

ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Meeting

Thursday January 8, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: Jack DiSalvia, Jodi Rainford, Bryan Walters, Joel Hulsman, Wayne Urban, Milan Legris

Regrets: Dean Morrow, Paul Stephenson, Don Brown, Karen Viersen

1.0 Welcome

In the absence of D. Morrow, President, M. Legris, Secretary, acted as meeting Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

2.0 Items for Approval and Requiring Voting:

- a. Agenda. Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by J. DiSalvia to approve the Agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.
- b. Minutes of previous meetings
 - i) Approval of the December 18 minutes was initially deferred and approval followed the presentation to the board by Stephen Ross of Oak Gables Golf Course. Subsequently, motion by J. Rainford, seconded by J. DiSalvia to approve minutes of December 18. Carried unanimously.

3.0 Items for Discussion

- a. Oak Gables Golf Course presentation to the board by Stephen Ross. Mr. Ross described and discussed a fund raising opportunity/partnership for AMHL and Oak Gables Golf Course involving a 2009 VIP partner card for AMHL members. The board thanked Mr. Ross for his attendance and presentation. Following further discussion by the board, motion by J. Rainford, seconded by W. Urban, that the board approves working toward finalizing the proposal to fund raise with Oak Gables for the AMHL in the 2009 golf season. Carried unanimously.
- b. 2007-08 team banner. J. DiSalvia estimated the costs for design and preparation (psf basis) of a team banner for the house league teams. Motion by J. Rainford, seconded by B. Walters, to approve purchase of a 2007-08 banner for house league teams from Jaden Printing. Carried by majority members voting, J. DiSalvia abstaining.
- c. AMHL banner policy. Motion by B. Walters, seconded, J. Hulsman, that the board approve D. Morrow's written proposal for a new Manual of Operations policy that:
 - AMHL will supply a banner for each Tri-county and OMHA championship team as well as one for the entire house league, listing the championship team from each division, and where and when possible these banners will be hung in one of the league's arenas, will remain the property of the league, and be of a design similar to the existing banners unless decided otherwise by the board. Carried unanimously.

- d. Revised registration refund policy. Motion by B. Walters, seconded by J. Hulsman, that the board approves the revised registration refund policy. Carried unanimously.
- e. Player refund request. This matter is deferred to the February 5 board meeting while an offer will be made for the player to play house league with AMHL for the remainder of the season.
- f. Championship (Awards Day) – Saturday March 28, 2009. J. Rainford discussed the need for a committee to help plan this day. Agreed that W. Urban would chair this committee with J. Rainford a member. W. Urban and J. Rainford agreed to meet on Tuesday January 13 at 7pm for high level planning/discussion for this committee and for email to be sent to D. Morrow on his availability to attend.
- g. Draft Budget for 2009-2010. B. Walters reviewed with the board the draft budget for the next fiscal year of the AMHL. A detailed discussion followed on various items including, estimated 10% ice cost increase from City of Hamilton in 2009, offering Clinics (timing and costs), possible tournament planning and other fund raising, various contracts with suppliers, no subsidized ice available to AMHL at Chedoke, reviewing ice schedule and Wentworth ice purchase, there was no increase to AMHL registration fees in 2008-09, and player registration numbers. The plan is for the Board to finalize its 2009-2010 budget at its March 2009 meeting.
- h. Vice-President and Director of Player and Coach Development. J. Hulsman discussed the committee and its work to date to discuss these vacancies with various parties, and planned meetings in the coming week with interested parties.

4.0 Reports

a) Special Events. W. Urban reported the CWHM is not available on April 18 as a site to host a coach appreciation event at the CWHM and April 11 is not a suitable alternative date as it is Easter weekend. Possible consideration is for Saturday May 2. The board was also updated on the availability of the Bulldog's mascot 'Bruiser' on Awards Day and for some house league games/practice (W. Urban will discuss with J. Rainford and I. Milne on a suitable age group and arena for Bruiser's appearance at games/practices).

b) Sponsorship. J. DiSalvia updated the board on plaques and Future Stars.

5.0 New Business. No new business.

6.0 Next meeting – Thursday February 5, 2009 at 7 PM. AMHL Offices @ Morgan Firestone Arena.

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