



WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

24 Snyder Ave. S. (Elmira Arena), P.O. Box 204, Elmira, ON N3B 2Z6 (519) 669-2789

Annual Meeting Agenda **2006-2007 Season**

April 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Jacobs Community Centre

Present: Paul, Brent, Mark F, Deb, Pat, Chris, Rob S, Rob Smyth, Karen, Wayne, Jim, Mark K, Rick, Val
& 17 interested coaches/parents
Regrets: Eric

1. Call to order – 7:10pm

- Rob Smyth asked for a moment of silence in honour of Sharon D'hondt
- Rob Smyth also had a "thank you" to those that are leaving the Executive this year. Rob Shantz, Sandy Shantz, Rick Moser, Chris Bauman
- Items of new business for the agenda – a) certification of trainers – Ken Gingerich
- Motion to accept the agenda with the new item of business by Sandy R, 2nd by Robert Shuh/carried

2. Adoption of Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting – April 25, 2006

- Motion by Ken Gingerich to accept the minutes, 2nd by Karen Kron
- Errors/Omissions – none
- Comments – none
- carried

3. Business arising from the minutes

- No new business

4. Financial Report – Deb Good

- Deb "thanked" our President Rob Smyth for his years of being on the Executive
- Deb gave her report on the Woolwich Minor Hockey Balance Sheet
- Gave \$25,000.00 from Woolwich Minor Hockey to Bob Waters for the new Recreation Facility
- Deb went through the Profit/Loss Comparison hand out
- Motion by Deb to accept her report, 2nd by Wayne Lamers
- Question: As to why the difference in Woolwich Weekend Tournament Profits from last year to this year, Deb advised that because of our 30th Anniversary Tournament last year, our handouts to the teams cost was higher & this year we did not have that so costs were down and our sponsor ads were up this year.
- Question: Regarding bank fees & why WMH as a non-profit is paying bank fees. Deb advised that the TD was charging for Non-profit accounts. It was mentioned that another bank does not charge for Non-profit accounts. Deb will look into other financial institutions in town to see if we can find one that does not charge us banking fees.
- Deb advised that WMH made approx. \$2000 profit this year.
- All in favour of the Treasurer's report/carried



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- Thank you to McClurkin/Ahier group for looking after our accounting

5. Bob Waters Award

- Bob Waters was called to the front, he explained that the Bob Waters award is given to an individual who has given significant contribution to Woolwich Minor Hockey and this years recipient was – **Dave Heipel**
- Bob advised that Dave in past years was a member of the Executive, coach, referee & involved with the Sugar Kings as well as he is currently involved with our new recreational centre
- Dave accepted the award with words of thanks

6. Committee Reports

a) Vice President Representative Teams – Mark Fackoury

- Mark advised that it was great to see so many Woolwich teams come out winning, especially our Minor Bantam & Minor Peewee teams winning OMHA Championships; it's been 9 years since WMH has had two teams come home with such an award & honour.
- Mark advised that communication is critical with the coaches/players and he thought that the communication lines were open & worked well amongst the teams.
- Advised that proper certification issues this year were resolved
- Trainers - preventative services card (all members behind the bench)
- Advised that OMHA sees WMH as a great & well run organization & that we have very high standards
- Mark advised all in all it was a good year & thanked the coaches, managers/trainers for their dedication

b) Vice President Local League Convenor – Chris Bauman/Rick Moser

- Chris advised that it was great to see 7 of our Local League teams win their finals
- Requests for more ice time – unable to do unless we use 630-7:00am times
- Chris thanked the Coaches/Managers/Trainers for their dedication

c) Vice President Coaching Convenor – Rob Shantz

- Rob thanked the Coaches/trainers/managers/parents for another great year
- Advised it was a pretty smooth year, no real issues, communication was good this year
- Thanked the Executive for being there over the past 12 years
- Advised that being the coaching convenor requires a bit of leg work, i.e.: making phone calls, recruiting new members, using your connections, approaching people you think may be a good coach etc.
- WMH tries to have non-parent coaches for the Rep teams, more so for the older age groups



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- For selection of persons who are parent coaches, they try to ensure that the parent/coach in question, their child would be in the top 5% ability of that team
- Advised that it gets better every year with the coaching staff
- The year end coaches dinner was a success with 92 people showing up, this is the largest group yet
- Our application for coaches deadline was March 30th, WMH Executive prolonged this April 15, (due to the lateness of the news letter coming out,)
- Selection for coaches should be done in May by Eric Brubacher, Mark Fackoury & the new President
- Advised that we have 4-5 Novice coaches, 2 Atom, Peewee, Bantam has none, Midget level is done, coaches same as last year.
- Evaluations were at 20 received, hopes to get more
- Have to be registered with WMH to coach
- Rob advised he will still help out the new coaching convenor

d) Vice President – Coach and Player Development – Eric Brubacher (absent)

- Eric had a hand out which was read by Rob Smyth
- Continued partnership with the Sugar Kings, where players volunteered throughout the season with goalie clinics, special clinics & with players in Local League and Rep teams
- 74 participants in our pre-season skate – late August
- 116 participants in our Body contact clinic
- 20-22 goalie participants in the Goal Tending Clinics
- Saturday morning Skill Development saw 30 participants
- Mini/Novice programs were very successful
- WMHA was Initiation Program (IP) certified again this year
- Continued use of the coaches operational binders – please return to Eric or the hockey office
- Continued increased sponsorship from the Conestoga/Winterbourne Optimist Club and the Elmira Optimist Club supported the Goal Tending & Body Contact Clinics – we were again able to offer this to our participants at no charge
- Request: that the Player Development Program assessment/evaluations be handed out late fall (October) rather than the end of the year (April) as too much time has passed from when the player development was done or have the evaluation on line as would be easier to look after as paperwork tends to get put aside and forgotten
- Eric to look into this.

e) Office Manager/Ice Scheduler

- Rob Smyth advised that WMH is now splitting the position
- The new executive will be updated on that progress after the AGM



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f) Newsletter/Publicity/Fundraising – Mark King

- Mark advised that the golf tournament raised \$7176.00 and is scheduled again for this year.
- The New Years Eve dance raised - \$1708.00 - WMH will not host another New Years Eve dance
- Cash Calendars – raised \$17,000.00 with \$8871.00 to WMH & \$8852.00 to the teams
- WMH will no longer be doing the cash calendars; will be looking at other ways to fund raise.
- Suggestion that WMH look into rink board “Ads” as a way of fund raising. It was mentioned that that would fall under the township, as they own the arenas.
- Also suggested that Registration fees be increased to help with costs

g) Woolwich Tournament – Karen Ziegler

- Karen advised that the Woolwich Weekend Tournament raised \$9400.00 this year, with 24 teams in attendance the weekend of Nov 17, 18 & 19th/2006.
- The 2007 tournament is scheduled for November 16, 17 & 18th.

h) Photos – Wayne Lamers

- Wayne advised photos went quite smoothly this year
- Suggestion: that since WMH does a gives a great amount of money/business to Calla Studios that we as clients could be treated a little better, people have found them to be rude and unfriendly. We understand that it is chaotic with the teams being there, but felt we could be treated better.

i) Sponsors – Pat Boucher

- Pat thanked our 2006-2007 sponsors for their generous support, which is greatly appreciated by all players, parents, coaches and the association.
- Five of our rep team sponsors expire this year. Letters will be sent out shortly to request their continued support.
- WMH needs sponsors for 4 local league teams
- If you are interested in sponsoring, or know of someone who is, please contact the hockey office, or Pat

j) Equipment – Paul Wilson

- Paul advised it's been a good year for the equipment room with the purchasing of goalie equipment and a generous donation of goalie sticks from Paul Bossenberry.
- WMH supplied socks this year, for next year will need to have a larger style of sock
- 13 sets of jerseys need to be replaced for the local league teams. There is a proposal before the Executive to look into the purchasing of the 13 sets of jerseys.



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- Additional jerseys were supplied to teams that requested them if they were available & extra jerseys were put in St Jacobs's arena. Paul to look at a better system for access to the extra shirts as arena attendants were not happy with the current system
- Rule changes for goalie equipment 2008-2009 season – some equipment will not meet the “new regulations”, but in general WMH is in good shape.
- Suggestion: keep the old jerseys as 2nd sets for the LL teams, or have each age group be given an extra set of jerseys to use amongst themselves when needed. Not sure how this would be controlled.

k) Registration – Jim Radcliffe

- the 2006/2007 “fund raising fee/registration (\$60.00 fee)” turned out to be quite challenging and WMH will not do again.
- 530 players registered with WMH
- 200 registered for 2007-2008 season so far, 1st registration – 175 register and hope to have about the same or more for registration this Saturday
- income tax receipts are being issued at registration
- WMH hopes to hit the 530 mark again for registrants
- Out of town players – go on a waiting list

l) Referee – Brent Bloch

- EDHRA donated \$2500.00 to the new Recreational Complex
- Brent advised they will continue to enforce the “New Standard of Play”
- There is a new screening procedure for new officials, effective 2007-2008:
 - 1) Reference (from OMHA Supervisor or EDHRA member or other)
 - 2) Successful vote of acceptance from EDHRA membership
 - 3) Successful on ice supervision of OMHA game by in house supervisor
 - 4) Successful completion of 1 year probationary period
 - 5) One successful supervision by OMHA supervisor
 - 6) Payment of EDHRA annual dues
- EDHRA have established a new scholarship for EDSS high school students who will be pursuing a post secondary education (EDHRA officials & WMHA players)
- Scholarship will be a minimum of \$500 annually to one student
- Applications are available through EDHRA or EDSS Guidance Department
- Promotions within EDHRA – Certified Level 2 – Clifton Cope, Bob Denstedt, Derrick Forwell, Mike Heckendorn, Shane McTavish, Jamie Neeb, Rob Plume, David Shantz
- Certified Level 3 – Tim Taylor
- Certified Level 4 - Adam Good, Brent Bloch
- Renovations will be taking place this summer to address the concerns of the referees room at the St. Jacobs arena



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- Complaints regarding two of our officials, one complaint was forwarded to the OMHA Referee in Chief and the results of the review will be received in the fall.
- In recreational hockey, one of EDHRA refs was pushed and threatened, this incident was taken to the Executive and was decided that this player is banned from all hockey EDHRA officiate.
- OHF Championships – EDHRA had six officials ref the OHF Championship tournaments this spring.
- EDHRA Awards – Coaching Excellence – Rick Moser & Minor Midget team coaching staff, presented at banquet
- Most Promising Official – Brock Shoemaker
- Most Improved – Jason Weber
- Most Dedicated – Neil Wasylycia
- Most Deserving – Doug Martin
- Bert Martin was inducted as an EDHRA Honorary Lifetime Member
- EDHRA Executive 2007-2008 – President – Brent Bloch
Vice President – Adam Good
Secretary/Treasurer – Jason Weber
Directors – Luke Shantz, Jeremy Weber, Richard Rank
Director of Supervision – Chris Martin
Assigner – to be announced

m) Hockey Moms Report – Deb Good

- for clothing – looking at getting tenders – willing to take comments/suggestions for clothing and what WMH players/parents would like to see
- looking at first week of August to set up “Used Hockey Equipment” garage sale
- hope to have clothing samples made up and ready for beginning of September
- Hockey Moms dance – October
- Hockey Moms looking to supply name tags for player jerseys for the teams – cost is approx. \$6000.00

7. Election of 2007-2008 Executive

- Those Executive members who are stepping down, were asked to leave the Executive table

a) Nominations for President – Jim Radcliffe – Rob Smyth asked 2 times, no further nominations

- According to WMHA Constitution – to qualify for President, person would have to be member of Executive for 3 years. Jim Radcliffe has served 2 years.
- Motion by Rob Smyth to waive the 3 year qualification, 2nd by Mike Bender
- All in favour/carried - Jim Radcliffe acclaimed as President for 2 year term



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- b) Nominations Coaching VP** – Wayne Lamers - nominated by Rob Smyth and Steve Hanley – nominated by
- Motion by Rob Shantz to waive the 2-year term on the Executive, 2nd by Mike Lenaers. All in favour/carried
 - Wayne Lamers declined nomination, Steve Hanley acclaimed as Coaching VP
- c) Nomination Local League VP** – Rick Cressman nominated by Chris Bauman,
- 2nd by several other people in attendance
 - Rob Smyth advised that since Rick Cressman has been involved with WMH Executive in the past that we do not need to waive the 2 year Executive term, all in favour/carried
 - **Assistant to Local League** – Mike Bender – nominated by Rob Smyth
 - 2nd by Rick Moser, all in favour/carried
- d) Registration** – Gord Maier nominated by John Kernick
- 2nd by Sue Shiek
 - Wayne Lamers nominated by?, 2nd by Kathy Neeb
 - Wayne declined nomination, all in favour – Gord Maier as Registrar/carried
- e) Other nominations – Fund Raising Assistant** – Kathy Neeb nominated by Mark King
- All in favour/carried
 - Motion by Rick Moser to close nominations, 2nd by Karen Kron, all in favour/carried

8. Introduction of new Executive

- New members of the 2007-2008 Executive were asked to come up to the Executive table and take a seat

9. New Business

- **Certification of Trainers** – Ken Gingerich
- Suggested by Ken Gingerich that our trainers have 1st Aid/CPR training, make in mandatory or strongly suggest - for the safety of our players
- Discussion: If you have a current 1st Aid/CPR training, you automatically are qualified as a Level 2 trainer
- WMH to look into trainers taking CPR/1st Aid – 6 hours of their time, believe this is a worthwhile investment on WMH part
- If you keep a current 1st Aid/CPR certificate you do not need to re-qualify for Level 1 training
- WMH could set up on yearly basis for trainers to take 1st Aid/CPR all at the same time.

10. Adjournment

- Motion by Mark King – meeting adjourned, 2nd by Deb Good



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