.

6.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.