



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Stittsville Minor Hockey Association

Wednesday November 16, 2011

Stittsville Legion

Attendance: Mike Clarkson*, Charlene McEnery*, Angelo Miceli*, Jacqueline Kimmerly*, Tim Sheehan*, Chris Weir*, Ken Kuehni*, Beth Girardi*, Kevin Burke, Kevin McCausland, Megan Austin, Patti Bokij, Jeff McNamee, Ryan Goodwin, John McGetrick, Mark Saucier

*denotes voting Executive members

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 with Mike Clarkson chairing.

a) Approval of Agenda

A motion was made (Angelo Miceli/Tim Sheehan) to approve the agenda.

Motion Approved

b) Approval of Minutes

Charlene McEnery requested corrections be made to the September minutes in the #7 item and corrections also made to the October minutes in the #7 item as well.

A motion was made (Angelo Miceli/Tim Sheehan) to approve the September and October minutes, with corrections.

Motion Approved

c) Conflict of Interest

Quorum was established, voting members acknowledged and conflicts none.

2. D4 + LCMHL Update – Angelo Miceli for Mike Clarkson (Mike was unable to attend the LCMHL/D4)

LCMHL:

- house issues for submitting and reporting Bantam suspensions; league doesn't have all of them
- looking at a suspension reporting online system to help with this process
- All game sheets needs to clear and legible; issues could happen that a suspension could be given to the wrong player due to a printing mishap
- looking at getting ODHA to run a clinic on filling in time/game sheets

LCMHL VP Collette(don't have last name) from Osgoode was relieved of duties due to her being suspended in her Assoc.(time suspension I was told). Glen has stepped in to be Bantam statistician until she is able to return.

-WAS NOTED THE STITTSVILLE STILL HASNT PAID LEAGUE FEES TO LCMHL

-a motion was accepted and passed that LCMHL will waive the \$300 fines levied against SMHA from last season due to errors/confusion in the schedule which resulted in no referees because of last minute playoff changes

Midget- notices from president should to go out to teams about penalty minutes(too many)

Bantam- no issues

Peewee- no issues CP are asking to move (mainly higher)

Atom- no issues

Novice- no issues

-WC is having an intro to Coach clinic Nov26/11

-LCMHL has decided to get pins this year as their annual gift. Pro2col won the bid (3200 pins @ \$3182) which is around .88 cents a pin plus tax. Was approved and should be ready before the BCC

-Amy Hogue from Perth has been elected as Peewee statistician

NEW BUSINESS

-Richmond wanted to know why we need 3 refs for peewee C NC? LCMHL stated it only requires 2 but can have 3 if an assoc wants

-A lot of talk was around **Peewee**

-They think SMHA should look at an equalization game for the 2 A teams

-CP has made a request to move their B ck team to A as they are killing teams. This was approved and will happen by end of next week

-Almonte wants to move their Aton C team up to B

-Ken and Mike needs to make a decision about our Atom teams. Without know the standings I was only able to tell them that we were getting killed. The Atom Stats person was not there so we couldn't confirm. I just looked this morning and Atom is a mess! Glen seems to think this is an internal issue with the convenor but needs to be resolved quickly.

-Balancing needs to be done before Dec1/11

D4 Meeting

I have the letter from Dodie Malcolm about our club affiliation system

Ron asked that all president remind people (players in particular) to watch the head check video provided on the HC website.

Ron would like an email with who or how many people from each Assoc is going to the risk and Safety clinic

Registrar

-Special request for quick team list. All Assoc get 3 but SMHA gets 4

Affiliations

-no cross assoc affiliations allowed

New business

SS motioned their new non parent coach contract be accepted (I don't have a copy of it sorry).

Approved

Next meeting Dec13/11 WC sports club 6:45pm (15min earlier)

* as taken from Angelo's notes

3. Atom League Competitiveness – Ken Kuehni

Ken reported that the Atom teams are not doing well out of our association. Looking into options on how to improve the situation; therefore making the season more competitive and enjoyable. Looking for suggestions from executive for solutions. Considering changing the division placement of 2-4-1 into 1-4-2. A "town hall" meeting is being planned for next week with the parents from Atom division.

4. Coach Mentor Program – Kevin Burke

Kevin reported there are a lot of new coaches in the IP, Novice and Atom divisions. He has already spoken to some of the new coaches in Atom. He has set up a Coaching Clinic which is being held at the Sensplex next Sunday. He would like ALL Atom coaches to attend. He would like to have a "pizza meeting", upstairs at the Sensplex, after the clinic to discuss and answer any questions coaches may have. Kevin also put out a reminder that coaches have 30 days to get their coaching course signed of on by him.

5. Evaluations – Megan Austin

Megan brought up that she feels that when doing player evaluations at the beginning of the season, it should be done by independent evaluators. It shouldn't be friends evaluating each other's kids, it shouldn't be people chosen to be coaches doing the evaluating either. Convenors are guided to try to get independent evaluators. This is a common issue across the city; it was discussed that in the past other options have been tried, examples including: have evaluators from other associations (Kanata), evaluators from Stittsville Royals (players). These were both complained about by parents as well – there is no one way to please everyone. It was also asked and discussed why evaluations aren't done at the end of the season by the coaches who have had these players all season. This information could be used as input in streaming in the next year.

6. Bantam Late Hours – John McGetrick Bantam Convenor

John reported that there have been some complaints from parents about the late hours of the Bantam games being played into at 9 + 10 pm. It was indicated that the curfew for Bantam games to start is 9 pm. Games may start before 9 pm that would go till around 10 pm. The scheduling of Bantam game ice times will be looked at. Unfortunately, the older players get the later times as they cannot be assigned to the younger age groups. Ice is a “hot” commodity in Ottawa, but with the completion of the second pad at the GRC, SMHA will receive some more ice.

7. Referee Report – Jeff McNamee

Jeff reported on an incident that involved a referee making a significant rule error. The referee gave a 2 minute penalty BUT the penalty that should have been handed down should have been a 5 minute penalty and 3 game suspension. Jeff reported that it is being dealt with and that Mike Michaud is ensuring that all referees are completing a monthly quiz. So far there has only been one report of a referee not showing up for a game in Stittsville – this was a first year ref. Mike Michaud has recently suspended, indefinitely, a referee for: no shows, not completing the quiz, calling in too late for no show. Jeff reported that the new head contact rule seems to be going better than expected. Checks From Behind has been re-emphasized to referees and to make sure they get called. Jeff will be double checking with Mike Michaud regarding complaints with specific referee.

8. New Business

A) Charlene McEnery named the two volunteer consultants helping out with PRC's and checking any positive hits. They are both police officers – Mike Callahan and Steve Lawson.

B) Tim Sheehan reported that Naz's money numbers are up at the SMHA canteen. A new sign for the canteen has been designed by Brian Strevens. Tim has also spoke with the city about the SMHA been charged a “non-profit” rate for hall rentals, but now we are paying the private rate. We used to be paying \$16/hour now we are paying \$60/hour. One of the Bauer sticks that Tim received has been given to Angelo for his IP social.

C) Mike Clarkson reported that he has been approached by 3 sponsorship opportunities. Tim Horton's is interested in the IP program – Timbits hockey. Mortgage Broker Ottawa would like to be on our website and will give a kick back of \$100 for every mortgage resulting from being on the website. A gentleman from Sobey's left a message, his name is Tim Laplante. Angelo Miceli has agreed to track down these leads.

D) Megan Austin reported that she has heard that the ringette association is in dire need of goalies. As a result they have offered the incentive that any player who wants to be a goalie won't pay for registration for the year. This is something our association can revisit in May or June.

E) Ken Kuenhi inquired whether the SMHA was offering any goalie clinics. There is nothing arranged between now and Christmas. Angelo Miceli is planning to put in a call to the Royals for help with our goalies at no charge.

9. Miscellaneous Allocations

Just a couple of things to be signed.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made (Ken Kuehni/Jackie Kimmerly) to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Motion Approved