



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**Stittsville Minor Hockey Association Meeting
Monday, May 31st, 2010 at 8:30 pm
Stittsville Legion**

Attendance: Craig Goodwin, Charlene McEnery, Lynda Partner, Kerry Hisko, Tim Sheehan, Glenn Austin

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Craig Goodwin at 9:02 pm.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Craig Goodwin motioned to accept the agenda. Charlene McEnery seconded this. All present were in favor.

3. D4 Meeting Update

- John Weir acclaimed as President
- Automated suspension reporting via D4 website very successful
- Several changes this past season such as the implementation of new residency rules and allowing players to transfer without an ODMHA hearing, if all parties were in agreement.
- The AAA pilot was very successful, the result of which allows all District AA teams to be managed by the Silver Seven organization
- West Carleton was successful with an appeal at the ODHA level to recognize that there are exceptions in hockey regarding the exceptional needs of certain players
- ALL game misconducts are to be reported (these include ones obtained while playing at tournaments and out of district). Please note that the player who receives a misconduct for out of town tournaments/games must serve the most severe penalty for that district, therefore all teams should ask for a copy of the Code of Conduct for that district. If ever in doubt about what suspension should be served, bench that player until it can be clarified, otherwise the coach will be given a 5 game suspension for playing a suspended player.
- It is the responsibility of each Association to educate its members on what to expect at a disciplinary or appeal hearing.

- There were 15 disciplinary hearings this past hockey season, 3 within the Stittsville Minor Hockey Association. Please note that 8 of the hearings were for players, the other 7 were for coaches.
- Association presidents are encouraged to participate on hearing panels. This past season only 4 of the 9 association presidents did.
- ALL CTH (check to the head) and Harassment misconducts are to be reported

4. Lanark Carleton Meeting Update

- Lanark Carleton is in desperate need for volunteers
- Glenn Austin, Director of Operations for SMHA is Vice President for Lanark Carleton
- Craig Goodwin, Tim Sheehan and Glenn Austin will attend the ODMHA meeting June 12th.

5. Online Registration Status Update

- Should be up and running by July 1st, 2010
- Registration fees will remain the same

Refunds will be given as per the following rules:

- Prior to Sept. 1st, full refund minus a \$50 admin. fee
- Between Sept. 2-30th, full refund minus a \$50 admin. fee for first time hockey players (IP, Novice only)
- From Sept. 2 – October 15, refund of 50% for all returning players
- Oct. 16 – Nov. 30th. No refunds except where a player receives a season ending injury accompanied by a written certificate from a medical doctor. At this point the player will be issued a 50% refund.
- After Nov. 30th, No refunds for any reason

Action: **Craig Goodwin** will let Silver 7 and Titans programs know about our fees and costs associated with online registration and probability for a decreased fee paid to these associations.

Action: **Lynda Partner** will arrange for registration info to be placed on an advertising sign, in the local newspaper for 3 weeks and on the website. Craig Goodwin will be in charge of the graphic design for this.

6. Recruiting more Volunteers

ALL volunteers must be approved by management council

- Director of House still vacant

- Kristen Burke will become our Treasurer
- Steve Whitworth will be our new webmaster
- Anick Cousens will be in charge of Communications
- Rick Buffone, John McGettrick will convene at the Bantam level
- Referee in Chief will continue to be Mike Michaud
- Referee Scheduler will continue to be Dave Etherington

All above people were discussed and all people present at this meeting were in agreement to allow these people to serve on the executive management council.

Craig Goodwin motioned to:

“nominate Mike Clarkson as Director-At-Large.”

Lynda Partner seconded this motion. Kerry Hisko, Tim Sheehan, Charlene McEnery and Glenn Austin all in favor.

There is a Google Form for volunteers on the website.

RAMS PROGRAM

- Chris Weir will be convener/administrator
- Mike Clarkson will be convener/Operations/Coach Mentor

7. Disciplinary Hearing Outcome/Possible Changes

Increased Ice Allocation Transparency

- All conveners must post to the website their ice allocation for their level
- SMHA practice ice will be posted on the website
- VP of Operations will do periodic checks to ensure accuracy

Dealing with Conflicts of Interest for Executive Council Members

If discussions, motions, etc. directly involve an executive council member, that member must remove themselves from the discussions and votes surrounding this. If the member chooses to NOT remove themselves from such discussions, the voting executive can do so if 50% of the executive council is in agreement.

8. Non-Checking only at B level

This is tabled until our next meeting

Encouraging more member feedback – SMHA Blog

An SMHA blog is being set up to encourage more feedback from SMHA members on issues such as non-checking only. Comments will be moderated only to prevent abusive language or profanity.

9. Keeping Evaluations Objective/Coach Selection Process

- There will be a coach selection committee for House and Rep B as per the constitution that will review all coaching applications from IP through to Midget. This committee will be further discussed at our next meeting.
- All coaching applications must be in by August 1st, 2010
- There is a volunteer form to be filled out on our SMHA website for coaches
- Chris Weir, Mike Clarkson, Jeff Fitch and Tim Sheehan will be the Coach Selection Committee for Rep B.

10. Rory Bradley Bursary

Rory Bradley was a coach, on-ice helper and friend to all who had the good fortune to know him in the Stittsville community. He died suddenly over the past week and left this community to mourn that loss. His death has and will forever leave a void in our hearts and in our hockey community. The SMHA would like to do something small compared to what he did for the hundreds of hockey players he guided over his hockey lifetime. SMHA will donate \$1000 to the Rory Bradley Bursary Fund.

11. Close of Meeting

Lynda Partner motioned to close the meeting at 11:25 pm. Craig Goodwin seconded this and all present were in favor.