

ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Meeting

Thursday November 20, 2008 @ 6:30 pm

Attendees: Dean Morrow, Jodi Rainford, Milan Legris, Jack DiSalvia, Karen Viersen, Bryan Walters, Wayne Urban, Joel Hulsman
Guest: Hamilton Councillor Lloyd Ferguson

Regrets: Don Brown, Paul Stephenson

1.0 Welcome

D. Morrow welcomed Hamilton Councillor Lloyd Ferguson to the AMHL Executive, and called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

2.0 Councillor Ferguson Discussion

Councillor Ferguson discussed background to 3rd arena in Ancaster by twinning Morgan Firestone Arena which is budgeted for 2014 and starting architecture work in 2009. However, Councillor Ferguson also pointed out the ice use study and Spring Valley arena being in need of \$1.8 Million in improvements which will result in a difficult decision for the city to keep Spring Valley operational as a ice rink. This would likely mean no additional ice in Ancaster, but rather only 2 ice pads at Morgan once it is twinned. The executive discussed the need for additional Ancaster ice time as it is under allocated to AMHL, as well as adult hockey (both men's and women's), and the complete lack of sense of community with Ancaster hockey participants (AMHL, men's, women's, etc.) being allocated ice across the city. A strong community voice and presentation by interested parties at council meeting(s) would be helpful in keeping Spring Valley operational by the city as an ice rink; otherwise possibility exists of converting it to an indoor soccer facility. Councillor Ferguson noted that the city may very well consider proposals (financial, etc.) from interested parties who might wish to take over and operate Spring Valley as an ice rink. Councillor Ferguson also discussed renaming the surrounding fields the "Robert E. Wade Park" and his vision and efforts to build Hammill House in Ancaster into the Ancaster Minor Sports Centre to be shared by various sports organizations, i.e. Ancaster soccer, baseball and hockey.

3.0 Items for Approval and Requiring Voting:

- a. Agenda. Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by D. Morrow to approve the Agenda as amended. Carried by majority, J. Hulsman abstaining.
- b. Minutes of previous meetings
 - i) Motion by B. Walters, seconded by W. Urban to approve minutes of October 23 as amended. Carried unanimously.

3.0 Items for Discussion

- a. Website. Tony Valaitis discussed with the Board his views on revamping and improving the AMHL website and the limitations imposed on the current website by IT Sportsnet. T. Valaitis suggested the board review websites such as Ancaster minor soccer, Kanata minor hockey and needs for our website to have more information, a better look and organization, be up to date and a resource for players, parents and coaches. T. Valaitis further discussed a proposal to redo the website and review the cost of hosting the website and its components and to be involved with AMHL as a volunteer.

The board discussed the need to simultaneously review the contract AMHL has with IT Sportsnet.

- b. Hammill House. The board discussed the possibility of being involved with this sports centre (i.e. having an office there, shared board room and the ability for participants to register for AMHL on site, as well as our credit card fees for registrations paid by credit card and sharing in the receptionist cost).
- c. October game sheets. Discussion of game sheets raised by D. Brown and need for Rep. Convenor to pick up game sheets.
- d. Harassment and abuse. The board discussed both a Peewee coach issue and another coach having to be restrained from going on the ice after a referee. D. Morrow reiterated the support of the executive for the referees and D. Brown. It is to be noted to Convenors to convey to coaches and bench staff that no physical or verbal abuse will be tolerated and we are reinforcing our support to D. Brown and referees to issue bench penalties. J. Rainford also noted that Peewee HL is again getting rough this year and D. Brown and the referees should be asked to tighten up and call more penalties.
- e. OMHA Appeal. The favourable decision of the OMHA - denial of an appeal against AMHL was reported.
- f. VP and Director of Player & Coach Development. The board noted a 10 step/point document to assist was available from the Speak Out materials. The committee of J. Hulsman, P. Stephenson and W. Urban will be meeting with interested parties in the next week. In camera discussion by the board.
- g. Tendering Registrar position for June 30, 2009. The board noted that this position was coming up next year and that the board members should consider a list of the various responsibilities for this position.
- h. Budget for 2010. B. Walters noted that it is time to start considering the budget for 2010 and members should consider a list of needs/wants, i.e. clinics, equipment, jersey numbers, 1 or 2 uniforms/jerseys, costs, etc.
- i. AMHL Manual of Ops s. 5.4 a) iv) and Player movement HL to Rep. The board discussed/reviewed the terms and conditions/qualifications of this section of the Manual of Ops, correspondence from a parent seeking to have his child moved up to a Rep team (currently an AP with team) and impact on HL team(s), precedent, circumstances, player development, AMHL responsibility, rostering of player, eligibility for playoff games, views and input from OMHA contact, etc. The board decision was for D. Morrow to contact B. Hill (OMHA contact for AMHL) for assistance with interpretation of OMHA playoff games/rules for this player if still a HL player and AP to Rep team and advise the executive by email of this information. Motion by J. Hulsman, seconded by J. DiSalvia that P. Stephenson's amendments to second sentence of s. 5.4 a) iv) of the AMHL Manual of Ops as proposed in a previous email to board members today be approved. Motion defeated by a majority vote, voting in favour J. Hulsman and J. DiSalvia, voting against D. Morrow, J. Rainford, M. Legris, W. Urban and B. Walters.
- j. Revised registration refund policy. Deferred.
- k. Juvenile player issue – Nov. 16 game vs. Dundas. See Director of SHL report.

4.0 Reports

a) Jr. and Sr. House League. J. Rainford reported no issues in Novice, Atom – 2 game suspension of minor player for 2 handed slash (seen by coaches but not the referees), Peewee – defer to referees to handle as board apprised above. Juvenile player issue – 3 game suspension issued for “Travesty of game” and conferred with President of Interlock. To date 6 player suspensions in Interlock (5 to Ancaster players). Midget division has settled in and with a redraft all 6

coaches are content. J. Rainford also reported that all divisions' statistics are up to date.

b) Registrar Ice Scheduling. K. Viersen reported on playoff scheduling for Rep teams, and while the Midget A team folded an additional Midget HL team has been created. Discussion of the additional ice cost being absorbed in the budget and previous Midget Rep team game times of 2-3 hours per week are being used alternatively for November. K. Viersen also reported on working on the Trillium Report for Nov. 30.

c) Initiation Program. No report.

d) Sponsorship. J. DiSalvia reported on following up on payments with certain sponsors and placing logos (from J. Hulsman) on the website.

e) Secretary. Working on finalizing refund policy with B. Walters, amendments to be effective to Dec. 1, 2008 and as noted by B. Walters will include clarification in event player leaves rep team and owes team money, the team is to look to player and not the AMHL for repayment.

f) Treasurer. B. Walters reviewed 2 handouts with the board (1. draft income statement to Nov 30/08 and 2. April 30, 2007 financial statements approved at the June 2008 AGM) and noted in the draft income statement handout; the 2008-09 budget column shows a \$29,000 projected deficit, which includes the losses from the folding of the Midget A Rep team and a loss on the estimated cost of shirts.

g) Rep Convenor. No report.

h) Coach & Player Development. No report

i) Special Events. W. Urban reported on picture day being run ok and a makeup day being scheduled for Rep team pictures and Chips (morning of Dec. 6). W. Urban also reported on various incentive events for AMHL's Bulldog Day (Feb. 28) and promotion needed with both SHL and Rep teams this year. W. Urban also reported on working with Meridian CU sponsoring a coach appreciation event and possibly hosting it the 3rd Saturday in April at the CWHM (will contact D. Rohrer former AMHL President and now CEO of CWHM to discuss).

j) Discipline Committee. The board received information from J. Rainford and the board determined to have the Discipline Committee investigate the matter of a JHL Peewee team trainer.

5.0 New Business. No new business

6.0 Next meeting – Thursday December 18, 2008 at 7PM. Location to be determined and board members advised.

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