

ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Meeting

Tuesday September 30, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: Jodi Rainford, Dean Morrow, Milan Legris, Wayne Urban, Karen Viersen, Jack DiSalvia, Joel Hulsman, Bryan Walters, Paul Stephenson

Regrets: Don Brown

1.0 Welcome

D. Morrow welcomed W. Urban and J. DiSalvia to the AMHL Executive, and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2.0 Items for Approval and Requiring Voting:

- a. Agenda. Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by W. Urban to approve the Agenda. Carried unanimously.
- b. Minutes of previous meetings
 - i) Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by D. Morrow to approve minutes of June 16 meeting. Carried by majority voting. Abstained from voting J. DiSalvia and W. Urban.
 - ii) Motion by D. Morrow, seconded by J. Hulsman, to approve amended minutes of July 31. Carried by majority voting. Abstained from voting P. Stephenson, J. DiSalvia and W. Urban.
 - iii) Motion by B. Walters, seconded by J. Hulsman, to approve amended minutes of August 28. Carried by majority voting. Abstained from voting P. Stephenson, D. Morrow and J. DiSalvia.
- c. Goalie equipment

B. Walters spoke to estimates received for 12 sets of goalie equipment to be purchased from either Larry's Sports or Keneskys. P. Stephenson also reported on and discussed his review of the quotes and quality of goalie equipment in each bid – Itech 4.8 and Vaughn 7200. Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by D. Morrow to approve the tender received from Keneskys Sports for the purchase of 12 sets of goalie equipment at a purchase price of \$6,600 inclusive of tax. Carried by majority voting. J. Hulsman abstained from voting.

3.0 Items for Discussion

- a. Registration refund policy. B. Walters discussed and circulated a draft copy of a required change to the refund policy. Examples of various types of player refunds were also discussed, and that current refund policy does not technically apply to many situations where refunds are requested. Discussion followed of draft policy change, \$50 refund administration fee, and various fees incurred by AMHL in registering a player and later processing a refund. Motion by B. Walters, seconded by J. Rainford, to approve in principle a change to the refund policy in s. 3.8 of the AMHL Manual of Operations to be effective December 1, 2008, and with a clean version of the revised refund policy to be presented at next board meeting. Carried unanimously.

- b. New members. P. Stephenson discussed the role of Director of Coach and Player Development and possible prospects to fill this role. The board discussed that J. Hulsman, W. Urban and P. Stephenson as a committee, seek out interested parties in the next 2 weeks and set up interviews with them before the next meeting of the board.
- D. Morrow discussed persons interested in the Vice President position. Board discussed and decided to handle filling this position on the same basis as is the case for the Director of Coach and Player Development.
- c. New dispute resolution policy. D. Morrow noted that the OMHA has a detailed dispute resolution policy and Jane Hastie of OMHA is familiar with dispute resolution. Board discussed that a committee comprised of W. Urban, B. Walters and M. Legris meet with J. Hastie to work on a revised policy for AMHL.
 - d. Purpose of Executive. Discussion deferred.
 - e. Grievance and disciplinary committee. Discussion of work and status of this committee and need of a third member from the board to fill a vacancy. Motion by B. Walters that the AMHL suspend this discipline committee's proceedings regarding the inappropriate email communication to a board member because of delay in dealing with it, seconded by D. Morrow. Voting carried by majority voting; abstained from voting J. Rainford, J. DiSalvia and W. Urban; voting against the motion M. Legris and J. Hulsman.
 - f. Future board meetings. Set for Thursday October 23, Thursday November 20 and Thursday December 18 at 7PM at the AMHL offices.
 - g. Part III of the *Corporations Act*. M. Legris circulated copies of Part III of the Act and commented that the AMHL board has power to currently amend its by-laws, but amended by-laws must then be presented and passed at the immediate following AGM. If the amended by-law is not presented and/or passed at this AGM, the by-law as amended ceases to have effect, actions taken under it are still valid, but another similar by-law amendment may not subsequently be made by the board, but any such similar amendment may only be made at an AGM.
 - h. AMHL Privacy Policy. M. Legris circulated to the board a copy of the privacy policies of the OMHA and Guelph Minor Hockey Association for consideration and review before AMHL implements a privacy policy.

4.0 Reports

- a) Jr. and Sr. House League. In JHL, J. Rainford reported on balanced teams in Peewee and some rebalancing needed in Novice and Atom divisions. In SHL rebalancing will likely be needed in Bantam, and it is not yet known in Midget or Juvenile divisions which only begin to play this week. Juvenile Interlock (non-contact league) this year will see Beverly re-join with 2 teams, 3 from Dundas and 4 from Ancaster. Discussion of Peewee coach controversy and emails to parents, OMHA and grievance. D. Morrow will review a letter with the other board members and then send the letter on behalf of the AMHL board to this individual regarding his non-selection as a Peewee coach.
- b) Registrar Ice Scheduling. K. Viersen provided a copy of her report and an overview of same. Currently 943 player registrations and completion of rosters for rep teams. Also reported on importance of her recent review of ice contract, ice costs, review of ice budget, ratios and discussion of rep surcharge. Discussed last year's ice contract and later folding of a rep team.

c) Initiation Program. No report.

d) Sponsorship. J. DiSalvia reported on creating invoice for team sponsors and updating of website logos for sponsors in 2008-09.

e) Secretary. No report.

f) Treasurer. B. Walters discussed rep surcharge for teams because of extra ice time compared to house league, and calculations done during budgeting have certain assumptions for registration and rep surcharge. This year we deferred approving rep surcharge until we knew # of midget players, however this will not be the case next year. Motion by B. Walters, seconded by W. Urban, that the 2008-09 rep surcharge be \$5,400 for Novice and Tyke, \$6,000 for Atom, \$6,700 of Peewee, \$7,300 for Bantam, and \$8,100 for Midget teams. Carried unanimously. Also discussed Trillium funds to be spent this month and importance of coaching library materials.

g) Rep. Convenor. P. Stephenson reported all 14 rep teams are rostered and running. Also noted the enormous efforts of J. Weirda (should be coach of the year), as well as K. Viersen and C. Naylor's work with ensuring the rep teams are running well this year. Also discussed the efforts of J. Hulsman to immediately address and rectify all team jersey issues.

h) Coach & Player Development. No report.

i) Special Events. W. Urban reported picture days are set for Sat. Nov. 1, Sat. Nov. 15 and Sun. Nov. 16. Chips and IP photos are being coordinated for Sat. Nov. 1 at Spring Valley arena. Also reported on AMHL Bulldogs Day of Saturday February 28, 2009 (Bulldogs vs. Toronto Marlies at 7pm). Discussion of Meridian Credit Union wishing to do something with league and therefore the possibility of a coach appreciation day or year-end banquet.

5.0 New Business – no new business.

6.0 Next meeting – Thursday October 23, 2008 at 7PM at Morgan Firestone Arena.

7.0 Adjournment – Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by P. Stephenson to adjourn. Carried unanimously.