



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**SMHA Annual General Meeting
April 24, 2010, 10 am
Isaac's Steakhouse, 6400 Hazeldean Rd.
Stittsville, ON**

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

Meeting called to order by Craig Goodwin at 10:10 am.
Glenn Austin motioned to accept the agenda. Charlene McEnery seconded this motion. All present were in favor.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Craig Goodwin motioned to accept the previous minutes. Glenn Austin seconded this motion. All present were in favor.

3-11. (See attachment)

12. Lunch

- from 12 noon until 12:25 pm
- Pizza lunch supplied by Jo-Jo's Pizza

13. Constitutional Amendments

Amendment #1 – Add Director at Large Executive Position

Modifications to Section 4.1.2

Old Text

The SMHA Executive consists of SMHA members that have been elected at the Annual General Meeting, referred to as the “Executive”, “Board of Directors”, or “Board” and have voting privileges at Management Council meetings, general meetings, and special meetings.

New Text

The SMHA Executive consists of SMHA members that have been elected at the Annual General Meeting, referred to as the “Executive”, “Board of Directors”, or “Board” and have voting privileges at Management Council meetings, general meetings, and special meetings. The SMHA Executive also consists of one specially appointed member, the “Director-at-Large”.

***It was voted at the AGM to leave the original text as-is and forego the new text. All present were in favor of this.*

Modification to Section 4.1.4

Old Text

The Executive members that have voting privileges at Management Council meetings are:

- President
- Past President
- Secretary
- Vice-President, Operations
- Vice-President, Support Services
- Vice President, Finance
- Director, House Program
- Director, Competitive Program
- Director, Hockey Development Program.

New Text

The Executive members that have voting privileges at Management Council meetings are:

- President
- Past President
- Secretary
- Vice-President, Operations
- Vice-President, Support Services
- Vice President, Finance
- Director, House Program
- Director, Competitive Program
- Director, Hockey Development Program.
- Director-at-Large

New Section 5.1.8

The position of Director-at-Large shall be voted on by the membership at the AGM in odd numbered years.

New Section 7.2.12

To be eligible for nomination to the position of Director-at-Large, a member must have served as an elected member of the Executive at any point in time and must have fulfilled the full two year term. This position will be voted on by the membership at the AGM and is a 2-year term, always ending on April 30 in odd numbered years.

New Section 1.10 to Annex B (Description of Director-at-Large duties)

Director-at-Large

- Will be available to assist the SMHA Executive Board in a variety of tasks.
- Act as an ombudsman to general members to resolve concerns.
- Provide assistance at SMHA events such as registration, meetings, tournaments, etc

Rationale

This position will serve as an ombudsman and a “spare” executive member since they must have been a past executive. This give the person the experience required to step in and fill any role, while also serving as a “go between” for any issues membership may have. Since this position is a “Director” it is expected this person has a hockey background.

***It was voted at the AGM to have the Director-at-Large voted in by the membership at the AGM. All other proposed additions were accepted. All present were in favor.*

Amendment #2 – Change in Audit Requirements

Modification to Section 4.4.1

Old Text

A verified financial statement will be prepared by a third party when there is a change in office of the Vice-President, Finance.

New Text

The SMHA must undertake a full financial audit for the current fiscal year in odd numbered years.

Rationale

The executive feels the current wording is very hard to adhere to and expensive, especially when the VP of Finance role turns over before the term expires. Audits are expensive, but based on the size of our association, we feel it prudent to undertake a full audit every two years.

***All present at the AGM voted to accept this amendment to the constitution.*

Amendment #3 – Implementation of non-checking

Modification to Section 4.1.6

Old Text

The House Program will place teams in the Lanark-Carleton League and/or in any other House or Recreation leagues as approved by the Management Council.

New Text

The House Program will place teams in the Lanark-Carleton League and/or in any other House or Recreation leagues as approved by the Management Council. For all levels of “B” and “C” house league hockey, SMHA will place all teams in a non-checking division or league. SMHA will offer both checking and non-checking options in “A” level house league where sufficient player interest exists to field a full team.

Rationale

SMHA has tried to offer both options at A and B over the last few years. This system is extremely hard to implement to ensure a competitive balance between NC and CK. Most associations in ODMHA are already NC in B and we are behind the curve. Renewed focus on fun, skills in a safe environment.

***There was much debate over this proposed amendment. Of the people present, 30 were in favor and 17 were against. This motion to amend the constitution was passed.*

Amendment #4 – Voting Privileges for Transfers In **Modification to Section 3.3.1**

Old Text

Members who are parents or guardians or who have reached the age of majority as defined by the Province of Ontario and who reside within the SMHA boundaries (ANNEX A) shall be entitled to one vote at Annual and Special General Meetings.

New Text

Members who are parents or guardians or who have reached the age of majority as defined by the Province of Ontario and who reside within the SMHA boundaries (ANNEX A), or transfer to SMHA and have paid their registration fees shall be entitled to one vote at Annual and Special General Meetings.

Rationale

This is to allow voting privileges for those people transferring in to SMHA from another association for a one-year playing basis. Since they play here and most often coach, they should have a say in how the programs are delivered, since they pay the same fees as everyone else.

***This motion to amend the constitution was opposed by one member. This motion passed.*

Amendment #5 – Posting of AGM Notices

Modification to Section 7.1.3

Old Text

A notice to members must be posted at all arenas within the Association's boundaries thirty days prior to the scheduled Annual General Meeting. The notice shall list the time and place, positions that are open for election and the order of business. Within fourteen days of the AGM the notices shall be amended to contain any proposals for Constitutional Amendments.

New Text

A notice to members must be advertised to the members by publishing it on the Association's website or by posting it at all arenas within the Association's boundaries or by publishing it in the local newspaper thirty days prior to the scheduled Annual General Meeting. The notice shall list the time and place, positions that are open for election and the order of business. Within fourteen days of the AGM the notices shall be amended to contain any proposals for Constitutional Amendments.

Rationale

This allows us to take advantage of electronic and local media to post the notice, instead of being restricted to posting a physical notice at all arenas. The season is over and the membership is rarely seen inside an arena after April 1 in any case.

***Membership at the AGM voted unanimously for this amendment to the constitution.*

Motion – Honourary Members (Lynda Partner, Kerry Hisko)

It was motioned by Craig Goodwin to allow SMHA to make Lynda Partner and Kerry Hisko honorary members.

Rationale

Kerry is a professional accountant willing to provide his services to the association and we do not want to limit or restrict his involvement should his children decide not to play hockey in the future.

Lynda has worked tirelessly for the SMHA for many years and brings an attitude of professionalism and attention to detail to the management council that benefits

us all. Lynda lives in Richmond and receives a transfer to Stittsville for the non-checking program.

***It was voted on by the membership to allow Lynda Partner and Kerry Hisko to become honorary members. Two members abstained from this vote. One person was opposed. Motion passed.*

14. Election of Officers

No vote by members is required when there is only one candidate nominated for an open executive position. As such:

- a. Craig Goodwin was acclaimed as President for a 2 year term.
- b. Kerry Hisko was acclaimed as VP Finance for the remainder of this term (ending Spring 2011)
- c. Tim Sheehan was acclaimed as Director of Competitive for a 2 year term.
- d. Glenn Austin was acclaimed as VP Operations for a 2 year term
- e. Director of House position remains vacant
- f. Lynda Partner was acclaimed as VP Support Services for the remainder of this term (ending Spring 2011)

15. New Business, Questions, Draw, Appreciation Awards

- o Pierre Clavet and Joe Kassis were the winners of one free registration for the upcoming hockey season. This is a value of approximately \$550.00.

Several appreciation awards were handed out to individuals who have volunteered within SMHA. The recipients of these awards were:

- a) Jeff Fitch
- b) Rick Rozon
- c) Mike Clarkson
- d) Marty Rukavina
- e) Jim Rossell

16. Close of Meeting

Glenn Austin motioned to closed the AGM at 1:54 pm. Kerry Hisko seconded this motion. All present were in favor.

