



Stittsville Minor Hockey Association

PO Box 892 Stittsville, Ontario K2S 1B1

2005 Annual General Meeting

April 23, 2005

Stittsville Arena, 10 Warner Culpitts Lane

Executive & Management Council Members in Attendance:

Charles Falardeau (E) President	John Weir (E) Vice President Support Services
Craig Goodwin (E) Treasurer	Ken Forlippa (E) Director House Hockey
Scott Smith (E) Secretary	Terry Hudson (MC) Clinics Coordinator
Mike Bolton (MC) Equipment	Mike Armstrong (MC) Referee in Chief
Silvia Murphy (MC) Co-Registrar	

SMHA members: 51 in attendance

ODMHA Guests:

Don Wiese; Chair, Lanark Carleton Hockey League
Bob Preshick; Chair ODMHA District 4

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by the President, Charles Falardeau.

2. Approval of Minutes of AGM held April 24, 2004

A motion was made by M. Bolton, seconded by W. Nolan that the minutes of the previous AGM held April 24, 2004 be approved. APPROVED

3. Business arising from previous meeting

There was no business arising from the previous meeting of April 24, 2004.

4. Reports

4.1 President's Report

Growth of SMHA is continuing. In the 2004/5 season there were 41 house teams and 64 teams in total across the Association. Many thanks to the many volunteers who make this happen including coaching, and team staff.

This growth translates into a need for increased ice time to reach our goal of 1.7 ice touches per week for each player. SMHA has purchased additional ice both from the City of Ottawa (to our maximum allotment) and privately from the Bell Sens Plex organization. This should provide SMHA with sufficient ice for our programs through the end of the 2006/7 season based on projected growth estimates.

In 2004/5 a fundraiser was held to raise funds to cover the cost of additional ice needed for the season. This fundraiser, raffling tickets on vacation packages, raised \$25,000 for SMHA. Because the fundraiser was unpopular with members there will not be a major fundraiser in 2005/6.

The option of playing non-checking hockey has become a popular choice and will continue. It is expected this will result in player staying in minor hockey longer.

The attached President's Report provides a full report.

A heartfelt thank you is offered to members of the Executive and Management Council who are moving on. They have given so much of themselves to the SMHA and its members. A token of appreciation was presented to:

Mike Armstrong; Referee in Chief	Mike Bolton; Equipment
Heather Carty; Co-registrar	Ken Forlippa; Director, House Hockey
Terry Hudson; Development	Carlo Mady; Treasurer
Silvia Murphy; Co-registrar	Rob Plouffe; Director Initiation Program

4.2 Registration

There is a bubble of players moving through the levels of SMHA. They are presently in Novice and will result in increased numbers in their level as they move through the various levels. There is a projected growth of 10% for the 2005/6 season. And continued growth in the foreseeable future.

A new registration process was initiated for the 2005/6 season. The purpose is streamline registration for the members and the registrars who give so much of their summer to this effort. This new process has resulted in 98% registration completion to date. SMHA will continue its efforts to make the registration process easier for all.

A harmonized rate structure was implemented for the 2005/6 season. This will result in members paying an equal amount to play hockey over the course of their involvement from Initiation through Midget. Each level has its own requirements such as instructional programs, referees, 90 minutes ice times, etc. The harmonized rate is a program which has been adopted by most hockey associations to spread the cost of playing minor hockey equally over the years that a player is involved.

4.3 Tournaments

SMHA ran a very successful tournament program this season. Tournaments bring revenue into the association. Thanks you to the midget players for their volunteer efforts. It was noted by W. Nolan that the Bantam team from SMHA that entered the tournament had fun and raised few dollars for their team as well.

SMHA plans to run a few additional tournaments next season including over the March Break.

4.4 Risk and Safety

The Speak out Program is expanding in ODMHA and all volunteers in minor hockey are expected to participate in a Speak Out Clinic. The full Risk and Safety Report is attached.

4.5 RAMS

SMHA and Richmond Munster Minor Hockey Association share ownership of RAMS hockey club. 2004/5 was a very successful year for RAMS teams. Mike Wark from Stittsville is heavily involved in the operation of RAMS teams.

4.6 Hockey Development

SMHA is looking into running an intermediate level coaching clinic for next season. This is required for Head Coach positions at the competitive levels. Last season's clinics were all sold out. SMHA will reimburse members who take courses and are named as coaches or trainers within SMHA.

Objectives for 2005/6 include the development of players and coaches during the first four years (ages 5,6,7,8) of hockey. Ages 5 and 6 are the Initiation group, ages 7 and 8 are the Novice group. There will not be any Initiation age players playing up to Novice level, but Novice age players can play at the Initiation level if their skill level identifies this need. Grouping of players in these four years is done based on assessments.

An explanation of the hockey mentor program piloted in 2004/5 was provided. It assists coaches to teach skills to their players. For 2004/5 season SMHA hired a consultant to develop a structured Novice Program and provide mentoring on-site. We plan to expand

this program into the Initiation Program for 2005/6 to provide a progressive four year hockey development program for the first four years of a child's and coaches involvement. John Weir answered questions about the program and noted that the pilot is being reviewed for improvements in 2005/6 and this will continue to occur.

4.7 House Hockey Program

Ken Forlippa summarized the development of the House Program including coach selection improvements to practice due diligence and enhance player experiences.

Ken noted that he is moving from the area so he is leaving SMHA. But he asks members to consider the future of the SMHA House Program. With the continued growth of WMHA Ken recommended members consider having a SMHA only House League.

Ken fielded questions from the floor. He explained that Conveners at the various levels evaluate coaches throughout the season and provide feedback to enhance coaching skills. SMHA does not maintain coach ratings on a database. We only keep a list of volunteers without any evaluation information.

Mark Cordina (Midget Convener 2004/5) and Ken Forlippa answered a question regarding the formation of midget teams in 2004/5 and looking forward to 2005/6. There was a request from the floor regarding the safety of players at the midget level. Charles responded that with 41 teams in SMHA there are issues from time to time but SMHA does its best to encourage safe play.

Individual requests from the floor for to consider in future seasons included:

- hosting more goalie clinics
- stop having 6:00am practices
- Have a 'B' level contact program
- Have a SMHA only house league

Terry Gervais stressed there are concerns about rough play at other arenas outside of SMHA. Don Wise (Chair Lanark Carleton League) advised that the league does assess additional discipline to teams that have penalty minutes above the average. The last regular season game often has rough play problems. Playoff format was a problem last season and will not be repeated. LC will likely go back to old round robin playoff format from previous years.

There were two suggestions to LC from the floor. First to drop the 2 clock system as it was not understood why it exists. And second that better monitoring occur by the league.

There was another question about Bantam. Will there be one 'C' Bantam team again? Can't we know this before the season starts? The answer was that we do not know the player numbers and assessments prior to getting on the ice and doing our assessments.

4.8 Initiation Program

Initiation is operated as a 2 year program (5 and 6 year olds) under the new ODMHA rules. There were 149 participants on 9 teams. We held 2 fun days for players.

Plan for 2005/6 is to combine IP and Novice into a single Hockey Development Program for the first 4 years of the child's development. SMHA will engage the services of a Hockey Mentor and introduce a consistent and progressive hockey skills development program. This program will emphasize coach mentoring and skills development and assessment.

4.9 Ice Scheduling

SMHA needs to use the 6:00am ice time in order to provide teams with 2 hours of ice per week. Conveners were given blocks of ice to distribute among their teams. Under our rental agreement with Sensplex they have right to re-arrange ice with 30 days notice. Ice costs should be controlled for next season because we have our City of Ottawa allotment and the ice we have purchased from Sensplex.

4.10 Equipment

SMHA replaces equipment and uniforms on a regular schedule. A new goalie equipment program will see members being charged a small rental fee for the season and for summer rentals. The 2004/5 equipment expenses will be around \$25,000.

SMHA operates the canteen at the old arena. SMHA hired Nazem Sala to operate it for us and share the proceeds. We purchased an auto fryer to allow us to serve French fries and other fried food next season.

5. New Business

5.1 Changes to SMHA Constitution

1. Motion for approval of Escalation Process for complaints with an amendment to have decision in 7 days. Motioned by E. Chartrand, seconded by Den Taylor.

APPROVED

2. Motion to change Executive Structure motioned by C. Falardeau, seconded by K, Forlipa.

APPROVED

3. Motion to clarify Powers of Authority and Discipline motioned by C. Falardeau, seconded by J. Weir. Motioned by P. Sebastian, seconded by W. Nolan to allow for suspension of up to one period of a hockey game by Coach. Motioned by M. Cordina, seconded by T. Gervais to amend motion to cover SMHA sanctioned events. Motioned by M. Van, seconded by C. Turner to split out coaches aspect and Spectator

with documentation of all events. Motioned by H. Gunter, seconded by C. Turner that all events regardless of Coach or spectator situation to include requirement to document all events.

Coach Discipline process Approved with one period suspension, SMHA sanctioned events, and full documentation amendments.

Spectator Discipline process Approved with SMHA sanctioned events, and documentation of event amendments.

4. Motioned by C. Falardeau, seconded by S. Sullivan to add RAMS constitution as an appendix to SMHA constitution and remove references to previous RAMS management process from SMHA Constitution. APPROVED.

5. Motioned by M. Bolton, seconded by J. Weir to provide clarification of roles of VP Operations and VP Support Services respecting Canteen. APPROVED

6. Motioned by J. Weir, seconded by C. Falardeau to provide for clear authority for cheques signing by executive. APPROVED.

5.2 Election of New Officers

Secretary: Scott Smith n. by C. Falardeau, 2nd : M. Cordina ACCLAIMED

Director of House Hockey: Walt Nolan n. by C. Falardeau 2nd: M. Kenyon
Mark Cordina n. by P. Sebastian 2nd: H. Gunter
Vote by ballot: Walt Nolan ELECTED

Director of Hockey Development: Peter Valters n. C. Falardeau 2nd: J. Weir
ACCLAIMED

V.P. Support Services: John Weir n. S. Smith 2nd: C. Falardeau ACCLAIMED

Registrar: Claire McCaughan APPOINTED

VP. Finance: Craig Goodwin n. C. Falardeau 2nd by D. Taylor ACCLAIMED

Sponsorship Coordinator: Leslie Row APPOINTED

VP Operations: Calvin Turner n. C. Falardeau 2nd by F. Joy ACCLAIMED

Referee-in-Chief: Terry Gervais APPOINTED

Equipment Coordinator: Jeff Condie APPOINTED

With all positions elected, acclaimed or appointed there was a motion by Jean Fortin 2nd by H. Gunter for the Secretary to destroy all ballots from the elections.
APPROVED.

7. **Adjournment**

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm on a motion by S. Smith 2nd by C. McCaughan.

Attachments:

RISK & SAFETY Report



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Support Services - RISK AND SAFETY

◆ Roles

- Provide guidance on policies and procedures
- Enforce policies and procedures
- Identify offenders
- Education/ clinics
- Investigate complaints
- Provide recommendations re complaints
- Ensure a safe environment for all participants

◆ Trainer's Clinics-2004/2005

- One clinic September 26th 2004



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Support Services - RISK AND SAFETY

◆ 2004/2005 Speak Out

- One clinic held in conjunction with West Carleton
- Responsibility does not stop once the clinic has been completed
- All attendees are input into the ODMHA data base
- Several uncertified volunteers have accepted coaching responsibilities-high risk

◆ 2005/2006 Speak Out

- Recommendation to include anyone involved with a team that has exposure to the players
- All certified coaches must participate in a clinic prior to the first league game
- All registered coaches will be validated with the ODMHA database to confirm their eligibility