

**ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

*Friday, January 8, 2010 @ 8:00 PM
AMHL Offices, Morgan Firestone Arena Jerseyville Road, Ancaster*

1. Welcome and call to order

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

2. Items for Approval and Requiring Voting:

- a. Agenda: Motion to approve ML, second GMcG, unanimous
- b. Minutes of October 5, 2009 and November 27, 2009 meetings: Motion to approve PS, second JH, unanimous

3. Items for Discussion:

- a. Proposed Changes to Manual of Operations
 - Registration refunds (3.8)
 - These changes were drafted and approved in 2009.
 - AE Program (5.1.b)
 - Formal provision for an AE2 team when specific criteria are met regarding sufficient competent players, available ice and manageable impact on HL
 - Whenever numbers permit, the establishment of a Major and Minor AE team (as opposed to AE1 vs AE2) will be given priority
 - Select Program (5.1.c)
 - Provision made for Select teams at each level upon approval of the Board
 - Details provided regarding timing of coach and player selection, etc.
 - Limitations on ice time, practices, tournaments, etc. based upon criteria established by the OMHA
 - Size of Teams and Affiliated players (5.2)
 - Clarification of rules regarding use of affiliated players
 - Add that player release for reasons other than discipline requires involvement of the Board
 - Player movement (5.3.b)
 - Concern regarding rare situations where a player is injured and the team desires to roster a houseleague player – to be considered for inclusion in final draft
 - Try-outs (5.3.c)
 - Change that ALL players must attend AA tryouts – need to have an idea of number of players in total to understand whether there is potential for an AE2 team
 - Provision made for special circumstances through communication with relevant directors (5.3.c.ii)
 - Some minor changes made for clarification purposes
 - Responsibilities of the Coach (7.2)
 - Clarification of responsibilities of the coach in communicating significant discipline issues to the Board
 - Ensure that Board is informed of any discipline resulting in a player sitting out a full game or practice

- Any excess funds must be resolved and a final accounting provided as well
- Subsidization Policy (9.1)
 - Subsidization of officials should be limited to Ancaster officials
- Awards (12)
 - Board to re-examine award titles (corporate) to ensure that corporate sponsorships still exist and, if not, pursue re-sale of naming rights (to be done after finalization of the Manual of Ops and posted as a subsequent revision)
- Player Sign-off Form
 - Provide for coach signature of form as well as player (guardian)
 - Discussion of player icetime added
- Appendix A: Coaching Selection
 - Added to the Manual of Ops – based on materials that used to be in the Manual
 - New rules where the coach is the parent of a player or goaltender trying out for the team
- Next steps:
 - GMcG to make changes discussed during the meeting (black-lined in draft document)
 - Draft to be re-circulated to Board members
 - Rep coach selection appendix to be included with request for coach applications
 - Also request coaching certs, season plan and budget

Motion: To approve coach selection and related sections of the draft Operations Manual in principle as discussed during the meeting.

- Motion to approve PS, second PW, unanimous
- Additional edits will be discussed in next meeting in advance of finalization of Operational Manual (comments to be received from JR, WU)

b. Registrar / Ice Scheduling

- i. Update
 - Playoff schedule in process for Rep and HL (JR to do HL)
 - Concern that website is not being updated for schedule on a regular basis – to be followed up with the webmaster
- ii. Semi-annual review
 - To be done before next meeting

c. Complaint Policy Fee

- A player got injured and the parent complained regarding treatment of the situation
- Concern that there is a fee related to making such a complaint

Motion: In instances where a complaint or appeal is received, the Board has the ability, at its discretion, to waive the related fee.

- Motion to approve ML, second GMcG, unanimous
- Will add notation to this effect on the related forms
- Related to this complaint, the Board will follow up disciplinary concerns relating to the player who inflicted this injury

d. 2011 Budget – Status

- Meeting of subcommittee of the Board to be held before the next meeting to discuss in detail
- Deferred to next meeting

e. Dressing Room Damage

- Received an email from Bob Morely (Sport Coordinator for Winter Programs) discussing state of arena after a rep team practice:
 - Ice damage due to excessive centre ice drills
 - Pizza left in dressing room on floor
- Warning that any further instances of such behaviour may result in suspension of rental agreement
- Board to follow up with the coach of the team in question and send a blanket letter to all coaches warning against any future arena damage

f. Storm Game Cancellation Policy

- There is no formal policy in place dealing with this issue
- Current practice is for the ice schedulers to decide between them
- Send letter to Tri County requesting establishment of a policy regarding cancellations for weather and/or sickness

g. Other Matters

- A sponsor has not yet paid. They will be contacted and informed that, in the absence of payment reference to their company (uniforms, website) may be removed

4. **Next meeting:** TBD

5. **Adjournment:** Motion by DM, seconded PS, passed unanimously