



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**Stittsville Minor Hockey Association
Monthly Council Meeting – September 17, 2024
7:30pm - ALE**

In attendance:

Terry Foley*	Kelly Evans*	Danny Grills*	Holly Foley
Omar Sultan*	Bill Corcoran	Bethany Roy	Brad MacDonald
Natasha Pappin*	Jennifer MacDonald	Courtney Millbury	

*voting member

Agenda:

1- Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Terry Foley at 7:35pm

2-Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the September meeting. This motion was approved by Kelly Evans and Omar Sultan.

3- Approval of the Minutes

No minutes from August are ready to be approved.

4- Conflict of Interest

None to declare

5- President Update

HEO meeting – September 11, 2024

- Discriminatory slur – 11.4 will have a new form, no apology letter, no hearing. There will be a form sent and they have to sign / acknowledge that they are getting a suspension. It cannot be appealed. Not sure what happens if they do not sign and acknowledge.
- Tryouts for AA / AAA both will be in the spring; AAA cannot start until after provincials (April); HEO is hosting provincials so won't start until end of April, AA has to be finished by the end of May
- Rep B tryouts will start right after labour day
- U18AAA registration numbers were down; but now confirmed they will have 5 teams
- RIC situation in D4 – HEO is ok with the plan we're moving forward with – D4 will continue the search for an RIC; in the meantime, they will form a small committee of presidents to act

as the discipline committee (play the role of RIC essentially); if there is discipline of officials, HEO will come in to oversee that portion of it.

- HEO down 300 officials across the branch this year
- A couple of entry level clinics hosted this year so far; more scheduled
- Refing situation still a bit up in the air; seeing a couple of tryout games with 2 instead of 3 because there aren't enough.
- Hockey Canada insurance / travel to the US – HC insurance is secondary; if you have to go to hospital in the states you should have your own private medical insurance. Participants must purchase appropriate medical insurance.
- Oct 9th – coach / manager meeting; SMHA meeting will be immediately after this.
- Regular season start date – October 19th
- Blackouts – Halloween, December 20-Jan 2; regular season ends Feb 16; playoff starts Feb 22 until March 22; final games March 23 – 31; March Break Blackout 7-16;
- Feb 28-Mar2 – pathways break *** will confirm these
- U9 – will not have the same blackout periods at the end of the year
- U9 playoffs TBD
- Local tournament / exhibition games also need travel permits for any pathways teams – plan is to submit these but they do not need to be signed. Terry will confirm where they have to be sent to.
- Real travel tournaments need to be signed. All requests can go on the same form.
- Teams should be encouraged to submit only one form with all requests *** this should be added to the coach / manager meeting***
- Team placement final meeting – September 23 – if there are any major changes to what we've sent in already, we need to advise

6- Vice-President of Finance update

- Please see report

7- Director of Fundraising update

- Nothing significant beyond report
- Tommy Guns would love to have a week long promo where a week before picture day and will increase the kickback to SMHA
- Mavericks will give player of the game cards
- Home Hardware will provide 15% off to SMHA families

8- Vice-President of Operations update

- We will schedule a call with Convenors to review Ice management expectations

9- Vice-President of Support Services update

- We will host a Coach 1 Clinic on November 16
- Rosters will need to be completed *No Later* than November 30, 2024
- Carryover suspensions – these need to be out ASAP
- SMHA hosted tournaments are all live on our website and teams are registering already

10- Director of Competitive update

- Please see report

11- Director of Development update

- Considering how to develop coaches at the younger levels
- Discussed offering an internal 'U7 coach clinic'

12- Director of House U11/U13 update

- Please see the report

13- Director of House U15/U18/U21 update

- Please see the report

14- New Business

- **Player refund:** Request for a refund from last year; signed up for S7 and Rams, made S7 and did not request their refund. Made the request this year – this was beyond the policy deadline; that response was escalated.

Proposal – refund the individual despite being outside of the policy timeline; there are 3 families that did this, only one family escalated.

Motion / vote will happen by email

Kelly will be putting together a new comprehensive refund policy

- **SMHA Sens Night**

Group leader reward – we sold so many tickets last season that we get a reward

Option 1 – fly with the Sens to Buffalo

Option 2 – 400 level suite with 2 parking passes that includes 12 tickets (October 29)

Convenors / Directors of the levels that sold the tickets should get offered the opportunity to do this – additional tickets available (\$80 including fees), capacity is 24

They want to organize another Rams night – Bill Corcoran will run point on this

Terry will connect with Scott Phelan to see if we know who sold the tickets

- **Coach 1 Clinic** on November 16 at JLA

- LCMHL Statistician roles - U9 and U13

15- Adjournment

A motion was made to conclude the meeting. The motion was approved by Danny Grills and Omar Sultan at 8:34pm.

