



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Stittsville Minor Hockey Association
Monthly Council Meeting – January 16, 2024
7:00 PM - in person at ALE and virtual Zoom meeting

In attendance:

*Scott Phelan	*Bill Corcoran	*Marie Cote	*Mike Kemp
*Mike Bew	Holly Foley	Wendy Poole	*James Moser
Leanne Simpson	Courtney Millbury	Jennifer MacDonald	Brad MacDonald
Ben Kirkwood	*Emily Parent	Cory Poole	
*Terry Foley	Bethany Roy	*Alyssia Chamberlain	
Mike Taylor	Richard Hogue	Natasha Pappin	

*denotes voting Executive members

Agenda:

1- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm with Scott Phelan (President) chairing the meeting. Motion made by Terry Foley (VP of Support Services)) and Emily Parent (VP of Finance)

2- Approval of the Agenda

There was no motion made to approve the proposed agenda - not applicable

3- Approval of the Minutes

Not applicable - no meeting in December.

4- Conflict of Interest

None disclosed

5- President Update

- **Welcome to 2024.** Thanks for all your help to date. Hope everyone had a great holiday.
- **U9 Jamboree.** Thank you to Jennifer MacDonald for her help with the U9 Jamboree on the weekend. 10 Teams, alot to manage but you did an amazing job, so thank you!
- **Inclement Weather** - How is it handled? You would have seen a note from Tom (LCMHL) on how inclement weather is managed. Bill Corcoran (SMHA Comms) shared it on our website. While each storm can be seen individually, the model that was built as a great guideline. Under the policies trapped within the League team could face a fine or suspension should

they forfeit on playing a game. Teams can be fined \$75 dollars as per LCMHL policy as well as cover costs to the officials should they forfeit on not playing a game. Over the past few months across the league many games have been cancelled.

- **Fundraising** - A BIG thanks to Bill Corcoran for your help in Fundraising this year.
- **SMHA Golf**: Cheque for SMHA from the Canadian for \$1,152.27 from our August Golf Tournament. This is great!
- **Equipment malfunctions**. Good time to check equipment. Convenors please remind your teams to check their equipment.
- **U13-U15 Pathways**. District 1 (Brockville, Kemptville, Smith Falls) & 5 (Upper Ottawa Valley - Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke) are adopting the program today. Please see attached for further details. Our District will start next season. Continue to watch for updates in the weeks to follow. <https://www.hockeyeasternontario.ca/players/player-pathways/>
- **Referee meeting before playoffs**: Officials only. Lou will deliver the message. Discussion points include but are not limited to: Game management (control of the game), maltreatment rules and penalties, When to make a call on abuse of official - is it arms up or personal attack in the lobby.? Explain to officials what the difference is. Psychology of coaching. How to handle a bench. Stay tuned for more details in a future meeting.
- **Goal-line Review**. Sportzhead is the new site in question. District 5 (Upper Ottawa Valley - Renfrew, Arnprior, Pembroke, Barry's Bay) moving away from Goal line using it, B-League is moving to it next year. As well as electronic gamesheets.
- **LCMHL** would like to use it...but need all 8 x associations to move forward. Next steps: Andy Backa to prepare documentation on previous calls with association webmaster, pricing etc.
- **Hearings & Appeals**: While things are starting to slow down, HEO & Ottawa Districts still have a lot to follow up on. They had 36 hearings from last weekend's Sensplex Tournament. We will have one recent one that showed up this past weekend with a player requiring a HEO hearing.
- **Ottawa 67' coming back to JLA**. Feb 11th between 1-3pm for a community practice is the target date. Scott working with 67's. More to follow.
- **Succession planning**: We need to look into the future & start recruiting for open positions on council next year.

6- Vice-President of Finance update

- RAMS Showdown invoices have been sent out to the coaches
- The last round of bench staff reimbursements are being processed (thanks to Convenors for the last push)
- Waiting for the picture day rebate and the coaching clinic reimbursement from HEO
- The auditor requires that all of the missing monthly minutes be posted for the 2022-2023 season
- Please see report for further information

7- Vice-President of Operations update

- If regular programs are not getting the ice they need in the winter, we might need to shift the tournaments that we host to a different time of year next season to accommodate for more ice in the winter.
- Reminder about neck guards and other equipment being worn properly
- Please see report for further information

8- Vice-President of Support Services update

- Reviewed coaching survey responses for themes. We will need to create communications to send out to the teams, levels and the association as whole to acknowledge the comments/feedback.
- Please see report for further information.

9- Director of Competitive update

- HEO has a proposal in to add D5 to the B League for an expansion - discussion will be held in February
- B league moving to SportsHeadz for next season. How will the change integrate into the SMHA website?
- Electronic game sheets will be implemented for next season. Need to make a note to budget the cost for next season.

10- Director of Development/Fundraising update

- We are planning the U7 Fun Day hosted by SMHA on March 24, 2024.
- Please see report for further information

11- Director of House U11/U13 update

- Waiting on further information for house league playoff planning. When will the playoffs start?
- Conflicting information on who can be on the ice for an SMHA practice. Can we please confirm and post a policy on our website.

12- Director of House U15/U18/U21 update

- Continuing to see refs signing gamesheets with invalid codes - no corrective action has been taken. Continued frustration.
- Process with suspension letters is not ironed out, suspension letters are being sent out late
- Frustration on lack of ice - some teams are only getting 1 practice every 3 weeks
- The Grad Game will be held on March 28, 2024. We will have a party at JLA for the graduating players (approximately 30 house players and 16 competitive players)
- Please see report for further information

13- New Business

- Need to secure a location and date for the AGM. Potential date: April 23, 2024 (Marie Cote)
- Looking for funds for replacing U7 jersey bins (Bill Corcoran) - funds are included in the maintenance budget
- There is an issue with the ½ ice boards on the corner panels (Bill Corcoran) - best to reach out to Neil Farr for guidance/assistance
- We will need to look at ordering larger jersey sizes for U9 for the 2024-2025 season (Bill Corcoran)
- Unsanctioned hockey events at the U9 level. Many SMHA players participated. What are the HEO repercussions? (Bill Corcoran and Scott Phelan)

14- Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm. Motion made by Mike Bew (Director of Competitive) and Bill Corcoran (Director of Development)

For additional details, all of the monthly SMHA Council Reports can now be found in this folder:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Rv3Ph72_1bq6klBWj6MPQV-bHCxsvvb0?usp=drive_link

