

ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE
Executive Meeting
Thursday September 10, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Attendees: D. Morrow, B. Walters, W. Urban, P. Stephenson, M. Legris, J. Rainford, J. Hulsman, C. DeLuca, J. DiSalvia, Deb Morrow

Regrets: M. Davies, G. McGuire

1.0 Welcome

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, D. Morrow introduced Bernadette MacKay a registered dental hygienist. B. Mackay spoke to the board on concussion studies, the need for mouth guards by sports players and a donation back to the AMHL from custom mouth guard sales to our players. B. Mackay discussed her timing to take the impressions, build the mouth guard, and arrange fittings, as well as standing behind the comfort (fitting) and use/wear by a player for 1 year, as well as using blanks with team logos etc. in the mouth guard and obtaining those cost estimates.

Following this presentation, D. Morrow, formally called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm with a quorum present.

2.0 Items for Approval and Requiring Voting:

- a. Agenda. Motion by B. Walters, seconded by P. Stephenson, to approve the Agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.
- b. Minutes: Motion by B. Walters, seconded by P. Stephenson, to approve the minutes of August 13 meeting. Carried by majority voting. W. Urban abstaining.

3.0 Items for Discussion

- a) Requests for insurance certificates. The board discussed the inquiries received from teams on insurance coverage and requests for certificates when acquiring ice times. D. Morrow to call the OMHA and discuss this issue and coverage for AMHL teams at AMHL sanctioned activities/events, i.e. under the terms of the Ontario Hockey Federation Insurance Guide, etc.
- b) House league coach selection/nomination report. J. Rainford reported to the board that between meetings a committee of herself, D. Morrow and G. McGuire reviewed all applicants in House League coaching (and capacities). In several divisions there are more coach applicants than positions available, i.e. Novice, Atom and Peewee. Bantam is ok with 6 applicants for 6 coaching positions. The committee reviewed and balanced the selections based on coaching experience (particularly with younger players), conflict resolution and coaching philosophy. All applicants have been contacted and a letter was sent to the unsuccessful applicants. The board discussed the Midget player registration numbers (currently 74 including the Rep players) and that there is no interest in Interlock play in Midget. The board also discussed the Juvenile registration numbers (currently 33 registrations).
- c) Turn back of Plan G ice. No decision has yet been reached on turning back this ice. The Bantam AE II team has taken some Sunday 6am ice times in September, and the league is looking at turning back or trading 4-5pm (weekday ice) and some 6am ice to get 5-6pm ice times. The board also discussed its current financial position based upon \$300,000 of budgeted ice cost (and a

current ice allocation costing \$312,000 = \$12,000 over budget) and current registration fees of \$333,000 (in comparison to \$360,000 budgeted = \$27,000 shortfall (approx. 50 player registrations)). The board was informed of IP/Mites and Tykes being short of registration targets and the Midget AE team tryouts begin on Sept. 16.

- d) Referee in chief compensation. J. Hulsman has spoken with D. Brown on this matter and will be discussing further and reporting back to the board.
- e) Clinics. B. Walters asked that members wishing to run a clinic put together their information and financial details so that all clinics can be costed, i.e. goalie training, speak out, checking, etc.

4.0 Reports

a) Jr. and Sr. House league. J. Rainford reported that mass practice is Saturday Sept. 19 from 7:45am to 9pm. Coaches will be at the rink for 6 hours. J. Rainford discussed the registration numbers for Juvenile and with 2 teams there will be Interlock play. The low registration numbers in Midget was also discussed; along with the number of teams i.e. may be only 4 Midget teams (and possible 4 on 4 hockey). J. Rainford noted there is a need for a Bantam convenor.

b) Registrar/Ice Scheduler. The board was advised that registrations are fine, however the HCR generated reports on registrations to revenue is not reconciled. Overall we have budgeted for 940 player registrations this year. The rep schedule is in progress.

c) Initiation program. D. Morrow noted that he has spoken with parents and is trying to find a parent to take over and run the program (volunteers, on ice games, practices, etc.). It was also pointed out that often IP registration numbers rise in October as it begins.

d) Sponsorship. J. DiSalvia noted that sponsorship is in good shape and cheques are coming in.

e) Secretary. No report.

f) Treasurer. B. Walters provided and reviewed the August 31, 2009 financial statements.

g) Rep convenor. P. Stephenson reported on the 3 Midget team tryouts (Sept. 14 last Major tryout) and the question being whether there will be enough players to ice an AE team. The board was also updated on the Major Peewee AA team that played sub 500 last year and has lost 9 players from last year. It is likely to struggle again this year and need AP players at every game and there may be a need to apply to play single A in the playoffs. P. Stephenson discussed his request for board approval to allocate \$2,500 for rep goalie clinics. Motion by P. Stephenson, seconded by B. Walters, that the AMHL allocate \$2,500 for rep goalie clinics on the same basis as last year. Carried by majority voting.

h) Coach and Player Development. No report.

i) Special events. W. Urban reported that AMHL won't be running a golf tournament in October this year and has asked Oak Gables to allow the AMHL to have a spring tournament instead, which was approved. Oak Gables is also offering a special VIP day on the weekend of October 10/11, 2009 (Thanksgiving weekend) and requested

that this discount notice be posted on the AMHL website for AMHL VIP cardholders. W. Urban also advised the aboard of picture days (Nov. 14 and 15 and Nov. 21) and his discussions with the Hamilton Bull Dogs for Bull Dogs Day.

f) Vice President. M. Legris reported on the Registrar and Ice Scheduler contract, prior minutes from May 14, 2009 meeting, 2009 meeting minutes for the website and updated Appeal and Complaint forms for the website.

g) President. No report.

5.0 New Business. J. Hulsman reported that rep shirts are done. C. DeLuca updated the board on only 2 team registrations for the Christmas tournament and a need to ideally have 30 teams registered by end of September to make the tournament a success. B. Walters reported that the a notice being sent to rep coaches on estimated rep fees. Rep fees will be finalized once the ice schedule is finalized. Discussion of the boards letters patent and where we can obtain for G. McGuire. Steve Ross of Oak Gables has contacted her with respect to a possible golf tournament this fall (in October) for the AMHL and he will be asked to contact W. Urban.

6.0 Next meeting – Thursday September 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Ancaster fire hall, Wilson St. W., Ancaster, Fire Prevention Office. W. Urban responsible for coffee.

7.0 Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by B. Walters and seconded by P. Stephenson. Carried unanimously.