



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**SMHA Meeting
Wednesday, July 18th, 2012
7 pm
Stittsville Legion**

Attendance: Mike Clarkson*, Ryan Goodwin*, Angelo Miceli*, Char McEnery*, Ken Kuehni*, Tim Sheehan*, Patti Bokij*, Fiona Livingstone*, Kevin Burke, Craig Goodwin*, Jeff Belford, Kevin McCausland*.

Invited Guest: Brett Hamilton

***denotes voting Executive Member**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mike Clarkson at 7:08 pm.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Ken Kuehni motioned to accept the agenda. Tim Sheehan seconded this. All present in favor.

3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Tim Sheehan motioned to accept the minutes from May 16th. Ryan Goodwin seconded this. All present in favor.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

5. Ottawa 67's Fundraising

- Brett Hamilton from the Ottawa 67's management team spoke to the executive about a sponsorship opportunity for our association.
- This season the 67's will be playing their home games at Scotiabank Place.
- The 67's are offering SMHA tickets at \$10/game if sold in groups of 20.
- Teams can choose to purchase tickets at \$10/game and then sell them at a slightly increased rate, which results in a profit for their team.

Action: **Mike Clarkson** will keep in contact with Brett Hamilton.

6. President's Report

- Don Gray from the Richmond Hockey Association is now the District 4 Chair
- For the 2012-2013 hockey season, Pee wee B and C will be Non-Checking in Lanark Carleton. This will be a trial run for 2 years.
- Glenn Austin is working on a Volunteer Screening Guideline through ODMHA.
- There was a theft of Almonte/Pakenham's goalie equipment from the Almonte arena. At this point, it has all been replaced.
- The Ottawa Valley Titans has voted in a policy to reimburse their executive members which will not be taxed. A sliding scale formula will be used.
- Effective July 1, 2012 from ODHA, transfers will be allowed between districts and associations if the following conditions are met for the respective level:

1. IP: The home Association has a waiting list.

2. House league:

i. The home Association has a waiting list, or;

ii. The player is capable of playing at a higher level than is offered in the home Association or District.

3. Competitive:

i. The player was released during tryouts and wishes to try out with a higher level team, or;

ii. The player is capable of playing at a higher level than is offered in the home Association or District.

B. Before trying out for a higher level Competitive team outside of their home Association but within their residential District, the following criteria must be met:

1. The player must be registered in their home Association, and;

2. Tryout approvals must be signed by both the home Association President and the receiving Association President or their delegates.

3. The District Chairperson must be informed of the tryout approval. District Chairs may require all tryout approvals to be signed by them, at their discretion.

C. Before trying out for a higher level Competitive team within a non-residential District or Zone, the following criteria must be met:

1. The player must be registered in their home Association, and;

2. The player must have attended, and been released from, competitive tryouts at a higher or at an equivalent level (if available) in their home District or Zone, and;
3. Tryout approvals must be signed by the home Association President and the receiving Association President, or their delegates.
4. The District Chairperson must be informed of the tryout approval. Districts Chairs may require all tryout approvals to be signed by them, at their discretion.

D. Tryout Approval Conditions:

1. If the player is released from a try out with a higher level team, the player must return to his home Association, regardless of whether or not those tryouts were in the player's residential District. The player is allowed to try out for the next level team only within his residential Association/District.
2. Any player trying out for a team in a non-residential District and/or Association, will be kept on the registration rolls with his residential Association as an active player. Should that player be released from tryouts in the non-residential District and/or Association, they must advise their residential Association and District of their return within 3 days of that release. Should they not do so, they will be removed from the registration rolls.

E. Transfer Conditions:

1. Players transferred for House League play can only register with the team indicated on the Transfer Application and may only affiliate to a team at the next higher level of play. Any player transferred for House League play may not affiliate with a higher level competitive team for more than 5 games after Jan. 10 in a given season. A Coach that affiliates a player transferred for House League play for a 6th game after Jan 10 at a Competitive level will be suspended for 5 meaningful games.
2. Players transferred for Competitive play can only register with the team indicated on the Transfer Application and may affiliate to any higher level Competitive team.
3. Transfers are for 1 year only.
4. Upon acceptance to a team, the affected District Chairperson(s) must sign transfer documents before the player transfer is official.

F. No player may attend a try out, or any other on-ice activity, with another District or Association, unless a tryout approval or transfer for that player to such District or Association has been approved as provided for in this section.

G. No player may try out for more than one team of the same division/category in the same season without a properly approved tryout approval or transfer document.

H. Under any other circumstances, a tryout approval or a transfer request will be denied.

Transfer paperwork **must** be signed by both association presidents as well as the District Chair **prior to the player attending tryouts**. This is an absolute must.

- The fee policy for competitive player transfers to S7, RAMS Competitive Club and Titans still needs to be set by SMHA.

Action: **Char McEnery** and **Beth Girardi** will discuss and decide upon the appropriate transfer fee policy.

- Silver Seven will be fielding only 1 major Pee wee team.
- A small discussion was had surrounding the loan SMHA gave to Silver 7 for jersey replacement a few years ago. SMHA needs to ensure that this loan is being paid yearly.

Action: **Char McEnery** will contact **Chris St. Germain** who can check his records to see if the loan from Silver Seven has been paid.

7. VP Support Services Update

- There were 65 walk-ins at the June registration night.
- 4 year olds will be accepted into the IP program
- August 13th is the next date for walk-in registrations. This will occur at the Stittsville Legion from 6-8:30 pm.
- SMHA is in the process of transferring information from the old website to the new website. All traffic to the old website will be re-directed to the new Goalline website.
- If anyone would like information added to the new website, please contact Char McEnery or Steve Whitworth.
- Patti Bokij would like to get another newsletter out by July 25th. Please send all newsworthy info to Patti.

8. RAMS Competitive Club Update

- Coaches are picked for Major Novice-Minor Midget
- There will be one major Novice team (8 year olds only)
- RAMS Conditioning will be the week of August 27th
- Tryouts will occur after Silver Seven tryouts are complete, which is usually after the Labour Day weekend.
- Tim Sheehan and Char McEnery will be the convenors if the SMHA executive have no issues with it.

Ryan Goodwin motioned:

“to allow Tim Sheehan and Char McEnery to be the RAMS Competitive Club convenors for the 2012-2013 season.”

Angelo Miceli seconded this motion. All present in favor.

- The RAMS Competitive Club teams will attend 2 tournaments: the North York Challenge (early Feb) and the RAMS Showdown (November).
- The exception to this will be the major Novice team. Because this is a new division for District 4 and the North York Challenge doesn't offer this division, the major novice team will attend the Kanata, West Carleton, Stittsville tournament at the Bell Sensplex in November.
- The RAMS Competitive Club will host a RAMS Day. Information to follow when available.

9. Director of House Update

- Convenors are needed at all levels.
- Some people have put their name in to be a convenor for various levels.
- ALL convenors must be approved by the management council.
- McDonalds will sponsor the Atom division again this season.

10. Director of Hockey Development Update

- IP Convenor has a couple of possibilities.
- There are at least 2 candidates for Novice Convenor
- There is lots of coaches who have expressed a desire to coach this season.
- There will be 4 new sets of IP jerseys coming.

11. VP Finance Update

- The canteen at the Johnny Leroux Stittsville Community Arena is ready.
- Rink-Side Snacks will take it over on a 1 year contract.
- Rink-Side Snacks will cover our lease (\$3500) plus give SMHA 10% of their profits. This will be paid out monthly.
- They can open “out of season” for lacrosse, baseball, etc.
- Rink-Side will supply all of their own equipment with the exception of the fryer.

Action: Fiona Livingstone will review on a monthly basis with Rink-Side Snacks the traffic flow in that arena, profits, collect profit sharing cheque, etc., so as to keep the members of the executive up to date with the canteen profit sharing agreement.

- Coke vending machines are in the Johnny Leroux Stittsville Community Arena. Rink-Side Snacks will manage these as part of their contract.

- An audit of SMHA financial records is being conducted by Kelly, Hubers, McNally. This will be completed soon.
- Online registration for RAMS conditioning and tryouts will be available to members in the next month. If we use Quick Enrollment, they will offer us the same QE fee.
- CGD will provide three 6 week sessions for goalie development dedicated for SMHA goalies. A discussion occurred surrounding the need for this and the cost that our members should incur. It is felt that SMHA needs to invest in our future goalies.

Fiona Livingstone motioned:

“that SMHA will organize through CGD, goalie clinics with a target of full cost recovery, open to all members.”

Kevin Burke seconded this. All present in favor.

12. New Business

- SMHA is still in need of an ice scheduler. The new Goalline website does have scheduling capabilities but it still needs to be managed by someone.
- Craig Goodwin offered to be the ice scheduler for SMHA.
- Jeff Belford, Goalie Equipment Manager for SMHA will work with Kevin Burke to develop goalies, work with the coaches and be part of the team organizing goalie clinics for SMHA.
- It would be nice for SMHA to start hosting tournaments again. Kevin Burke and Char McEnery will work together to organize one tournament for SMHA. Dates and division to be decided at a later date.

13. Close of Meeting

Char McEnery motioned to end the meeting at 9:45 pm. Tim Sheehan seconded this. All present in favor.