

**ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

*Friday, November 27, 2009 @ 7:00 PM
AMHL Offices, Morgan Firestone Arena Jerseyville Road, Ancaster*

1. Welcome and call to order

In attendance: ML, BW, GMcG, DM, WU, MCD, Debbie Morrow (by invitation of the Board)

2. Items for Approval and Requiring Voting:

- a. Agenda – Motion to approve ML, second DM, unanimous
- b. Minutes of October 5, 2009 meeting – to be approved next meeting

3. Items for Discussion:

- October 31 draft financial statement and projection to end of season (April 2010)
 - Anticipate excess of revenues over expenses of approx. \$12k at Apr 2010
 - Cash / investment balance at Apr 2010 projected to \$115k
 - Some uncertainty regarding ref costs...anticipating budget of \$40k but move from 2 to 3 refs in Pee wee rep and above may impact actual cost
- Minor Midget AA team
 - Have requested reduction because only carrying 14 players
 - The reduction of approx. \$2k would reduce cost per player by approx. \$140 per player (bringing them in line with a team of 17 players)
 - Decision is that rep cost is a per team levy and, as such, no reduction is justified
- Applications for refunds of registration fees
 - Rules are clear and refunds were given based upon the bi-laws
 - 2 requests:
 - One cannot play on scheduled games because of religious reasons – stopped playing early in October (Midget AE)
 - As early as he could, he informed the league of the issue.
 - Apply the September rule of 75% in recognition of the effort they made to resolve the situation (tried to get home game rescheduled, etc.) – 25% covers league costs, etc.
 - One cannot play due to school demands – stopped playing in November 2 (houseleague)
 - Carry back date to October – apply 50% rule
- Calculation of Bantam AE2 rep surcharge
 - Final surcharge agreed with the team – amount has been paid in full
- Delinquent payment of rep surcharge
 - Agreed that practice time will be withheld after Jan 1 if payment not received in full
- Tyke letter received (anonymous)
 - Letter makes reference to the Tyke rep team but comments are general regarding impact of yelling at kids
 - GMcG to meet with Tyke rep coach to notify him of the letter

- In the absence of more specific references and a lack of signature, cannot take further steps
- Player membership in both AMHL and AAGHL (attached)
 - Situation resolved – player has moved from AAGHL to AMHL
 - Committed to meeting AMHL commitments to both HL and Select team
 - Follow up with HL coach to ensure commitment is met
 - Concern regarding the recruiting implications of this situation – to be resolved in the new Manual of Operations
 - Proper coach selection, try-outs, etc.
- Ice Scheduling
 - Concern that Bantam and Midget rep teams are playing on Spring Valley – too small, risk of injury
 - Effort need to be made to schedule away from this location
 - Look at purchasing ice for the limited number of games impacted
 - Morning ice may be available (ie: 7am) – investigate with teams whether there is interest and availability
 - Breakfast sponsorship – investigate with Meridian Credit Union (they have expressed interest in helping us out)
- Manual of Operations
 - Revisions to the Manual of Operations tabled by GMcG (will send via email)
 - Changes to rules regarding tryouts, player movement, select / AE2, coaching selection, etc.
 - Board to review and provide comments at next meeting
- OMHA clinics done
 - Need to re-assess when we run clinics
 - Concern regarding interpretation of profiles (Hockey Canada system) – difficult to determine who is certified
- Secure portion has been added to the website (password protected)
 - To be used to distribute materials, provide links, etc. to coaches
- Calendar of key events
 - Timing of coaching selection posting, tends for preferred vendors, etc.
 - Develop spreadsheet and post on the website OR consider speaking to webmaster to see if calendar function is available
 - Calendar can be used to drive the Board agenda
- Picture Day
 - Scheduling to Spring Valley didn't work
 - May be able to do the little kids at Spring Valley – parents of younger kids like to have it immediately after their game
 - Next year only do them at Spring Valley
 - Older kids it just doesn't work...need to be at Morgan Firestone
- Bulldog Day
 - December 5 between 8:45 – 9:45am Bruiser will be at Spring Valley
 - Set up for the little kids

- Posting signs at the arenas advertising the game
- Also posted on the website
- Conflicted with a number of teams (PeeWees, etc.)

5. **Next meeting:** TBD

6. **Adjournment:** Motion by ML, seconded GMcG, passed unanimously