

# ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Meeting

Monday April 7, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: Tim Missios, Jodi Rainford, Dean Morrow, Milan Legris, Ian Milne, Karen Viersen, Chris Naylor, Len Van Berkel, Bryan Walters, Sandi Large

Regrets: Mark Tower, Don Brown, Dave Rohrer, Brad Charlong

## Welcome

D. Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm with a quorum of members present.

### 1.0 CPR presentation

Louise Lachowskyj presented the board with information on offering CPR training to bench staff of the AMHL, and having the league develop a policy and related emergency plan related to this which would assist the league in risk management. The board thanked Louise for her presentation and attendance.

Afterward the board discussed an initial draft policy be prepared for board consideration at its next meeting which may include offering to pay up to ½ the cost of CPR training for rostered coaches and trainers and allocating Trillium grant moneys for this purpose. M. Legris volunteered to draft the initial policy for the board's consideration.

### 2.0 Items for Approval and Requiring Voting

- a. Motion by J. Rainford and seconded by T. Missios that Agenda for the meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Motion by L. Van Berkel and seconded by T. Missios that minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting are approved. Motion carried, J. Rainford abstaining from the vote.
- c. The board discussed the appropriateness (and to assist with identification at AMHL events) of AMHL logo clothing being worn by executive members.  
Motion by D. Morrow and seconded by I. Milne that the board allocate on a 1 time only basis up to \$100 per executive member – for both new and current board members, to be used for executive clothing/apparel with executive approved logos. Motion carried, with J. Rainford and B. Walters voting against the motion.

### 3.0 Items for Discussion

- a. **Business arising from March 17, 2008 meeting**
  - i. **Staffing Rep tryouts** - K. Viersen has put on the website the list of dates, times and arena locations for the rep tryouts. Members can register for tryouts and pay the fee on line – although some may pay in cash or by cheque on site at the tryouts. A list was being circulated to ask for board members to assist with registrations at each tryout.
  - ii. **RIC Committee** - The board discussed the role of RIC for AMHL for the upcoming 2008-09 season. Current year issues included RIC attendance at OMHA

and Tri-county meetings, non-scheduling of referees at house league games, referee payments/cheques, and non-scheduling of referees at exhibition games. D. Morrow to schedule a meeting to discuss above issues with the current RIC and M. Legris agreed to participate at the meeting.

iii. **Base ice time & IP Changes** - The board discussed the base ice time for each division and particularly referenced some competing hockey centres using full ice for 7 year old players as well as their CHIPs programs. The 2008-09 ice allocation for AMHL will not be known or finalized until September 2008 and currently our estimate is 91 hours of ice time are needed per week for most of the season. The board also discussed that it may be required to hold back the 3<sup>rd</sup> rep hour of ice time initially at the start of the season (to be shared and utilized by other divisions in the AMHL, i.e. commitment to CHIPs program having and utilizing full ice) until additional ice is bought.

iv. **AGM** - The board discussed setting the date and time of the AGM for Monday June 9 at 7PM. Notice of the AGM to be given by May 9.

b. **Reorganization of League executive** - The reorganization and succession planning for the board executive was briefly discussed and included reference to the trial principle proposed for 2008-09 of additional convenors to assist with JHL. It was noted that 16 people have applied for these positions.

c. **Referee final pay** - The board noted that final referee pay cheques have been signed and given to the RIC for distribution. In 2008-09 pay cheques will be mailed to the AMHL referees.

d. **Juvenile House League** - As the opening of registration is nearing for the upcoming season, S. Large noted that there are to be 4 juvenile teams in SHL in 2008-09. In Dundas, they are fielding 2 juvenile teams (non-contact). It was also noted there was no interlock league this year due to issues with Flamborough. In the upcoming season Beverly was joining with Grand Valley for competitive play. Discussion of AMHL joining with Dundas in making up a 6 juvenile team league for competitive play (Dundas decision expected by April 15). Alternatives were also discussed of 1) having 4 on 4 play with 5 teams, 2) expanding the midget age group to an extra year or 3) joining with Hamilton, which would take Ancaster players and the ice allocation, however but not have the players play as Ancaster teams. It was S. Large's recommendation that the AMHL accept juvenile registrations at this time (early registration is April 1 to 30) and see if Dundas remains interested in a 6 juvenile team league with Ancaster.

e. **Amendment to s. 5.3 of the Manual of Operations** - A proposed amendment to s. 5.3 was circulated and discussed. Amendment tabled and to be returned with additional input.

f. **Privacy policy** - Deferred

g. **Kelly Reed skating** - The board discussed K. Reed's interest in working with the AMHL in developing the skating skills of AMHL players by working with perhaps 2 teams per week during the season. This discussion was tabled with a request that K. Reed submit a formal proposal to the AMHL for consideration at its July 2008 meeting.

h. **Coaches and other Clinics** - IP coaches' clinic is scheduled for Nov. 9, 2008. Other clinics discussed included: Coaches D1 (Development 1), 2 Speak Outs

(an early (i.e. Sept.) and late (Oct.) clinic), Recreation Coach, Trainer, and Refresher Trainer.

**i. Executive Nominations** - A number of current vacancies exist on the board and with a number of terms also expiring this year, there is a definite need to fill these positions for the upcoming season. Vacancies and expiring terms include: Vice President, Director of JHL, Treasurer, Director of Sponsorship, Director of Tournaments and Director of Equipment.

**j. Rep Jerseys** - The issue of the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of rep jerseys was discussed. Currently, rep players return their 2<sup>nd</sup> jersey. The cost of the 1 jersey retained by players is included in the rep surcharge fee. The board discussed leaving the decision to the rep teams (team decision) – whether the team wishes to keep or return their 2<sup>nd</sup> jerseys and if retained the cost would be added to the rep team surcharge. Discussion by board members that numbers 87 and 99 should not be available that everyone would want.

Motion by L. Vanberkel and seconded by D. Morrow that the 2008-09 rep coaches be surveyed for majority decision as to whether they wish the cost of a 2<sup>nd</sup> rep jersey to be added to the rep surcharge so players can pick their numbers. Motion carried, S. Large voting against the motion.

#### **4.0 Reports**

D. Morrow reported the Nottawasaga tournament (Atom & Peewee players) weekend was another success. B. Lucier (an AMHL coach, has directed and organized this tournament) has committed to be involved with this tournament for 7 years. D. Morrow noted that the AMHL should support this endeavour but non-monetarily.

D. Morrow thanked each member of the executive individually for their contributions to the AMHL over the last year.

**a) JHL** – J. Rainford noted that it has been a great year with the teams being very evenly matched, although the refereeing has been inconsistent during the season. The Ancaster News carried an article on the JHL season.

**b) SHL** – S. Large also reported a great year with the exception of the Awards Day for Juvenile and Midget players. The season ended on a poor note with the Juvenile game.

**c) Registrar** – no report

**d) Initiation Program** – I. Milne reported the season and Awards Day went well and in the Sr. Pre-novice division, all ended in tie games. It was noted that a new Director of IP will be needed in the forthcoming year as I. Milne is not returning to an executive role but will be involved with this division on the ice.

**e) Sponsorship** – T. Missios noted that he will be sending out letters and plaques to sponsors next week.

**f) Secretary** – no report

**g) Treasurer** – B. Walters noted the AHHL has approximately \$152,000 in the bank and is projecting a deficit of \$11,000 at the end of March 2008, and \$18,000 at the

end of April. While a deficit of \$7,700 was budgeted, the decrease in player registrations and the loss of a Midget team will result in an actual higher deficit this year.

It was noted that tickets to the Hamilton volunteers' appreciation dinner were available.

**h) Rep Convenor** – C. Naylor noted that without a major Midget team being fielded this year, there are no guarantees in the rep Midget divisions. In terms of timing, rep tryouts begin in 2 weeks and then through the summer it will remain to be seen what develops. Although in the last 3 years AMHL has gotten exemptions and this may be somewhat expected, it should not be relied upon but rather known that the AMHL will have to follow the OMHA rules. With that, it has to be realized that the AMHL will have to field a Major Midget team to have a Minor Midget team, and AMHL needs to have Major and Minor Midget teams to have an AE Midget team. Again the realization is that the OMHA rules are in place and will have to be followed and we cannot have our own Agenda on this matter.

**i) Coach & Player Development** – no report

**j) Special events** – no report

**5.0 New Business** – no new business

**6.0 Next meeting** – Monday May 5, 2008 @ 7pm

**7.0 Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn by L. Van Berkel and seconded by T. Missios. Carried.