

NMHA Executive Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2015 – 6:30 pm
Town Park Rec Centre, Port Hope

Present:

Christian Eriksson, President
Mike Dahle, VP of Rep Hockey
April Kimmett, Secretary
Glenn Dees, Treasurer
Ryan Mullins, Director of Hockey Development
Fraser Adamson, Director of Administration
Lisa Filce, Registrar
Shelley Henderson, OMHA AA Level Rep
Rachel Dyson, OMHA AE Level Rep
Cindy Greer, Ice Scheduler
Todd Gimblett, Communications Officer
Angela Wood, Novice Governor
Paul Bevan, Peewee Governor
Jack Filce, Midget Juvenile Governor

Regrets:

Matt McKeen, VP of House League
Jane Mullins, Office Administration
Phil Beatty, Past President
Erin Bick, Sr IP Governor
Wayne Mahaffey, Atom Governor
Marty Robinson, Equipment Manager

Agenda Topics:

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Approval of June 17 and August 24, 2015 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion *“to accept minutes of June 17, 2015 and August 24, 2015 meetings with the correction on the August 24th minutes to change the name Les to Wes Eriksson”* made by Paul, seconded by Lisa, passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion *“to approve the agenda moving Ice Scheduling to first topic and add the topic of jackets for at large coaches and clothing policy in New Business”* made by Todd, seconded by Rachel, passed.

Ice Scheduling

Cindy reported that the AA schedule is pretty much completed, AE scheduling meeting is Sept 25th. There was discussion around the need for House League to have at least some general idea of what the ice times will be and it will be too late to provide that after the AE meeting given the HL evaluation skates are before that.

This year the ice scheduling has been more complicated due to having the increased teams/arenas, etc. Todd has been helping Cindy with this, after she had asked Jeff Snyder who would be a good person to help her.

Fraser indicated that Todd and Cindy will provide HL people tentative schedules by Sept 7th, at least for the first few weeks of the season.

House League report

Jack filled in for Matt in his absence. He asked about when the HL tournaments will be, the governors are still in consensus for them to be on the Family Day weekend. Governors and Ice Scheduler will have a separate meeting to finalize when the tournaments will be.

Erin and Wayne were absent to discuss a swap program. Jack indicated there was talk last year of doing this, it's a good idea, but would need to be earlier in the year, ie August. Angela had indicated that Erin had discussed having something online for what people may have to trade/sell/give away. Christian will ask Todd to look at a way to add this to the website.

Ryan discussed approval of bench staff. He indicated that the by-laws say that governors could approve or appoint HL coaches. Ryan feels in order to be transparent and open for the Executive to approve HL coaching staff. This also allows for the selection to be more impartial and removes the personal element. One difficulty with this is that many times people don't volunteer to help out until close to when the season starts.

Motion *“that House League coaches must to be approved by the Executive”* made by Ryan, seconded by Christian, passed.

OMHA/AA/AE report

Mike indicated Minor Midget AE will run, will hopeful the numbers will stay strong. Midget AE is uncertain. Managers meeting last Sunday went well. Some roadblocks with Right of Choice issues with geographical boundaries, some kids who made AA team were then not able to be rostered due to their address. Shelley is advocating for this to be worked out in their favour. The teams will be rostered without these players until the issue is resolved. Otherwise, Shelley has most of the rosters close to complete, just waiting for a few extra things.

Rachel reported that the Minor Midget AE and Minor Atom AE teams have short benches. She is concerned for the budget about adjusting the amount of what parents play so they aren't penalized for not having a full team and increases the cost. Different options were discussed to either subsidize to cover the cost of whatever is short from 17 players, or to subsidize their ice costs.

Motion *"to reduce the Minor Atom AE practice ice times from 90 minutes to 60 minutes"* made by Ryan, seconded by Angela, passed.

Rachel introduced a fundraising idea to buy a case of gum that will have pictures on the pack of gum, similar to hockey cards. She will share this info with AE teams.

AE bench staff approvals:

Motion *"to approve Glen Brown as Head Coach, Mike van der Vinne as Assistant Coach, Hope Giroux and Bryan Trumble as Trainers and Karen Austin as Manager of the Minor Atom AE team"* made by Christian, seconded by Ryan, passed.

Motion *"to approve Todd Jones as Head Coach, Brad O'Neill and Christian Eriksson as Assistant Coaches, Scott Nelson as Trainer and Kathy Hadwen as Manager of the Atom AE team"* made by Ryan, seconded by Cindy, passed. Christian excused himself during this motion.

Motion *"to approve Fraser Adamson as Head Coach, Mike van de Broek as Assistant Coach, as Pascal McFadden and Phil Beatty as Trainers and Allison Bissett as Manager of the Minor Peewee AE team"* made by Ryan, seconded by Cindy, passed. Fraser excused himself during this motion.

Motion *"to approve Marty Robinson as Head Coach and Ryan Davis as Assistant Coach of the Peewee AE team"* made by Christian, seconded by Angela, passed.

Motion *"to approve Tom Stothart as Head Coach, Dave Slessor as Assistant Coach, Michelle Stothart as Trainer and Jason Brown as Manager of the Minor Bantam AE team"* made by Christian, seconded by Ryan, passed.

Motion *"to approve Frank Francella as Head Coach, Aubrey Andrus as Trainer and Ted*

Mastin as Manager of the Minor Bantam AE team” made by Christian, seconded by Lisa, passed.

AA bench staff:

Motion *“to approve Scott Eldridge as Manager of the Minor Bantam AA team”* made by Shelley, seconded by Angela, passed.

Motion *“to approve Joyce Bahr as Manager of the Minor Midget AA team”* made by Shelley, seconded by Glenn, passed.

Motion *“to approve Kevin Currier as Assistant Coach and Martha Crowley as Manager of the Major Atom AA team”* made by Shelley, seconded by Lisa, passed.

Motion *“to approve Paul Crowley as a Coach at Large”* made by Shelley, seconded by Lisa, passed.

Motion *“to approve Greg Brocanier as a Coach at Large”* made by Christian, seconded by Cindy, passed.

Motion *“to approve Scott Dyson as a Coach at Large”* made by Rachel, seconded by Lisa, passed.

Motion *“to approve Mike Cleverton as a Trainer at Large”* made by Fraser, seconded by Ryan, passed.

Motion *“to approve Jon Desormeaux, Todd Lewis, Todd Smith and Dave McWhirter as Coaches at Large, and Dave West as Trainer at Large”* made by Ryan, seconded by Fraser, passed.

Motion *“to approve Jacqueline Gibson, Brandon Swayne, Jeremy Miedema, and Mike Cleverdon as Trainers at Large”* made by Shelley, seconded by Ryan, passed.

Motion *“to approve Jake O’Connor as Trainer for the Major Bantam AA team”* made by Shelley, seconded by Glenn, passed.

Financial report

Glenn reported that with the audit, he has contacted Lynch, Rutherford and Tozer. Once he hears back about pricing, if it is favourable will use them. If not, will get 3 quotes from other companies.

The new accounting software is all set up.

The banking is set up for NMHA and have to still move Port Hope to NMHA, cheques are ordered.

According to the Manual of Operations, team budgets are supposed to be approved by the Treasurer. Glenn will email the managers to remind them of this.

Registration

Lisa advised that there are approximately 650 kids registered. The last in person registration was last night, online registration continues. The price increase goes up on September 15th.

Development

Ryan said the Coach 2 clinic is scheduled for Sept 27th from 12-6 p.m, people have to register on OMHA website. Any new coaches need to sign up for this.

At some point, Ryan would like to meet with the governors and coaches to explain the development model and other aspects of development.

Last year, Dan Stewart offered additional goalie development to CCHL to do 5 sessions for \$350, teams paid \$175 and CCHL paid \$175. Motion *“to approve additional goalie development at a fee of \$175 per 5 sessions”* made by Ryan, seconded by Christian, passed.

Ryan wanted to raise the exceptional player policy and indicated that there was a request for Minor Atom player to move up to Atom. The OMHA has indicated there needs to be a policy addressing how a centre will manage this. Will discuss later about how to move forward with this.

Equipment

Marty was absent. No updates provided.

Communications

Todd was not present for this agenda item. No updates provided.

Risk Management

Dan was absent. No updates provided.

New Business

Ryan raised the issue about wanting terms of reference, re: how we will conduct business after votes, meetings. He is asking how firm we will stand on motions that have been passed, as the next day there have been times that a motion will not be followed or will be changed and then will be defeated or changed at next meetings. Ryan proposes that when people send agenda items to April to provide as much info as possible so people can be prepared beforehand. Glenn suggested if someone knows before they want to put forward a motion, to provide that to April for the next meeting's agenda as well.

Ryan raised if it was possible to develop some parameters around the use of email, it is difficult to perceive tone, context, meanings behind email so it is easier for emotions to run high and things to be misinterpreted. While email is a main form of communication, the preference of many is to save personal opinions for in person meetings. All agreed that this is difficult to do, as email is such a main form of communication.

Forming committees (awards, banquet) – Mike had to leave meeting early, was not present for this agenda topic.

Use of secondary logo for apparel: formal approval by executive – Mike had to leave meeting early, was not present for this agenda topic.

Fraser asked about fundraising rules as he has been getting many requests, questions. He will ask people to submit their ideas by Oct 1st to be discussed at the next meeting.

Fraser advised that some teams have asked about putting a sponsor banner outside their dressing room. This has been discussed in the past, consensus is that it's not good idea.

Jackets for at large coaches and clothing policy - Christian asked if AE and AA coaching staff are aware of the clothing requirements. For house league, coaches will be wearing the jackets on ice and games. The coaches need to enforce their players clothing and ensure that it meets the policy. Some discussion around how to enforce with coaches, they will get one warning if they aren't wearing their jackets. We don't need to give coaches at large jackets, as this would be a major expense to the organization. There was some discussion around expectations for HL coaches, given they mainly play other NMHA teams. In the July minutes

Adjournment

Motion "*To adjourn the meeting*", made by Angela, seconded by Lisa, passed, meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting will be October 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Jack Burger.