

**ANCASTER MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE  
BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

*Wednesday, February 10, 2010 @ 8:00 PM  
AMHL Offices, Morgan Firestone Arena Jerseyville Road, Ancaster*

**1. Welcome and call to order**

- In attendance: JD, JR, GMcG, JK, PS, BW, MCD, Debbie Morrow (by invitation of the Board)

**2. Items for Approval and Requiring Voting:**

- a. Agenda: Motion to approve JR, second GMcG, unanimous
- b. Minutes of January 8, 2010 meeting: Motion to approve JH, second GMcG, 6 in favour, 1 abstention (JR not in attendance at the meeting)

**3. Items for Discussion:**

a. Approval of Operations Manual

- Approval of additional changes
  - 5.3.b Player Movement – can only move up if player is in their Minor year
  - 5.1.c Select – HL players are required to honour HL game commitments (practices are at the players discretion); remove table discussing practice / game limitations and make reference to OMHA manual
- Further changes to be submitted – final vote on Manual to be held prior to AGM

b. Review of 2010-11 Budget

- Review of calculation of registration fees, rep surcharges and other aspects of the budget
- Agreement to zero-base calculate the registration fees (ie: no budgeted surplus) on an age group basis (based on anticipated ice costs per age group)
- Price increases over 2009-10 (both registration and rep surcharge) because of introduction of HST and significant ice cost increases from City of Hamilton – Agreement to prepare analysis to be presented at the AGM
- Agreement to perform an analysis of difference between Chedoke and Ancaster fees – additional programs available through AMHL, longer season, etc. – to be presented at the AGM

i. Purchase of Wentworth ice

- Agreement to continue to purchase Wentworth ice in 2010 to supplement subsidized ice received from the City of Hamilton

ii. Rep Jerseys

- The league will replace one set in 2010-11 (whites)
- The jersey will be upgraded to a higher quality jersey with sewn cresting and numbers (on a go-forward basis)

iii. Mite and Tyke Divisions

- The league is losing money on these divisions – this is a conscious decision to attract entry-level players (approx. \$10k total)
- Decision to increase the cost of Mite and Tyke divisions to be comparable to Chedoke

- Director of Initiation (currently vacant – recruiting in process) to determine additional actions to increase enrollment (eg: outside skating instructor, etc.)
  - In the meantime, GMcG to contact Velenosi and Reed to see if available for 2010-11 and obtain quote
- iv. Calculation of Rep Surcharge
- Agreement to continue to calculate rep surcharge on a team basis as opposed to a player basis
- v. Payment of Rep Timekeepers
- Currently not paying HL timekeepers although it has been discussed in the past (particularly older kids where parents don't stay for games)
  - Agreement not to pay Rep timekeepers – there are a sufficient number of parents / siblings who can do this – not seen as an issue
- vi. Development Surcharge
- Discussion of possible incremental programs (HL and Rep) – other centres are doing this – are we at a competitive disadvantage (on the ice and in terms of future registration)?
  - Programs are expensive – need to figure out fund raising or had a pay-for-use approach
- Motion: To pilot a series of player / coach development programs in 2010-11. This program will be funded on a pay-per-use basis by participants.
- Motion to approve GMcG, second JR, unanimous
- c. Continuation of Bantam AE2 Program
- Agreement to continue the AE2 team contingent upon sufficient number of players in attendance at tryouts.
- d. Ice Scheduling Update
- All OMHA quarterfinal games scheduled (4 teams)
  - Majority of Tri-County playoff games scheduled – awaiting responses from a small number of centres for specific teams (Atom, Minor Atom, Bantam AE, Bantam AE2, Minor Peewee – one game each) – to be resolved by Feb 21
  - Practices scheduled up to March 6
  - Some ice times held back for teams in OMHA quarterfinals – either semi games or Tri-County (Feb 21 to Mar 7)
  - Request from HL for limited additional icetime for HL playoffs the week after March Break – agreed as most Rep teams should be done playoffs by then
  - Tryout ice is scheduled (Apr 15 to May 1) – all attempts are being made to schedule around Bulldogs AAA tryouts (Apr 12 to 25) – Bantam AE2 tryouts will be after May 1
  - Midget tryouts in fall 2010
  - Will buy tryout jerseys this year (numbered practice jerseys - \$10 each) – covered by increase in tryout fee and players keep after tryouts
- e. Signing Officer – New VP
- With the resignation of the former VP, the interim VP needs to be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the AMHL

The Board of Directors of the AMHL hereby removes Milan Legris as an authorized cheque signer of the AMHL due to his resignation. The Board of Directors of the AMHL hereby authorizes the following people as its authorized cheque signers and gives any one or more of them the authority to sign necessary documents and do whatever actions are necessary to ensure they become authorized cheque signers.

Motion to approve BW, second JR, unanimous

- f. Oak Gables Agreement
- Steven Ross of Oak Gables has tickets for our coaches (2 each) for an NHL Oldtimers' game
  - Will provide AMHL with these tickets on agreement to continue the Oak Gables program in 2010
    - Discounted rates for league tourney
    - Continuation of VIP cards
    - If >50 cards sold, Oak Gables will sponsor a team in 2010
    - Teams will be offered reduced rates if they wish to hold their own tourney
    - All members receive 10% discount on memberships and clinics
  - Agreed that this is a good program with no downside – continue program for 2010
  - Oak Gables should send a rep to Super Saturday to assist in sales of VIP cards

Motion: To approve the continuation of the Oak Gables partnership as presented to the Board with the additional provision of requiring an Oak Gables rep to participate in Super Saturday.

Motion to approve JD, second MCD, unanimous

- g. TiCat Program
- TiCats have a proposal where we can purchase 700 tickets at \$15 per ticket (face value \$40) – league sells tickets at a profit (can be over several games) – also get a 50/50 for a game
  - Payment of 25% down, remainder in advance of the game
  - This program would replace the Bulldogs Day done in prior years
  - JH to investigate more details of the program (eg: advance notice required for games requested, etc.)
- h. Strategic Planning Discussion
- There are a number of issues that are facing the AMHL in the coming years (new ice pad, opening up of OHMA regions, etc.)
  - Agreement to have a one-day strategic planning session in the summer
- i. Rep Coach Selection
- Applications closed on Sunday
  - Majority of teams have applicants (Novice is the only position without an applicant)
  - Interviews to be completed and appointments to be announced by the end of February

4. **Next meeting:** February 24, 2010

5. **Adjournment:** Motion by JR, seconded BW, passed unanimously