



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Stittsville Minor Hockey Association

Tuesday August 21st, 2018

Stittsville Legion

Attendance:

Scott Phelan*	Chris St. Germain*	Jackie Kimmerly*	Fiona Livingstone*
Serge Vallieres*	Terry Foley*	Andrew Staniforth*	Ryan Goodwin*
Sean Lowell*	Chris Salisbury*	Dave Greenhalgh*	Shari Kneen
Megan Bowes	Shane Roose	James Moser	Shannon Sparling
Rob Lomas	Nicolas Butts – Ottawa Senators		

*denotes voting Executive members

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Scott Phelan chairing.

a) Approval of Agenda

A motion was made (Serge Vallieres/Jackie Kimmerly) to approve the agenda.

Motion Approved

b) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made (Andrew Staniforth/Fiona Livingstone) to approve the June meeting minutes.

Motion Approved

c) Conflict of Interest

Quorum was established, voting members acknowledged and conflicts none.

2. Special Guest – Nicolas Butts from Ottawa Senators

This evening we had Nicolas Butts come to our meeting to do a presentation, from the Ottawa Senators Association, to inform us of the different options/programs being offered to Minor Hockey associations this season. Nicolas informed us that this is his second year working with Minor Hockey on behalf of the Ottawa Senators. Their goal is to make opportunities to get more kids in the seats at Senators' games. He explained one of the options involving selling tickets to home games. The association or the team would pay \$25/ticket. Then those tickets can be sold for at least \$35 each with the teams or the association pocketing the difference of the two prices. This is a great fundraiser for the teams or the association. The games available for this plan are Tier 4 + Tier 5 games. Nicolas shared a printout of the schedule of the games available. There is a minimum purchase of 500 tickets. Another offer from the Senators program for those teams opting for the ticket sales plan, those teams with ticket sales can have access to an ice time to play a game prior to a home game. As well, the Senators association is offering a couple of sponsorships for associations. Nicolas thanked us for the opportunity to share the options being offered this season by the Senators association. Nicolas also left a bunch of Ottawa Senators skate towels for the Executive to take home.

3. D4 + LCMHL Update – Scott Phelan

D4 – Scott reported that there was another hearing held involving a Bantam player and a decision made at a previous hearing for this player. The 2nd hearing overturned the decision from the first hearing – which was a result of a hit on another player in the dressing room. The player had received a 10 game suspension for the incident that happened at the end of the season. Meaning the player would start the season with a 10 game suspension. The player and his parents both attended the hearing. With the overturning of the original decision – the new penalty included - no charges being laid against the player and a reduction of the number of game suspensions to 5. The District is really going to enforce the presence of coaching staff in dressing rooms and the “2-deep” rule of having two bench staff at a time with players. This may prove a little awkward with the older levels. As well, a new policy coming down from Hockey Canada involves all coaches have a preseason discussion with all players and parents, regarding agender Identity protocol, during the team meeting. This will be checked and kept track of by associations. There will be a checklist provided of what needs to be discussed. This is NOT an option and MUST be completed!

LCMHL – Scott reported the Coach's + Manager's meeting will be held October 4th at Sacred Heart high school. The LCMHL meeting will be followed by the SMHA meeting. Silver 7 are currently holding tryouts. Silver 7 would also like to hold Silver 7 Day in Stittsville on November 17th. This will impact our house division games, games would need to be moved to further away rinks – we need to protect our own ice first. This won't affect the association financially – we will recoup the use of ice either with a monetary payment or equal hours of ice being given back. One way to handle this would be to ask for all our association house games be “away” games that day. Scott will look into this option + report back.

4. VP Finance Report – Chris St. Germain

Chris reported that the audited financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2018 are complete and will be distributed tonight for Executive review. If anyone has any questions, please send them to Chris no later than 2 weeks in advance to the September meeting and he will address them by email. Chris thanked Shari for her awesome job in registration! Chris had a couple of items to discuss with the Executive. The first one involving a parent who was charged a late fee because of their late registration – after August 15th. They are arguing paying the late fee because they were unable to get into the JLA to the SMHA mailbox to drop off the payment. Chris asked the Executive for direction. After discussion, it was decided that the family would need to pay the extra money due to the late enrollment. Another item Chris wanted to discuss was the registration fee for 2 boys from the Yakabuski family. For the last 2 years the boys' base house fees have been absorbed by the association. A token extended to the family after their father suffered a debilitating accident. This father had been an avid member of the association, involved with in coaching of his sons' teams for many years, a tireless volunteer within the association. This past spring this individual passed away. Chris wanted to know how the Executive felt about continuing to absorb the boys' base hockey fees. After much discussion a secret ballot vote was done whether to propose a motion to absorb the boys' base hockey fees. Everyone at the table were given a piece of paper and were instructed to write either "yes" or "no" regarding putting a motion forward. Shannon Sparling, Rob Alldred and Shane Roose collected and tallied the responses. It was a majority to put a motion forward to cover the boys' base registration fees.

A motion (Chris St. Germain/Ryan Goodwin) for the SMHA to absorb the 2 Yakabuski boys base hockey registration fees for the '18-'19 season. This is the final time this will happen and will not be offered in the future.

Motion approved

Another topic Chris brought forward was there are still players with outstanding fee payments from both last year (still) and this season. Should these players with outstanding money owing to the association be allowed to tryout for competitive program. After some discussion it was decided that is plainly stated on the association website that players need to be in good standing with the association in order to play hockey at any level. These players will be required to clear up their financial accounts with the association before stepping on the ice for any level of hockey in either divisions, House or Competitive. There are currently 10 players per level who still need to submit their registration fees.

Another point Chris wanted to discuss was the Financial Assistance Program offered by the association. For this program, only the association President, Past President and VP of Finance need to be involved and aware of information regarding players receiving financial assistance. Chris would like an announcement to be put on the association website offering this program, including information about it. A link will be added, which will take those interested directly to the forms required. As well, a deadline of August 31st will be included, for forms to be submitted.

The last point of Chris' report was to inform the Executive that we just received, this past week, our invoice for the D4 fee for last year. Chris will make sure this gets paid, along with the current year's fee.

Fundraising – Chris + Andrew met with Lee Tamarino, who has a child in the association, regarding the position of Fundraiser. Lee would like to organize a golf tournament fundraiser for the association October 1st. The plan would be \$130/person, which would include – golf, lunch, dinner. The association would be responsible for getting sponsors; suggestions were Bradley's, McDonald's, etc. Organizing golf tournaments is what Lee does for a job; it's a "cookie cutter" idea. There is no chance of financial loss for the association for holding the golf tournament. After much discussion,

A motion was made (Terry Foley/Chris St. Germain) to move forward with the 1st SMHA Golf Tournament at The Canadian Golf Course, October 1st, 2018.

Motion Approved
1 abstain

5. Director of Competitive – Chris Weir + Patti Bokij

Neither Chris nor Patti were able to attend due to RAMS conditioning happening tonight. Scott shared a small report, saying – Competitive program has started, the new season is up and running. Thank you to everyone for all that you are doing!

6. Referee Report – Chris Monteith

Chris was unable to attend

He did send in a quick report to be read –

Recruitment – notice has been posted for new officials. We are looking for 8-10 new officials. The deadline for applications is August 28th. Officials will be invited to participate in an on ice session followed by a brief interview on September 5th at 7pm at the GRC (overflow session will be held September 6th at 7pm at the JLA if needed). Newly hired officials will then need to take the Referee Entry Level course through Hockey Eastern Ontario (with courses available every weekend throughout September)

Horizon – the invite to referees to register for Horizon is now open. All officials will be briefed on how to operate the new system at our first annual meeting in mid September, shortly after the new officials are hired.

7. VP of Operations – Fiona Livingstone

Ice – Ice contracts are done + finalized yesterday. Ice allocations have been sent out to those who need to have them. House ice cost equalled \$358, 000.

Referees + Timekeepers – Fiona is going to check with last years timekeepers to see who is planning on coming back. An invite for referees and timekeepers went on the website last Sunday. Refereeselection will take place September 5th + 6th. There will need to be a timekeeper’s course held. Timekeepers will be picked by mid August.

Canteen – Fiona sent out for tender and no response at all. If we let it go – it’s gone for good. The City still wants to cut the canteen in ½ for girls/alternate change room. If we sign a contract for another year we are on the hook for \$3, 000 (yearly contract). Fiona feels it’s not to our benefit to keep the canteen. A decision needs to be made by the end of August.

8. VP Support Services – Andrew Staniforth

PRCs + Gender Identity Training – It has been posted on the website for bench staff to have PRCs and Gender Identity training completed by November 1st. Hockey Canada mandates associations having a physical copy of all volunteer PRCs. PRCs can be handed in at the Coaches + Managers meeting on October 4th and at Draft Night on September 26th.

Clinics – Dev 1 will be Aug. 25/26, Coach 1 will be October 13 and Coach 2 will be October 20.

Registrar – Fee per player for HEO + HEO Minor this year will be \$43.15/player. Numbers per division include –

IP - 102

Novice – 179

Atom – 206

Pewee – 242

Bantam – 193

Midget – 152

Juvenile – 3

Shari would like to move ALL registration – new + returning online next year. Another suggestion was to open registration earlier and make the Early Bird cut off July 15th.

Risk + Safety – everything is closed from last year.

9. Director of Hockey Development – Dave Greenhalgh

Numbers are good so far.

10. Director of House – Atom / Pewee – Rob Alldred

Rob – nothing to report

11. Director of House – Bantam / Midget / Juvenile – Chris Salisbury

Chris reported that Scott Rogers will be convening Bantam and Fiona Livingstone will be convening Midget. As for a Juvenile division, he is waiting until the end of August to decide. We are short

goalies in Midget, only 5 available. We may need to close registration for Midget and start a waitlist. We could reach out to other associations for extra goalies.

12. New Business

1. Conditioning – ice times will start September 1st.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made (Serge Vallieres/Sean Lowell) to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

Motion Approved