



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**Stittsville Minor Hockey Association
Monthly Council Meeting – October 15, 2024
7:00pm - ALE**

In attendance:

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| Danny Grills* | Rob Lomas* | Terry Foley* | Mike Kemp* |
| Brad MacDonald | Ben Kirkwood | Bill Corcoran* | Kelly Evans* |
| Courtney Milbury | Holly Foley | Natasha Pappin* | Omar Sultan* |
| Bethany Roy | Mike Bew* | | |

*voting member

Agenda:

1- Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm, motion approved by Rob Lomas (Vice-President of Operations) and seconded by Danny Grills (Director of Development)

2- Approval of the Agenda

- Not applicable

3- Approval of the Minutes

- Not applicable

4- Conflict of Interest

- No conflicts were disclosed

5- President Update

LCMHL updates:

- LCMHL is getting push back from teams across the league with the new website.
- New online form for LCMHL accounts has been working well.
- Tom and Andy are working on instruction documents for teams to use the website.
- TTM team accounts being set up by Andy, MHA's can now enter rosters.
- Invoice for LCMHL team fees will come this week.
- With late pathways starting and early March break is causing playoffs to straddle March break instead of ending before like normally. Playoff blackout weekend of March 22nd will be removed so teams can attend tournaments, especially for the Kids for Kids tournament.

- LCMHL will draft a short policy on how/when to cancel games if there are no refs scheduled. Clarkson will keep an eye on the schedule and inform us when games are at risk.
- 50 of 85 refs for U18 games are showing as not available as of right now in D4. Significant number of those have moved to ref in other districts.
- 10 outside D4 refs have been doing D4 games to start the season.
- 50 new refs in D4, 20 adults.
- 249 officials in D4, including timekeepers.

D4 Update:

- HEO AGM - Sept. 26th - 1 new board member with 2 left vacant with no noms.
- HEO is now up to over 1400 officials.
- 25/26 membership fees for Hockey Canada will be increasing significantly. Should know what that means by January.
- AA tryouts might not happen in the spring. Would have to start after May 9th. Some districts are pushing back because they won't have ice.
- D3 did cyber bullying training with some of their teams. If we have teams or levels we think need it, we can have it arranged.
- Reminder of the cyber bullying policy from HEO. Convenors should remind teams.
- HEO is sticking to suspensions and not entertaining overturning suspensions.
- D4 RSO is not seeing coaches on U18 benches giving discipline to their players. Dirty plays, hanging cages, removing helmets post game. Note that removing a helmet post game could result in a match penalty and a 3 game suspension. It's not just refs that should be giving out discipline to the players, the coaches also play a role.
- D4 might start adding additional game suspensions for fighting or late game GM's.
- U9 games are half ice, not 3/4 ice.
- Mike Edgerton will be the D4 U7/U9 coach mentor.
- Not all post game suspensions are "altercations" that also impact the head coach. Teams should be paying attention to what options they check in TTM when entering those game sheets.

6- Vice-President of Finance update

- Reinforcing that team Managers request Bank Letters from SMHA in a reasonable amount of time preceding the bank appointment
- December 31st Expense Submission for Clinic Cutoff
- \$50 for additional insurance spot needed, will be enforced this year
- Refund from 2023-2024 season resulting in working group and process change
 - Motion raised by Kelly Evans and seconded by Mike Kemp
 - As a gesture of good faith from the 2023-2024 season, we will deviate from the policy and provide back 50% of registration paid back to families affected.
 - Vote:
 - 6 approve, 1 against

7- Director of Fundraising update

- Please see report, nothing additional

8- Vice-President of Operations update

- Please see report
- Please see new business item below

9- Vice-President of Support Services update

- Please see report

10- Director of Competitive update

- Please see report

11- Director of Development update

- Please see report

12- Director of House U11/U13 update

- Please see report

13- Director of House U15/U18/U21 update

- Please see report

14- New Business

A) - Rob Lomas: Managers handbook - Jersey policy

- Motion: to raise the value of the jersey in the manager's guide to reflect an update to our SMHA policy from \$75 to "up to \$150"
 - Motioned by Rob Lomas, Seconded by Kelly Evans
- Vote: 8 for, 0 against

15- Adjournment

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion was approved by Rob Lomas (VP of Operations) and seconded by Mike Bew (Director House U11/U13).

