

ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Meeting

Thursday July 31, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: Jodi Rainford, Dean Morrow, Bryan Walters, Joel Hulsman, Karen Viersen, Milan Legris

Regrets: Don Brown, Tim Missios, Len Van Berkel, Paul Stephenson

1.0 Welcome

D. Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Although initially there was not a quorum of members present, the minutes were recorded and during the meeting a quorum was present prior to voting.

2.0 Reports

a) Registrar Ice Scheduler. K. Viersen updated the board on the registration numbers as of July 31st. Late-registration (i.e. non early-bird) will re-open August 1st, there is room in all divisions, however only 2 spots in CHIPS. D. Morrow suggested that a waiting list be started until he can meet with potential IP Director/Instructor. Due to time difference in Calgary, where ITSportsnet is based, K. Viersen will open registration manually at midnight, as some parents are planning to register right away at this time.

J. Rainford and K. Viersen met prior to the full board meeting to determine team numbers based on current registration. Some numbers were adjusted in August.

Novice 5
Atom 7
Peewee 8
Bantam 6
Midget 5
Juvenile 4

Clinic Registration online will open August 1st.

K. Viersen has completed initial rostering of all rep teams, with the exception of Minor Peewee as there is outstanding paperwork for a new player.

b) Sponsorship Update. J. Hulsman reported that he needs all sponsor names by September 1st. J. Hulsman made a motion that the style of house league jerseys be changed so that the Ancaster "A" appear on the front of all jerseys and team sponsor names be on patches on the back. Seconded by B. Walters. Carried unanimously.

c) Jr. and Sr. House League. J. Rainford reported on coach selection and noted that in Novice and Peewee divisions there are a greater number of coach applicants that positions available and a review of applicants will include; experience, fit within the division, and prior coach issues/incidents with AMHL. With respect to convenors – 4 have been selected to date for Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget divisions. Coach applications for pre-Novice have also been received (July 6 was deadline date) and are being reviewed with D. Morrow.

d) Treasurer. B. Walters reported on Financial Statements for June 2008, including a review of \$272,000 collected in registration fees (c.f. \$385,000

budgeted for 2008-09) resulting in a current shortfall of approx. \$112,000; current bank account of approx. \$31,000 cash and \$355,000 in investments. Discussion on possible breakdown/allocation of \$300,000 of ice cost between house league and rep divisions (i.e. for board information purposes), treatment/use of rep ice time once a team is defeated, and turn back of ice time to city if not used at Christmas or during March break. The board also discussed the bank charges of \$8,500 (being 3% of registration fees by credit card but has been budgeted for) as well as Convenor fees being budget for as well (approx. \$2,400). The board also reviewed Tricounty fees, Sponsorship fees, weekly ice hours required, and number of games and practices in JHL & SHL. J. Rainford noted that a registration refund request was received (late) on July 2.

B. Walters also reviewed the Trillium grant moneys (approx. \$21,000) that are to be spent by Nov. 1, 2008 on various items for the league and responsible person; i.e. hockey coaching video & manuals, volunteer initiation program equipment, coaching workshops & clinics, reference clinic, goalie instruction web hosting & design, scheduling program, a new laptop computer, shelving for lending library, pucks for teams. It was also discussed for AMHL to speak earlier with Hamilton Bulldogs (contact is Paul Gordani) to get a good day for "Bulldogs Day", work on the available fund raising activities and ice time at Copps. D. Morrow discussed family rate for registrations – compared to Oakville minor hockey which offers significant reduction for 4th child (i.e. registration drops for 4th child from \$400 to \$150).

e) Grievance committee. D. Morrow discussed the grievance committee membership (T. Missios, B. Walters and M. Legris) and process to continue with anticipation of a hearing by mid-3rd week of August (B. Walters unavailable until August 19th), and possible new Chair of committee by next Tuesday if not moving forward. Motion by D. Morrow, seconded by B. Walters, that T. Missios to chair Grievance committee and process to start by Wednesday August 20, set a date to meet with parties, and email location and time to parties. Motion not voted on. Discussed that D. Morrow to send email message to T. Missios to set a Grievance committee meeting date for Wednesday August 20th.

The board also discussed its decision at June 16 meeting regarding discipline regarding in appropriate email communication, and similar issues at Guelph Minor Hockey Association. The board went in camera.

f) Player jersey #87 & 99 ban for rep teams. The board discussed this issue and positions. Motion by D. Morrow, seconded by J. Hulsman, that rep teams can pick their own numbers for jerseys. Carried unanimously.

3.0 Next meeting – Thursday August 28 at 7:00 pm.

4.0 Adjournment – Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by B. Walters, to adjourn. Carried unanimously.