



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Stittsville Minor Hockey Association

Tuesday August 31, 2016

Sobeys Stittsville

Attendance:

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| Ryan Goodwin* | Jackie Kimmerly* | Fiona Livingstone* | Rob Smith* |
| Chris St Germain* | Maggie Zobarich* | Chris Weir* | Tom Stephens* |
| Patrick Drouin* | Angelo Miceli* | Jeff McNamee | Tracy Elliot |
| Serge Vallieres | Andrew Staniforth | Patrick Joseph | Cory Garbolinsky |
| Leslie Cooke | Susan Shannon | | |

*denotes voting Executive members

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Ryan Goodwin chairing.

a) Approval of Agenda

A motion was made (Angelo Miceli/Patrick Drouin) to approve the agenda.

Motion Approved

b) Approval of Minutes

Approval of June meeting minutes will be done via email once they are corrected

c) Conflict of Interest

Quorum was established, voting members acknowledged and conflicts none.

2. D4, LCMHL + HEO Minor Update – Ryan Goodwin

a) LCMHL- Ryan reported this has been the first meeting in 2 months.

There may be a potential change to the playoff format this year. They are considering making it more of a tournament format.

It was reported that Goalline has been bought out by Pointstreak.

LCMHL discussed their budget and they currently have \$6381 in the bank.

LCMHL is considering doing divisional balancing games between the associations before the season begins.

Team number breakdowns need to be to LCMHL by September 12th.

Final team placements need to be to LCMHL by September 26th.

A program offered by the 67's hockey club was also discussed. Minor hockey league teams can play a game on 67's ice at Landsdowne; before a 67's game. In order to be able to use the ice the team would need to sell 125 tickets to the game that night. The question is who would be refereeing the game?

b) D4 – Ryan reported that he attended the meeting July 19th and much of the discussion dealt with referee assigning and Silver 7.

There is a new referee assigner, Adam Landriault. The cost for referee assigning will remain the same, \$5/game.

Silver 7 is looking for ice, their allocation was cut in half. They are hoping that the associations will step up and provide some extra they may not need. They have asked SMHA to give some of their allocated ice and Silver 7 will give up an hour in Beckwith.

It was also reported that HEO went behind HEO Minor and brought in some US imports to play hockey. Rowan's Law was also discussed and no changes have been put into place yet.

Referees are now being charged for PRCs because they are considered a paid position. There were also some referee payroll errors last season, some officials were overpaid; this still has not been resolved.

HEO has hired 4 new development individuals, Ryan will get more information.

The D4 Referee in Chief reported that 3 meetings will be held every year with their officials.

There have been some changes to the # of officials on the ice during games. This will be further explained at our upcoming coaches meeting.

c) HEO MINOR - Ryan also reported on the August 20th meeting he attended. He reported that HEO Minor had the President's meeting, which included a presentation by Scott Lawry from the Senators. He discussed the "Grow the Sens" program. This program will provide 800 sets of equipment, head to toe, and 12 hours of on-ice time instruction time with the program too. If the SMHA would like to do the program we would need to provide the ice; which they would pay for. This would be something to consider trying to set up in January. Also discussed at the meeting; the Senators have old hockey equipment. The Senators are also offering a skills challenge for Minor Hockey players. Players would participate in a skills competition within their association. Those players with the highest scores would compete again with other finalists from other associations. The winners from the second competition would get to go on the ice with the Senators during Minor Hockey Week, November 13-19.

The Bell Capital Cup was also discussed, it will be held this season December 28-January 1; the skills competition will be optional this year.

There was also a presentation from by Tyler Heinz; who has created an app for hockey called ProSmart. This would be an app for coaches to use and it includes team management tools and practice plans. Ryan will get more information and will present it at the upcoming Coaches meeting.

Discipline was also discussed at the meeting. All discipline forms can now be found online.

Hearings will continue to take place on Tuesday evenings. This year appeals will cost \$250.

The IP program was also discussed; there won't be a lot of changes. It was also suggested to try

using more diagonal ice. HEO is buying 4oz blue pucks, which are used in IP, each association will receive 1puck/IP player.

The HEO budget was discussed and the fee this year will be \$37.50/player. Fees must be paid by October 30th.

For the Novice division, there was a reminder for teams to take advantage of the Dodge Caravan sponsorship program. It is easy to receive and each team will get \$500 to put toward their team budget.

Rep B was discussed – branch championships between Novice to Bantam will be played.

As well AAA may be starting at the Minor Peewee level next season.

The HEO Referee in Chief mentioned that there are a bunch of courses being offered online for officials, levels 1-6. It is also necessary for officials to do re-certification yearly.

Rule changes were also discussed – there have been 7-8 tweaks and/or new rules put into place this year. The rules apply to injured goalies, players stepping in for a goalie, missing neck guards, goalie creases, sloo-foot behaviour and face off stick positioning.

The HEO Minor would like to start offering sanctioned spring 4 on 4 hockey – to compete with the Sensplex programs.

3. VP Finance Report – Chris St Germain

Chris reported that through to the end of July there wasn't much happening financially. The association is in good shape financially due to the incoming registrations. Chris has requested that all convenors to really encourage to all coaches and bench staff, that take clinics or purchase something for the team, to promptly hand in their reimbursement requests to the divisional convenor; and to include receipts with name and address (to make out the cheque + mail reimbursement). Chris introduced Tracy Elliot who has taken on fundraising and sponsorship. Tracy is now handling the advertising boards at the JLA. Tracy reported that she has contacted those with boards already up at the JLA – almost everyone has confirmed continued support. Two new boards have been purchased, one of which being Pro Hockey Life. As well as putting up an advertising board, Pro Hockey Life has donated their "fake ice" for teams to practice on. Pro Hockey Life also held a discount day earlier in the month for players from SMHA purchasing equipment at their store.

4. VP Support Services – Angelo Miceli

Risk + Safety

1. PRC Night – will either be October 5th or 6th. There is a current volunteer letter for processing PRCs; Rob and Cyril will make it available to convenors to hand out to those volunteers needing to complete a PRC.

Communications – Maggie reported that lots of informational letter emails have been sent out. As well, Maggie has been busy on the SMHA Twitter feed. Maggie had an idea of putting together a Google doc for players to share their thoughts on hockey in the form of anecdotal notes.

Website – Tom reported that divisional conditioning pages are ready and will be posted to the website. Upcoming clinics will be posted tonight. Tom is also working on convenor pages; as well he is cleaning out coach and team pages from last season.

Clinics – Angelo reported the following information regarding upcoming clinics -

Intro to Coach October 15th *for IP coaches

Coach 2 October 16th *on ice portion at JLA, off-ice portion at the Legion

Convenors encourage your coaches to take the clinics offered by our association, in order to get reimbursed. Coach 2 can be registered for online, this must be done 3-4 days prior to clinic.

Registration – Patrick reported the divisional numbers to date -

IP 146 *a little low

Novice 183

Atom 241

Peewee 212

Bantam 176

Midget 137

5. VP Operations – Fiona Livingstone

Fiona reported that with the new City process for returning ice, meaning that any ice we don't think we will be using needed to be returned by August 1st. Therefore we cannot return any ice, without penalty! Convenors are encouraged to communicate amongst themselves to use the ice and trade ice times if you can. If you are unable to work out a solution please contact Rob Smith immediately. Fiona also reported that equipment for teams (jerseys) will be distributed from the SMHA locker towards the end of September. Puck bags, trainer kits and game sheets will be handed out to coaches on the draft night. Any convenors requiring anything for conditioning (pucks, cones) or evaluations (pinnies) please contact Fiona. Megan has requested the need to purchase more jerseys – she has gotten a quote equaling \$2762. Megan needs to order more RAMS pins (teams buy them to trade at the Bell Capital Cup). The amount needed to purchase the pins is \$2712.00; this is money that we recoup by teams purchasing them.

A motion was made (Jackie Kimmerly/Fiona Livingstone) to allocate \$2762.00 to the purchase of RAMS pins and jerseys.

Motion Approved

Fiona also reported that the contract for the new Referee Assigner is just being finalized. Fiona reported that the same vendor from last year for the canteen, Mario, will be returning. Convenors are encouraged to purchase coffee from the canteen during conditioning and evaluations that are held at the JLA. The association would encourage coaches to purchase team slushies, from the canteen, for penalty free games. The coaches will pay for the slushies, ask for a receipt and send in for reimbursement with a copy of the game sheet. Referees (1st and 2nd year) will also be reimbursed with the following conditions:

1. They take their assignments
2. They stay till the end of January.

6. Director of House – Robert Smith

Rob reported that ice allocation has been received and has been sent out to convenors. Conditioning will begin this weekend, evaluations will begin September 17th. Draft night will be September 28th. Convenors are encouraged to start recruiting bench staff. Rob will send out all updated numbers to convenors.

7. Director of Hockey Development – Cyril Rogers

Cyril was unable to attend but sent this report – Cyril has met with Andrew and Maggie; IP and Novice are good to go.

8. Director of Competitive– Chris Weir

Chris reported that tryouts are starting on Monday. Numbers for Midget are a little low right now – transfers may be allowed. Chris will let House convenors know which players are trying out for competitive. Patti reported (via email) -

1. RAMS conditioning sold out in 1-2 hours at all levels, the majority of the waitlist was accommodated. Process change for next year conditioning and tryout registration will be tied together. To attend conditioning you must also sign up for tryouts so it will be one single registration. (Tryouts will not necessarily require conditioning but conditioning will require a tryout reg).
2. Cancelled conditioning Tuesday Aug 30th due to GRC power outage. Replacement arrangements have been made for Thurs Sept 1st. No Refunds will be provided.
3. Tryout registration going well, Major Novice to Major Bantam all complete by Sept 17th (a couple of levels sooner).
4. Midget tryout plan now in place, will be published this week including online registration Minor Midget begins 24th, Major Midget begins 25th. Teams are final Sept 29th.
5. Full season schedules due to B league Sept 8th - in progress now that pre-season including all practice ice finalized. Season start October 5th.
6. Working on RAMS picture day for October 1st - still needs to be confirmed.

9. Referee Report – Jeff McNamee

Jeff reported that referee selection took place last Thursday, 27 applicants came out and 8 were chosen after on ice evaluations and a short interview.

10. New Business

a) House Picture Day – will take place October 29th, upstairs at the JLA.

b) Paid Timekeepers – the association will have paid timekeepers for the House league this season. The timekeepers will need to be at least 14 years old and will need to take a

timekeepers course. They will be SMHA players from older divisions. For IP – Atom games there will be 1 timekeeper in the box. For Pee wee – Midget there will be 2 timekeepers in the box.

A motion was made (Chris St. Germain/Angelo Miceli) to have paid timekeepers for all House league home games; including season, playoff and exhibition. For IP – Atom divisions there will be 1 timekeeper required in the box. For Pee wee – Midget there will be 2 timekeepers required.

Motion Approved

c) Trophy Case – we need to get it cleaned out, remove the older trophies and get in the recently won trophies. Tom, Jeff and Angelo have offered to take on this task and will send out note to all coaches about recent trophies.

d) Outlaw league – there is a new outlaw league at the Junior, this league is non-sanctioned. Any player or official who participates within this league by September 1st will lose their Hockey Canada status.

e) Goulbourn Skating Club – the Goulbourn Skating Club offers power skating at 8pm on Tuesdays at the GRC-A. They are offering a reduced rate for any SMHA players who may want to participate.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made (Fiona Livingstone/Chris St. Germain) to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm.

Motion Approved