



Stittsville Minor Hockey Association

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2007 Annual General Meeting

April 21, 2007

Stittsville Branch Legion Hall

Executive & Management Council Members in Attendance:

Charles Falardeau (E) President
Calvin Turner (E) Vice President Support Services
John Weir (E) Director House Hockey
Scott Smith (E) Secretary
Paul Edwards (E) Director Hockey Development
Steve Camrass (E) VP Operations
Brian Hepburn (E) Director Competitive Hockey
Craig Goodwin (E) Vice President Finance
Terry Gervais (MC) Referee in Chief
Jim Ringland (MC) Convener
Jerry Walsh (MC) Co-convener
Matthew Coakeley (MC) Co-convener
Stephen Cherry (MC) Convener
Jim Weisenberg (MC) Convener
Dwight Edmondson (MC) Tournaments Co-ordinator

SMHA members: 34 in attendance

ODMHA Guests:

Don Wise; Assist.-Chair ODMHA District 4

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by the President, Charles Falardeau. Each member in attendance was asked to provide a brief introduction to the room. Charles thanked all the Coaches, Team Volunteers and other volunteers for their commitment to the kids in Stittsville who play hockey with SMHA. The agenda of the AGM was explained.

2. Approval of Minutes of AGM held April 23, 2005

A motion was made by S. Spencer, seconded by S. Murphy that the minutes of the previous AGM held April 22, 2006 be approved. APPROVED

3. Business arising from previous meeting

There was no business arising from the previous meeting of April 22, 2006.

4. Reports

4.1 President's Report

The President, Charles Falardeau provided his report which is included in the AGM presentation. Highlights included:

1. SMHA is seeing continued growth due to a combination of new home construction and higher player retention at the older ages.
2. 75% of SMHA teams went into the playoffs in LCMHL this season. 14/15 RAMS teams went to playoffs.
3. This season's Executive has responded to concerns brought forward from the previous season especially in the Hockey Development program.
4. Our "no hassle" registration process is a hit with 95% of players returning and registered.
5. The SMHA website has had a facelift with more to come.
6. A new goalie development program has been well received.
7. Player evaluations at pre-season have been standardized to minimize conflict.
8. One SMHA on ice official was selected to be a linesman in the Championship game of the Telus AAA Peeewe Provincial tournament.
9. A new Support our Troops crest was created and kicked off the Minor Midget team. These will be put on all jerseys new season.

The attached President's Report provides a full details of Charles presentation.

4.2 Support Services

Calvin reviewed the contents of the slides including the refund policy for the 2007/8 season, efforts on communications, Risk and Safety activities, tournaments, and clinics including mandatory Speak Out certification. Refer to the AGM presentation for details.

4.3 Tournaments

SMHA ran one very successful tournament program this season. A second tournament was cancelled due to a lack of registrations. Tournaments bring revenue into the

association and its teams. WE will look to run additional tournaments next season especially at the younger age groups where there is need.

4.4 Risk and Safety

A Speak Out clinic was run in January by SMHA which lots of SMHA members attended. SMHA will require all team staff to have Speak Out next season including Managers and on-ice helpers. SMHA plans to offer Speak Out, Trainers, Coach levels 1 and 2, and Parenting 101 next season. All parents are encouraged to take Speak out with those on team lists required to have it.

4.5 RAMS

SMHA and Richmond Munster Minor Hockey Association share ownership of RAMS hockey club. 2006/7 was a very successful year for RAMS teams. Three teams were first place finalists, 3 teams were league champions, and one team (Atom B) won the City championship. For 2007/8 there will be a 3 year pilot starting with AAA programs at Bantam and Midget levels. This becomes the new Tier 1 hockey in ODMHA. A new Tier 2 program is being developed for District which SMHA is part of. Mike Wark from Stittsville and past GM of RAMS is the new President of District 4's Tier 2 program. Tier 3 will become a SMHA run competitive program. The RMMHA/SMHA run RAMS will be abolished as a result of these changes. There will be a public information session in May to communicate these changes to all.

4.6 Hockey Development

The Hockey Development Program went very well this year. SMHA has listened to the suggestions from the membership and made ongoing improvements for development and fun of our 5,6,7,8 year olds. We will continue to "tweak" the program in future years. Thanks to the Trillium Foundation, Canadian Tire Kanata and Chevy for their sponsorship of our Hockey Development program. See the AGMA slides for details. improvement. Next year we would like to have Co-conveners at IP and Novice. This has worked well older age groups in the past.

4.7 House Hockey Program

Another successful year for our House teams in the LCMHL. No team coaches were selected until after player evaluations were complete. The Juvenile program continues to gather steam each year as players choose to stay in minor hockey one last year. LCMHL is looking at having non-checking at Pee-Wee level next season. LCMHL will set the playoff format in June for the next season to remove confusion we saw this season. See slide for full details.

4.8 Operations

Ice:

Beckwith arena was not ready this year as planned. As a result SMHA purchased private ice from Sensplex to meet our ice requirements. This increased our ice costs for 2006/7. The management of early ice times has improved with increased parity amongst teams. Beckwith arena has changed ownership so we should be ready to use next season.

Referees:

Terry Gervais provided the referee report. The details are included in the AGM slides. There were two questions, one about the referee selection process which Terry answered and the other was about the communication flow on cases of complaints made about referees. Terry indicated that the complaint process would be better publicized next season.

Equipment:

Again this season, Canadian Tire Kanata donated 4 sets of goalie gear to IP program. Next season SMHA will be buying red socks for players so keep your white socks from this season to use next year with white jerseys. The New Look Project was put on hold because we did not get funding from Trillium Fund for it. SMHA is hoping to at least start phasing it in next season. To get started a new logo will need to be chosen. Members will be kept informed if project is getting going. May look at major sponsorships of age divisions to fund the project.

Canteen:

SMHA operates the canteen at the old arena. SMHA has hired Nazem Sala to operate it for us and share the proceeds. Using Van Houte coffee has increased coffee sales. Members are reminded that purchasing from the Canteen goes back to the SHMA to offset fees and other costs. Nazem has asked that SMHA take actions to increase canteen sales to ensure it is worthwhile for him to continue to run it. The members in attendance were unanimous in not wanting to go back to having canteen duty. We will look at increasing tournaments and evaluations in the fall to occur at Stittsville Arena as much as possible.

4.9 Finance

With year end coming on April 30 Craig is forecasting a \$18,000 loss for 2006/7 season. This is due largely because we did not get into Beckwith ice this season and Sensplex private ice is expensive. We presently have cash reserves of \$50,000. We received \$12,000 from Trillium Fund to pay for Hockey Development Program. Our thanks to Nazem Saleh for operating the Canteen on SMHA's behalf. Thanks as well to our many sponsors especially Canadian Tire Kanata store, and Waste Management for their large contributions. Craig noted that SMHA needs a business development person to work with businesses to get major sponsors of age groups, and other smaller sponsors. Volunteers should see Craig Goodwin Vice President of Finance.

4.10 Events

This season SMHA ran the following events.

- 4th annual Mexi-Cana games over two nights with four teams
- 7th annual Sens Alumni-SMHA coaches game and Volunteer appreciation event. SMHA won the game!
- Hockey Development Social for IP and Novice parents and volunteers
- Chevy Fun and Safe Jamboree for IP players
- Players in Pink in support of the fight against breast cancer game which raised over \$10,000!
- Thanks to all the volunteers who make these events happen and be such the success they are.

5.New Business

5.1 Changes to SMHA Constitution

There were no changes to the Constitution at this AGM. With RAMS expected to dissolve this season there will be changes needed next AGM.

5.2 Election of New Officers

Charles thanked Scott Smith, out going Secretary for his dedication to keeping Council organized the last 3 years as Scott is not seeking re-election with his term coming to an end. Scott will be staying to help with various projects including coordinating clinics.

SMHA is successful at providing hockey for 1100 Stittsville children because of our volunteers, Charles noted. Members are encouraged to get in touch with Charles or any Executive member to volunteer to help with something.

For the position of Vice President Finance there was one nominee, Craig Goodwin. Nominated by S. Smith, 2nd by C. Turner. He was acclaimed to the positions for 2 years.

For the position of Vice President Support Services there was one nominee, Calvin Turner. Nominated by B. Hepburn, 2nd by C. Falardeau. He was acclaimed for 2 years.

For the position of Director Hockey Development there was one nominee, Paul Edwards. Nominated by J. Weir, 2nd by C. Falardeau. He was acclaimed for 2 years.

For the position of Vice President Operations there was one nominee, Steve Camrass. Nominated by S. Smith, 2nd by C. Turner. He was acclaimed for 1 year as this is the second year of a two year appointment.

For the position Secretary there was one nominee brought forward within seven days of the AGM, Scott Spencer. Nominated by S. Smith, 2nd by C. Falardeau. Scott Smith the nominations chair, asked members in attendance if there were any other nominees for this position. There being no other nominees Scott Spencer was acclaimed to this position for two years.

6. Adjournment

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 1:24pm on a motion by C. Goodwin, 2nd by S. Smith.
