



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Stittsville Minor Hockey Association

Tuesday January 26, 2016

Sobeys Stittsville

Attendance:

Tim Sheehan*	Jackie Kimmerly*	Patti Bokij*	Patrick Drouin*
Chris St Germain*	Maggie Zobarich*	Beth Girardi*	Kevin McCausland*
Mike Clarkson	Craig Goodwin	Tom Stephens	Megan Austin
Jeff McNamee	Kevin Burke		

*denotes voting Executive members

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Tim Sheehan chairing.

a) Approval of Agenda

A motion was made (Beth Girardi/Megan Austin) to approve the agenda.

Motion Approved

b) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made (Patrick Drouin/Maggie Zobarich) to approve the November meeting minutes.

Motion Approved

c) Conflict of Interest

Quorum was established, voting members acknowledged and conflicts none.

2. D4 + LCMHL Update – Tim Sheehan

a) **LCMHL**- Tim reported that it was a short meeting and everything is going well. There are a couple of Stittsville teams – Pee wee C3 and Novice C2 that are a lot of penalty minutes and which are over and above other teams in their level. Playoffs are to kick off February 13th; Tim has a conference to decide the exact start date. The playoffs start date coincides with the Family Day weekend. The call will also discuss the format for the playoffs – round robin, wild cards, grouping of teams. The first round of playoffs should be done by 29th of February.

b) D4 – Tim reported that HEO + HEO Minor have each applied for \$35,000 grants from Hockey Canada, equalling \$70,000 in total. They are planning on putting that money towards the House League + specifically the Atom division. On January 20th, all across HEO, the referees' contract expired. The new contract will see an increase in fees and a new structure for referees. There will be a High Performance clinic in June. Bytown Rep, part of D2, will only be running a major program next year. Nepean Minor Hockey has made a change to the length of their Midget games from 1 ½ hours to 50 mins. They have seen a reduction in fights and in penalty minutes. This is something LCMHL is also looking into for the upcoming season. The Referee Scheduler that was caught and charged with dipping into referee money was found guilty and no funds have been reattributed. Silver 7 is in need of a representative for the next 2 years, this position is appointed. We will put out an email blast and a blast on our website detailing the position and duties.

3. VP Finance Report – Chris St Germain

Chris reported that everything looks good. We were sitting at \$326,000 at the end of December. All our accounts have now been moved to Scotiabank, with no service charges being applied to the new accounts. Chris is still transitioning some items between TD and Scotiabank. Chris requested that there be a deadline instated in regards to handing in receipts and reimbursements. We will reimburse 1st and 2nd referee clinics as long as they have refereed a certain number of games.

4. VP Support Services – Angelo Miceli

Angelo was unable to attend

Risk + Safety – Tim reported that Patti is quite busy with players and not coaches. Patti will update us when she arrives later in the meeting.

Website – Tom reported that he has cleaned up the site with acronyms and mix ups with names of arenas (eg. GRC-A, GRC A, Goulbourn Recreation Complex A)

Registration – Beth just wanted to clarify that she does not prepare the signed + approved rosters, they come from LCMHL. Teams must send her all their team + bench staff information, which she then completes a temporary roster until LCMHL sends out the official one.

Fundraising – Maggie reported that she received an email from a Joe Schinet looking for any gently used hockey skates, pads for a charity he works for.

5. VP Operations – Ryan Goodwin

Ryan was unable to attend

Tim reported that everything seems good, ice canteen seem to be going well.

6. Director of House – Patrick Drouin

Patrick reported on a couple of issues in a few divisions:

Novice – there is a hearing being held for a couple of parents of a child in Novice

Atom – there was an issue with a team where a parent (not bench staff) took it upon herself to affiliate another goalie for their team for a game; as she didn't think their team's goalie was good enough. She did this without speaking to the coach or any bench staff on the team.

Midget – Patrick would like to revisit the Midget program, the ice times and the length of games

7. Director of Hockey Development – Cyril Rogers

Cyril unable to report

8. Director of Competitive– Chris Weir

Chris unable to attend

Chris St Germain read information that Chris had sent to him. Chris reported that the North York tournament is happening this coming weekend and that all teams except Novice are participating. Playoffs are just around the corner – all teams are still in the hunt to make A side including Minor Midget who has 2 wins. All teams make A side at Minor Midget. New format has all playoff rounds 5 point series.

9. Referee Report – Jeff McNamee

Jeff reported there have been referee assigning issues – with either there being a lack of referees being assigned or no shows from referees assigned. There has also been a lack of reporting from the referee scheduler to treasurers and presidents. Looking at next year associations doing their own referee scheduling.

10. New Business

a) Fill the Net – Maggie Zobarich

Maggie would like to hold a food drive for the Stittsville Food Bank in January at the JLA. The Executive agrees this is a good idea and gives Maggie to ok to go ahead with the food drive.

b) Bantam HL player Jacob Lambert – Jackie Kimmerly

A player in HL Bantam, Jacob Lambert, has just lost his mother. This is a new family to the association this season, they moved in from the Barrie area. Jacob himself has had a hard + short season, suffering an injury during a game that cut his season short. I am asking for the association to reach out to the family in some way at this very difficult time. The Executive has

agreed for Chris St. Germain will make a donation in Jacob's mother's name on behalf of the association, to the family's requested charity – the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

c) Survey Company – Clear Picture – Tim Sheehan

Tim reported that he has been contacted by Scott Murray who works for a survey company, called Clear Picture, who is interested in working with hockey associations to set up coaching surveys. The company has been in business for a while out west in Saskatchewan and they have been working with Air Canada and Hockey Canada. They are offering to do our coaches survey for free; they are trying to break into local hockey. The questionnaire would be made up of base questions developed by a psychologist. The Executive agrees that they would like to give Clear Picture a try for this season's coaching survey.

d) AGM –

After discussion the Executive agreed to hold the AGM Monday April 25th in the evening at the Legion.

e) Volunteer Appreciation Night -

Tim is looking for suggestions for the venue for this year's Volunteer Appreciation Night. Please email your suggestions to Tim.

f) Executive Positions up for renewal this year -

President
VP Operations
Director of House
Director of Communications
Registrar

g) Goalie Clinics –

Kevin Burke will set this up in the Spring

h) House League Ice Touches

Each House League team gets
36 practices – which is considered 1 ice touch
A game is considered a ½ ice touch
Full ice practice counts as 2 ice touches
Evaluations are included

4. Risk + Safety Report – Patti Bokij

Patti reported that she has been asked about holding team practices on an outdoor rink; on one of the city community rinks; she would like clarification. HEO doesn't have an opinion, they have no guidelines; it is up to the individual associations to make the decision to allow the use of outdoor rinks. After, much discussion the Executive has decided to pass a motion regarding this issue.

A motion was made (Patti Bokij/Kevin McCausland) that states the SMHA will not approve any outdoor rink games/practices/events.

1 against – Motion Approved

Patti reported that she has been kept busy lately dealing with incidents with players and parents. Patti explained she has one incident she is dealing with regarding one of our Minor Midget players at a tournament hosted by the Gloucester Cougars. There was an issue brought forward by an official watching the game, saying there was hit by one of our players that he considered was a blatant intent to injure. Subsequently, no one else in the stands, on the benches or the referees on the ice saw anything. Patti is still not sure how this will be or if it will be dealt with. Patti also reported on an issue and incident involving a Novice player and his parents. There had been 2 complaints brought forward regarding this family. A time suspension had been put into place because the parents had approached the bench during a game. The player who is 7 years old was involved in a cross-checking penalty during a game. Neither the coaching staff nor the other parents on this team want to deal with this family anymore. The parents have threatened to leave our association. A hearing is being held tomorrow night. Patti also reported that a lot of PRCs have been coming in, but she hasn't done an audit lately to see how many are still outstanding.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made (Jackie Kimmerly/Chris St Germain) to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm.

Motion Approved