

ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Meeting

Thursday October 23, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: Karen Viersen, Joel Hulsman, Milan Legris, Jack DiSalvia, Bryan Walters, Jodi Rainford, Dean Morrow, Wayne Urban, 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 7:17 pm.

2.0 Items for Approval and Requiring Voting:

- a. Agenda. Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by B. Walters to approve the Agenda. Carried unanimously.
- b. Minutes of previous meetings
 - i) Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by B. Walters to approve minutes of September 30. Carried unanimously.
- c. Trillium Funds. Discussion by board of first allocation of Trillium grant money to be invested in various items of equipment for AMHL by Nov. 1, 2008 and AMHL's report on this to Trillium by Nov. 30, 2008.

3.0 Items for Discussion

- a. Nottawasaga weekend. Board discussed this hockey weekend (for Peewee and Atom age players, but not sanctioned by AMHL) at the resort, the likely increase in participants at this weekend event, insufficient number of rooms available for families and possible splitting the weekend by Atom to a 'family day' event in Chatham.
- b. Revised registration refund policy – deferred 1 month.
- c. Vice President and Director of Coach & Player Development. J. Hulsman discussed the roles and discussions with interested persons, as well as putting a notice on the webpage for persons interested in these vacancies to apply by Oct. 31.
- d. New Dispute resolution policy. D. Morrow has been trying to contact J. Hastie to obtain assistance with AMHL in this new policy. K. Viersen discussed an upcoming workshop in Oakville for board members, i.e. how to deal with board issues, disputes, grievances, etc.
- e. AMHL Privacy Policy. M. Legris to resend to board members electronic copies of privacy policy materials.
- f. Midget team. The board learned all rep teams are going well, however this evening the Major Midget A team coach will be resigning. Since tryouts, during August and even now, additional players have been sought to keep this team up and running. If the team folds it is too late to place players in house league which is now full and operating. It will also make it difficult for rescheduling by the remaining teams in Tri-county as well as once again putting the 2 Minor Midget teams at risk.

4.0 Reports

a) Jr. and Sr. House League. J. Rainford reported all divisions and teams and going well. On (re)balancing teams, there was none needed in Novice, a meeting was held on rebalancing in Atom however the coaches agreed not to rebalance teams and in Bantam 5 players were moved. Currently there are 3 Convenors helping (in Atom, Peewee and Bantam).

b) Sponsorship. J. DiSalvia reported that there are 5 sponsors to collect from.

c) Registrar Ice Scheduling. K. Viersen reported on the Tri-county meeting, the workshop for board members (noted earlier), the Midget weekend, Nov. 21 Annual Dinner, and the IP wait list.

d) Initiation Program. No report.

e) Secretary. No report.

f) Special Events. W. Urban reported picture days are set for Sat. and Sun. Nov. 1 and 2, and Sat. Nov. 15 and Sun. Nov. 16. K. Viersen notify arena staff about which rooms will be needed. W. Urban also discussed on possible coach appreciation event with Meridian Credit Union and the City of Hamilton volunteer recognition event at the end of April.

g) Treasurer. B. Walters discussed and distributed copies of financial statements as at Sept. 30, 2008.

g) Rep. Convenor. No report.

h) Coach & Player Development. No report.

5.0 New Business

a) The board discussed the return of office keys from 3 former board members.

b) The board discussed a recent letter sent on behalf of the board regarding a board member's complete disclosure of any conflict of interest made at the August 28 board meeting and an appeal of this grievance. The board also discussed recent and multiple complaints by parents concerning an individual's on ice behaviour with very young players and attempts to learn the names of the complainants. These complaints are being forwarded to the AMHL's Discipline Committee.

6.0 Next meeting – Thursday November 20, 2008 at 7PM at Morgan Firestone Arena.

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