



# STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

---

## SMHA AGM Sunday, April 17, 2011 Stittsville Legion

**Attendance:** Charlene McEnery (Secretary), Mike Clarkson (Director of Hockey Development), Chris Weir (Director of Competitive), Mike Callaghan (Director of House), Beth Girardi (Registrar), Glenn Austin (VP Operations, Acting President), Lynda Partner (VP Support Services)

**Absent:** Kerry Hisko (VP Finance)

**Invited Guests:** Dodie Malcom, President ODMHA, Bob Pershick, Director of Zoning and Constitution ODMHA, Chuck Riordan, Second Vice President ODMHA

### 1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by Lynda Partner.

### 2. **Approval of Agenda**

Chris Pybus motioned to accept the agenda. Seconded by Stephen Murphy. All present were in favor. Agenda approved.

### 3. **Approval of Previous AGM Minutes**

Angelo Miceli motioned to accept the previous minutes. Chris Pybus seconded this. All present were in favor. Minutes approved.

### 4. **Constitutional Amendments**

#### **Amendment Group #1 – Wording Clarification surrounding the Competitive Club**

##### **Rationale:**

The RAMS brand applies to both Competitive and House league teams. This wording more clearly separates Competitive from House programs to avoid confusion. Red text indicates the text that was added, no text was deleted

### **Amendment #1.1**

**4.1.8** The Competitive Program will be the Stittsville **RAMS Competitive** Minor Hockey Club.

### **Amendment #1.2**

**5.5.10** The Executive members of SMHA have the authority to enforce the SMHA Code of Conduct and ODMHA rules at all ODMHA sanctioned events that involve teams from SMHA **including teams from the RAMS Competitive Minor Hockey Club**. They have the right to warn and remove spectators from the arena stands if their conduct is deemed detrimental to the game. A warning shall be issued before any action is taken. If action is taken, a third party shall always be present to witness the instructions given and actions taken. Spectators cannot be asked to leave the lobby area. A disciplinary hearing may be called to rule in these matters if further sanctions are warranted.

### **Amendment #1.3**

## **ARTICLE 12: COMPETITIVE HOCKEY – STITTSVILLE RAMS COMPETITIVE MINOR HOCKEY CLUB**

**12.1** SMHA recognizes the organization called the Stittsville RAMS **Competitive** Minor Hockey Club and its Constitution as an affiliate of the Stittsville Minor Hockey Association. Annex D contains the Constitution of the Stittsville RAMS **Competitive** Minor Hockey Club.

**12.2** The objectives of the Stittsville RAMS **Competitive** Minor Hockey Club are to:

- Provide, where ever possible, a competitive hockey program giving due consideration to all divisions and categories of minor hockey played within the boundaries of the SMHA;
- Maintain and increase interest in the game of hockey by providing to all who desire, where it has in its power to do so, the opportunity to participate in competitive hockey giving due consideration to their individual capabilities;
- Exercise a general supervision and direction over its players, team and game officials and executive officers with emphasis on the enhancement of healthy recreation, good sportsmanship and citizenship; and
- Assist the SMHA in maintaining house league competition in a similar condition as previous years.

It was motioned by *Chris Pybus* to accept the above noted changes to the constitution. *Beth Girardi* seconded this. All present were in favor by a show of hands (70 in total).

**Amendment Group #2 - Encouraging more volunteers and operating effectively when there are less than optimal numbers of volunteers**

**Rationale:**

Extending voting privileges to more management council members will allow all volunteers who make significant time commitments the ability to participate more fully in decision making

**Amendment #2.1 – effective immediately, change**

**4.1.4** 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
- Ice Scheduler
- Registrar
- Communications Director
- Risk Management

**4.1.5** The Council members that have NON-voting privileges at the Management Council meetings are:

- Referee-In-Chief
- Referee Scheduler
- ~~Ice Scheduler~~
- Equipment Coordinator
- ~~Registrar~~
- ~~Communications Coordinator~~
- ~~Risk Management Coordinator~~
- Tournaments Coordinator

- Hockey Clinic Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Treasurer
- Convenor, Initiation
- Convenor, Novice
- Convenor, Atom
- Convenor, Bantam
- Convenor, Midget
- Convenor, Juvenile
- Convenor, Competitive Administration
- Convenor, Competitive Operations

**Rationale:**

The Vice President Finance is a critical role and the person filling that position must have experience in this field. Allowing them to follow the standard process for nomination opens the door to an unknown person being acclaimed. This might not be in the best interest of the association. The Vice President Finance should be appointed by the Board.

*Stephen Murphy* motioned to accept the above constitutional change. *Beth Girardi* seconded this. All present were in favor (70 people).

**Amendment #2.2 –change**

**ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE**

**5.1.1** Except for the immediate Past President **and the Vice President, Finance**, the Executive members shall be elected for a two-year term at the AGM

**5.1.2** The Past President shall also be a member of the Executive during the time that his/her successor holds office **and the Vice President Finance shall be appointed by the Board for a two-year term.**

**Rationale:**

The election years of these new positions would be mostly in years that are offset to the year their supervisor is elected to avoid having an entire team newly elected in the same year

Paul Meek motioned to accept this amendment. Beth Girardi seconded this. 2 people were against it. 68 were for this. Motion passed.

**Amendment #2.3– effective immediately, change**

**5.1.4** The positions of President; Vice President, Operations; Director, House; and Director, Competitive; **Registrar; and Communications Director** shall be elected in even numbered years.

**5.1.5** The positions of Vice President, Support Services; Vice President, Finance; Director, Hockey Development; and Secretary; **Ice Scheduler; Risk and Safety** shall be elected in odd numbered years.

**Rationale:**

Added new executive positions to the voting order – no logic to the order

**Beth Girardi** motioned to accept the above amendment. **Paul Meek** seconded this. All present were in favor. (70 in total).

**Amendment #2.4 – add**

**7.2.3** Voting will proceed one position at a time in the following order, assuming that the position is up for election in a given year:

1. President;
2. Vice President, Operations;
3. Vice President, Finance;
4. Vice President, Support Services;
5. Secretary;
6. Director Competitive;
7. Director, House Program; and
8. Director, Hockey Development Program.
9. Registrar **(Added)**
10. Communications Director **(Added)**
11. Ice Scheduler **(Added)**
12. Risk and Safety Coordinator **(Added)**

**Rationale:**

To ensure continuity in the event that there are no willing qualified volunteers for the position of President.

*Paul Meek* motioned to accept this amendment. *Chris Pybus* seconded this. All present in favor (70 people).

**Amendment 2.5, add**

**7.2.5** To be eligible for nomination to the position of President, a member must have served as an elected member of the Executive in at least one of the previous two years. **In the event that no qualified member seeks a nomination, any Member who has served a full term on the Management Council in at least one of the previous four years may be nominated at the Annual General Meeting.**

**Rationale**

The current clause is a deterrent to the already difficult job of finding volunteers. Also as volunteers often join after the AGM is over and therefore the opportunity to seek approval from members has passed making it impossible to satisfy the requirements of this clause

*Ryan Goodwin* motioned to accept this amendment. *Rick Buffone* seconded this. All present were in favor (70 people).

**Amendment to ByLaws, –effective immediately, change**

**ByLaws section 5.** No member of the Executive shall coach or manage a team in the Association during his/her term of service without first obtaining the approval of the ~~general membership at an Annual General Meeting~~ **majority of the members of the Executive Council.**

**Rationale:**

If insufficient volunteers are available to perform all of the necessary roles, the SMHA may contract out some of the tasks that form part of the job descriptions for management or executive council positions. Extending voting privileges to those who are being paid for their efforts may constitute a conflict of interest.

*Angelo Miceli* motioned to accept this amendment. *Ryan Goodwin* seconded this. All present were in favor (70 people).

**Amendment 2.7 –effective immediately, add**

Executive or management council members who are paid for their efforts as an executive or management council with the SMHA will not have voting privileges at Management Council meetings. Payment does not include reimbursement of expenses.

**Rationale:**

This change gives the Executive more flexibility in determining who is best suited to act in the absence of the President.

*Stephen Murphy* motioned to accept this amendment. *Angelo Miceli* seconded this. All present were in favor (70 people).

**Amendment 2.7 – add**

The Executive shall decide by majority vote, who among them shall, in the absence of the President, substitute for the President and assume all the duties and responsibilities of the position.

And effective immediately change:

**1.2 Vice-President Operations**

~~a) In the absence of the President, shall substitute for the President and assume all the duties and responsibilities of the position.~~

*Ryan Goodwin* motioned to accept the above amendment. *Angelo Miceli* seconded this. 4 people were against this. 65 were for this. Motion passed.

**Amendment Group #3 – Miscellaneous**

**Amendment 3.1 –**

**5.5.11** A time suspension shall not exceed 7 **days** for members waiting for an SMHA hearing panel to rule in regards to an incident.

**Rationale**

The measure of time was missing from this section

*Beth Girardi* motioned to accept this amendment. *Paul Meek* seconded this. All present were in favor (69 people).

**Amendment 3.2 – effective immediately**

**5.8.1** The Management Council will meet at least six (6) times a year at a place as decided by the President of the Association. **The meeting may take place on the internet and/via telephone or in person.**

**Rationale:**

This reflects the reality of coordinating schedules of busy volunteers as well as the established use of phone and internet meetings to conduct business

**Beth Girardi** motioned to accept this amendment. **Ryan Goodwin** seconded this. All present were in favor (69 people)

**Amendment 3.3 – effective immediately**

**3.1** Members

**3.1.1** Individuals shall become members of the SMHA upon registration and payment of fees **or upon their endorsement as an Honorary Member.**

Types of Members include:

**3.2** General Members (voting)

**3.3** **General** Members are parents or guardians or **those** who have reached the age of majority as defined by the Province of Ontario and who reside within the SMHA boundaries (ANNEX A) **and who have paid their registration fees, or parents or guardians who have reached the age of majority as defined by the Province of Ontario and** who have transferred into SMHA and have paid their registration fees.

**3.4** General members shall be entitled to one vote at Annual and General meetings.

**3.5** Associate Members (non-voting)

**3.6** Associate membership shall be open to children residing within the Association boundaries possessing eligibility in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of the SMHA, ODHMA, ODHA and Hockey Canada.

**3.7** Associate members shall be non-voting members of the SMHA.

**3.8** Honorary Members

**3.9** Any member may nominate any individual **who has reached the age of majority as defined by the Province of Ontario** for honorary membership in the

Association **for a 4 year term** to be endorsed by a majority of the Executive and membership at the Annual General Meeting.

**3.10** Honorary members shall be entitled to one vote at Annual and General Meetings.

**3.11 Children of Honorary Members may become members of the SMHA if they are eligible according to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of the SMHA, ODHMA, ODHA and Hockey Canada.**

**Rationale:**

To clarify the conditions associated with Honorary Membership to preclude any possibility that a non resident Honorary Member would use their membership status to work around Hockey residency or transfer rules. It also caps the term of an honorary membership at 4 years.

*Paul Meek* motioned to accept the above mentioned amendments. Seconded by *Ryan Goodwin*. All present were in favor (68 in total).

**Amendment 3.4 - New ByLaw to be ratified by the membership at the AGM**

**9. The SMHA may require a clean police check as a prerequisite to becoming a coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager or on-ice helper.**

**Rationale:**

To protect our children

There was some discussion surrounding this proposed amendment and the wording surrounding it. It was felt that the word “clean” should be removed because it was felt it opened SMHA up to litigation. After much discussion a new proposed amendment was put forth:

*Paul Meek* motioned to take the word “clean” out of the proposed amendment at the AGM. *Beth Girardi* seconded this. All present were in agreement. (68 people)

***The new amendment put forth is the following:***

**9. The SMHA may require a police check as a prerequisite to becoming a coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager or on-ice helper.**

*Paul Meek* motioned to accept the amendment. *Beth Girardi* seconded this. 2 people were against this. 66 people were in favor. Motion passed.

5. Break (10 minutes)
6. **Rory Bradley Volunteer of Year Award**

**Joan Savoie** was given the first ever Rory Bradley Volunteer of the Year Award. Joan has done just about everything a person can do when it comes to volunteering in hockey. She has been a trainer, coach, President of LCMHL, bus driver for the team, served as a member of the SMHA, LCMHL, District 4 executive and the list goes on. She also was a proud member of Rory Bradley's Juvenile team the year he died. The SMHA executive voted unanimously to give the award to Joan. Congratulations!

The SMHA also gave a Stittsville Minor Hockey jersey with Rory Bradley's jersey # on it to his wife, Carolyn Bradley. This jersey was placed in a shadow box with a few selected photos of Rory. His presence in the world of hockey in Stittsville is greatly missed.

A special thank you to **Walkerworks** and Jim and Amy Walker for doing a wonderful job on the shadowbox.

## 7. Election of Officers

- Charlene McEnery nominated **Jackie Kimmerly** for *secretary*. Chris Pybus seconded this. All present were in favor. (65 people). Jackie Kimmerly has agreed to be secretary for a 2 year term ending April 2013)
- Chris Weir nominated **Mike Clarkson** for *Director of House*. Paul Meek seconded this. All present were in favor. (65 people). Mike Clarkson has agreed to be Director of House for a 2 year term (ending April 2013)
- **Fiona Livingstone** acclaimed as *VP Finance* for a 2 year term (ending April 2013)
- **Chris Weir** acclaimed as *Director of Competitive* for remainder of term (ending April 2012)
- **Lynda Partner** acclaimed as *VP Support Services* for a 2 year term (ending April 2013)
- **Angelo Miceli** acclaimed as *Director of Hockey Development* for a 2 year term (ending April 2013)

## 8. Close of Meeting

*Chris Pybus* motioned to close the meeting at 12:15 pm. *Fiona Livingstone* seconded this. All present were in favor.

