



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Stittsville Minor Hockey Association

Tuesday March 19th, 2019

Stittsville Legion

Attendance:

Scott Phelan*	Jackie Kimmerly*	Fiona Livingstone*	Ryan Goodwin*
Andrew Staniforth*	Chris Salisbury*	Terry Foley*	Serge Vallieres*
Rob Alldred*	Patti Bokij	Shari Kneen	Rob Lomas
Lee Tamburano	Nicole Brooks	James Moser	Scott Rogers
Holly Foley			

*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 (Rob Alldred/Shari Kneen) to approve the agenda.

Motion Approved

b) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made (Nicole Brooks/Scott Rogers) to approve the December meeting minutes.

Motion Approved

A motion was made (Andrew Staniforth/Terry Foley) to approve the February meeting minutes.

Motion Approved

c) Conflict of Interest

Quorum was established, voting members acknowledged and conflicts none.

2. D4 + LCMHL Update – Scott Phelan

Scott reported the following –

Welcome back from March Break!

Lanark & D4

Officiating – Infractions at D4 are the highest in the region. D4 - leaders in the branch. Over almost 1500 GIR's (Game Incident Reports) in our region alone.

Verbal Abuse & Fighting – Are the two largest infractions.

Largest being Verbal abuse of an official.

Fighting is not what it used to be.

95% warranted. 5% not warranted.

District wide, we need to get these lowered. Not all GIR's paint the same picture. D4 is establishing a committee that involves both a senior & junior official & Executives from D4. A President, RSO, Chair & Vic Chair. This will start in the spring at the district level.

As an association / district we need enforce supplementary sanctions to slow the infraction trend down. District would use the code of discipline and then D4 adds an additional game (example).

EG. - A player can tell a ref where to go at the end of a game and still be invited back to play the following game. This is where a supplementary sanction should be implemented.

Officials Survey – March 15th / 71 Official's responded to survey. 71 respondents. (Scott read results.)

Appeal Process – We talked about it at the Coach's / Managers Meeting however it seems to be closer to the end of the year where we need a reminder.

An appeal must be sent in within 72hrs. The appeal process costs \$250. The association President will work with District to arrange the hearing. It has to be over 2 games to appeal. 2 games and under you can approach your local association President to appeal on your behalf.

SMHA

We need to get back on track. We started a new process back on Sept 12th and it worked for the first few months.

Jackie to send out previous meeting notes 2 weeks in advance.

Each member to review and comment if necessary.

Changes to that report sent to council 1 week before our meeting.

Each executive member is asked to submit their reports to the council at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

Suggestions for SMHA Registration Increase for the 2019/2020 season

CP --- IP \$470, Nov / Atom \$715, PW \$780. Midget \$825

WC --- IP \$585, Atom / Midget \$825

Osgoode --IP \$500, Nov \$730, PW \$800, Midget \$820

SMHA --- IP \$555 EB, \$595 // Atom – Midget \$695 EB, \$745

Next year we are looking to increase to:

\$50 Early Bird

\$750 EB / \$800 – Novice - Midget

\$575 EB / \$625 - IP

Ice Increase - Potential 2-4% Increase. (we know approx 2% uplift)

Insurance Increase - Potential 2% Increase

Ref cost Increase - Potential 4-5% Increase

Survey – Over 400 in so far. Open until March 30th. I think we have sent out enough reminders. We now have some concrete data to work with. Scott to create a smaller working group and then results will be shared with the Directors downward. This information will be used for Coach, Manager & Bench Staff selections. As well to improve the overall Hockey experience for the member of SMHA.

Fundraising – Golf – Help with the Tournament. Scott to get out an invite for a kick start meeting.

Moving of the Box & Banner locations – Scott to meet Glen Gower April 8th

3. VP Finance Report – Chris St. Germain

Chris unable to attend – report tabled to April meeting.

4. Director of Competitive – Chris Weir + Patti Bokij

6 teams have moved on to the Finals, had to buy back some of our returned ice to support the #'s

Major Atom

Minor Peewee

Major Peewee

Minor Bantam

Major Bantam

Major Midget

Strong Recommendation for next year: Need to remind all coaching staff and parents that part of signing up for competitive is respecting and committing to the schedule. Black out dates and play-off dates are published at the beginning of the season. The number of requests for exceptions was completely unacceptable.

Continue to seek applications for next season coaching.

Reminders needed for coaching survey after March break

5. VP of Operations – Fiona Livingstone

Ice

Serge has done a great job managing the ice this year, very little has gone unused. Will be difficult to manage over the last two weeks as playoff series finish with little notice to use what is left.

This group needs to have a discussion about the playoff format to aid in planning for next year with LCMHL.

Officials

A reminder for behaviour for players, bench staff, fans and referees was sent out to members. Behaviour is still an issue. There is a referee survey currently in progress; a committee will be struck to determine next steps and a process for greater control for next year. Will be confirming the need for a RIC for next year, unsure about whether Chris Monteith is returning.

Canteen

Notice received from the City to indicate that their plan was to turn the canteen into an alternate dressing room and did we object. I have filed a notice to indicate that our preference is to have a canteen on site and I think it is short-sighted to plan otherwise.

Equipment

Planning for April equipment return will take shortly. Notices will be going out this weekend.

6. VP Support Services – Andrew Staniforth

Risk and Safety – no major concerns, but our ask is to support Scott’s message around a no tolerance with any type of Coach / Parent - Harassment of Game Officials. This does go without saying, but not just at our association level but across the district we are seeing bench staff, and parents being written up. Once again our ask is to attend the game to enjoy / support / develop our SMHA players, and not to set a negative example by being kicked out of a game / arena for harassment of a game official.

Coach’s Survey – was sent out to SMHA population through e-mail, and being completed by SMHA parents as we speak – thank you Terry with taking this on. We are seeing some trending that perhaps an FAQ could deal with on the site, but follow up will be provided in the near future.

Registrar - No feedback received on webpages to date from council members as per our last meeting, Shari and Terry are hoping to receive feedback for March meeting. Still no word from HEO about when we can open online registration. Typically this is allowed for June 1 but Shari is hoping for mid May. We need to confirm an information night date for early May, if this is something we deem necessary to help with communication to parents. Can be dual purposes if Exec wishes to be presented to answer questions and new IP/Novice setup and Q&A. Secondly, Shari can also use this night to get info from new players. Here is the new form that has been created by both Shari and Chris which can be used when we are gathering information from our new players, which will allow the registration process to go a little smoother.

7. Director of Hockey Development – Dave Greenhalgh

I have not had much to report the last two meetings as the programs have been going very smoothly. Main points are that next years changes to the programs specific to Novice need a committee to get it organized as it is a big change to the program.

8. Director of House – Atom / Peewee – Rob Alldred

Nothing to report

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

Bantam,

No major issues, B6, B4 and A1 have moved on to the final series. We are trying to allocate end of year ice for exhibition games between the B teams.

Midget,

A1 and B2 have moved on to the final series. B1 has made it into the one game semi-final to be played sometime next week I'm guessing.

There was an increase in major penalties at the end of the year and in the playoffs with two for fighting. This should be compared to the non-tournament style playoffs from last year to see if that had an affect.

Feedback regarding the tournament style playoffs will be collected and forwarded at the end of the season. However, one of the biggest complaints in Midget that I've heard is regarding the playoff schedule. As many kids in Midget work, it is extremely difficult to plan around playoff games when the schedule comes out late.

New Business

We will be proposing to do a tournament in the early fall of next season. To be discussed at the meeting as it will require us to apply for HEO/HC sanctioning soon (which will incur a small cost of \$80-\$160 depending on what we choose to do).

10. New Business

A) Highschool Bursary – the bursary is something the Association offers to 3 graduating SMHA hockey players. Candidates can apply for the bursary, with criteria including – their grades, their community involvement, extracurricular activities and a written letter. The applicants can be from any highschool our players attend. These applications will be reviewed by a set board and 3 bursaries will be awarded to 3 players within the association.

A motion was made (Ryan Goodwin/Chris Salisbury) to allocate \$1,500 to the bursary program.

Motion Approved

B) SMHA House Tournament – Chris Salisbury and Scott Rogers proposed holding a House division tournament. Scott + Chris will also coordinate + run the tournament. They discussed the different points for holding the tournament – the need for at least 10 hours of ice, the timing – hoping for early November, the number of teams – thinking small, 8 teams, how many tournaments – they are thinking 2 tournaments, levels – thinking Atom C + Peewee C. They need to apply to HEO for a sanction; this costs \$10 per team participating per tournament. They are requesting the funds to apply for the sanction.

A motion was made (Andrew Staniforth/Rob Alldred) to allocate \$200 to apply for a sanction to hold 2 tournaments for the 2019/2020 season.

Motion Approved

C) Barnburner website – Lee brought a new website to the Executive, selling hockey gear, clothing, equipment. The company behind the website would offer deals to the association members. This would not compete with Pro2Col because nothing RAMS would be sold by them – they have their own brand. Lee asked the Executive if we would be interested in directing association members to the website. After some discussion it was decided that it is too hard to decide which websites to promote - there are thousands of hockey geared websites. It was decided not to promote any specific outside website.

D) AGM – the AGM has been set for Monday April 29th at 7pm at the French Catholic Highschool – Ecole Secondaire Catholique Paul-Desmarais. Membership needs to be notified by this Friday, according to the Constitution. Constitutional amendments need to be submitted by April 19th. Fiona has emailed the Executive the most current constitution for review. Anyone with amendments please bring to the next meeting. Positions up for renewal include – VP Support Services, Director of Hockey, Secretary, VP Finance – this is actually appointed by the current Executive and Director at Large – this is done at the AGM. Nominations need to be in by April 14th. Someone needs to step up and handle all of the nominations. LCMHL + D4 chairs need to be invited.

E) Bantam C – there was discussion regarding the need for our association to offer Bantam C next year. There is a very large group of players moving up to Bantam next year – with a large group of players who will need a C level. There are currently 4 other associations within the LCMHL who would be on board with a Bantam C level. We have been in this position a few times, with other associations' agreement for C, but at the last minute they back out – therefore no C offered. It was asked if we could approach an association outside of the LCMHL – for example Kanata. For this to happen we would need approval from the District and we would have to approach Kanata.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made (Rob Alldred/Andrew Staniforth) to adjourn the meeting at 9:31pm.

Motion Approved