

ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Meeting

Thursday February 26, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: G. McGuire, W. Urban, D. Morrow, B. Walters, J. Hulsman, P. Stephenson, M. Legris, C. DeLuca

Regrets: J. Rainford, K. Viersen, J. DiSalvia

1.0 Welcome

D. Morrow, called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm. D. Morrow welcomed C. DeLuca to the executive as Tournament Director with AMHL.

2.0 Items for Approval and Requiring Voting:

- a. Agenda. Motion by W. Urban, seconded by G. McGuire, to approve the Agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.
- b. Minutes of Feb. 12, 2009 meeting. Approval deferred as no minutes were available for approval.

3.0 Items for Discussion

- a) Hammill House. D. Morrow updated C. DeLuca and G. McGuire on this matter and meeting with B. Walters and L. Ferguson to discuss AMHL participation. Motion by D. Morrow, seconded by W. Urban, that AMHL join Lancaster Minor Sports Association and D. Morrow work towards negotiating and sign when satisfactory to him license agreement with the City of Hamilton and the Ancaster Minor Sports Association.
- b) Royal Bank of Canada Cheque signing resolution. B. Walters reported on the need to update the bank account signing authority with the RBC Ancaster Branch. Motion by B. Walters, seconded by G. McGuire that the AMHL amend its banking documents with RBC in Ancaster to reflect the change in the Vice President position.
- c) Ice cost update. B. Walters reported on a Feb. 24 meeting with the minor hockey associations in Hamilton (Peter Martin lead negotiator on behalf of the hockey associations) and the City of Hamilton to revise the hourly ice costs for plan G ice in 2009-10 and 2010-11 seasons to \$116 and \$126, respectively. It was also reported that AMHL registration fees will remain the same in 2009-10.
- d) Recognition Dinner and Dance. W. Urban reported on the progress to plan and organize this event at Marquis Gardens Ancaster for Saturday April 18, 2009. Discussion followed on various ticket pricing, i.e. meal alone or meal with table wine, drink prices, live and silent auctions of sports memorabilia, theme for the evening etc. Motion by W. Urban, seconded by D. Morrow that the AMHL approve the appreciation and recognition dinner and dance at Marquis Gardens on April 18 and authorize W. Urban to sign an initial contract for the required minimum number of 200 attendees and authorized a total budget of up to \$10,000 towards this AMHL event which includes the signing of the is contract. Carried by majority voting, J. Hulsman and P. Stephenson abstaining.

- e) Complaints on team(s) use of stands. The board was updated on complaints received concerning the use made of the stands by teams in warm-ups and the inability of the AMHL to control the use of the facilities which is City of Hamilton and rink attendants' responsibility. Board discussed that P. Stephenson on behalf of the board, will send an email asking the coaches to remember to be respectful with their teams in the rink facility.
 - f) Board vacancies. Deferred.
 - g) Revised tender document. M. Legris discussed with the board a recommendation to revise the current tender document and particularly the privilege clause language. Motion by M. Legris, seconded by the W. Urban that the AMHL approves the revised tender document with privilege language in the footer of the tender document. Carried unanimously.
- M. Legris to forward this revised tender document to K. Viersen for posting on the website and announcing it as being newly updated for website visitors.
- h) Contract position with AMHL. The board discussed the current registrar and ice scheduler position, the various roles and activities undertaken in this position (i.e., duties associated with registration, clinics, rostering, ice scheduling, etc.), its cost to the AMHL and the need to have an accurate and up to date description of this job for the board within the next 2 weeks.

4.0 Reports

- a) Jr. & Sr. House League Report. A written report received from J. Rainford was summarized by D. Morrow.
- b) Registrar Ice Scheduling. No report
- c) Initiation Program. No report, however the board is looking for a director for this position.
- d) Sponsorship. No report.
- e) Secretary. No report. Position is vacant.
- f) Treasurer. B. Walters reviewed the draft income statement and balance sheet for AMHL at Feb. 22, 2009. The board discussed the new registration system coming from the OMHA, ice costs, the dinner and dance appreciation event and a possible discrepancy with respect to 2400 ice hours in the current year.
- g) Rep Convenor. P. Stephenson reported on the AMHL teams in OMHA and Tri-County playoffs. The board discussed spring (and possible fall) rep tryouts, the number of rep teams and guaranteed number of tryouts to players.

The board was also updated by P. Stephenson on the cancellation of the rep team Awards Day on Saturday April 4, it being canvassed/discussed with rep team coaches and that the majority of rep teams indicated they did not wish a rep team Awards Day but rather teams wished to carryout their own year end team party and recognition events.

- h) Player and Coach Development. G. McGuire provided a written report on an Ice Dogs game day clinic, coaching certification/re-certification and the coach selection committee. The coach selection committee has been formed and will be interviewing coach applicants before the next meeting. The recommendations from this committee will come forward to the board for approval at either a regular or special board meeting. It was also reported that a survey of coaches and parents via the internet will also take place.
- i) Special events. W. Urban updated the board on the need for volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets, etc. at Bulldogs Day (upcoming on Saturday Feb. 28).

5.0 New Business

- a) Player refund request. The board noted the family pursued a complaint with AMHL, and it was dealt with by the AMHL as a complaint by a current member of the AMHL. The refund request was then made after the complaint was dealt with by the AMHL and at that date, the request was past the refund deadline.
- b) AE and AA teams. The board discussed having minor AE teams as not being compatible with the structure of the hockey system with age bands.

6.0 Next meeting – Thursday March 12, 2009 at 7 PM. AMHL Offices @ Morgan Firestone Arena.

7.0 Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by B. Walters, seconded by D. Morrow. Carried unanimously.