



## **WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.**

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### **Executive Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2014**

LOCATION: WMC Meeting Room

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Rob Waters

SECRETARY: Jasmine Roth

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Present: Mike Lenaers, Fred Hale, Jodi Young, Jasmine Roth, Rob Moyer, Tracey Williams, Matt Roemer, Jake Radcliffe, Chad Hepburn, Christa Pollock

Absent: Pat Leonard, Dave Lee, Jeff Weber, Leanne Rollins, Deb Good

#### **1) Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Motion to accept previous minutes: Mike Lenaers, seconded by Fred Hale

#### **2) Referees – Chad Hepburn**

- Rob introduced Chad Hepburn (President) and Jake Radcliffe from the Referees Association.
- New 2014 initiatives from the Referees Association include; at the beginning of this season the Referees Association will be holding an on ice class with their referee's. This is to help guide and mentor new and entry level referees.
- Have the senior refs help the junior refs out especially at the beginning of the year, this is to help mentor them and coach them along their first few games. This will hopefully help alleviate some of the frustrations coaches, parents and the Referees Association have experienced in the past.
- Referees Association will follow up with us if we have any issues.
- They have committed to put more emphasis on discipline. Valid concerns will be addressed at an association level. Rob also requested that they are also to come to us with concerns with our coaches.
- Brandon Brubacher is the scheduling assigner. Hoping to alleviate the same referees working the same teams each week.
- Scheduling – a lot of extra time is being allotted for 3 or more games in a row and refs standing around for long period of times. Rob – Jodi is trying to help alleviate some of this by working with the Township to change some start times.
- Matt R: question – ref's not showing up, is there a protocol in the event ref's don't show up? Is there some way we can be proactive. Copy of the contact list to the front desk and office in St Jacobs? Chad suggested that we give all the coaches Brandon's contact and Chads contact, - first course contact Brandon, if can't get a hold of Brandon then contact Chad. Chad and Jake will stress to the guys to make sure they communicate



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Rob has advised that we are changing time keeping. We have a time keeping conveynor and will be the liason between us and ref's. This year it will be Alex Metzger.

### **3) Presidents Report – Rob Waters**

- Introduced Christa who will be taking over the sponsorship role and Jen Flarety who will be taking over the fundraising role
- New Business; Twin centre sent agreement regarding proposed boundry. They will make it a clear right of choice. They are looking for a 3 year agreement. Not able to put a timeline on it but the agreement is fine and in the process formalizing what we have already. All players already would be grandfather. Wording needs to be revised. This would not take effect until next.

### **4) Treasurer Report – Deb Good**

Absent – budget handed out

### **5) VP Rep – Mike Lenaers**

- Tyke Fest Nov 22, 2014
- AP – any teams affiliated with OHF team (major year) – only 10 games allowed
- Major Atom – Owen Sound now in loop
- Losing refs to GTHL because of money. Rates are paid thru OMHA, must pay a minimum of these rates. This is to help keep the good refs. Rob is going to reach out to a few associations just to make sure that we are all on the same page that way. OMHA playdowns; may have to pay more for playdowns because the refs are out from of town.
- No Russell division in AE, all going to be in Harrison. When it comes to playdowns they move back to Russell. Each team will play each other once, once done they will reseed and then play just those teams.
- Talked to Paul Wilson about goaltender relief, can't do anything until we see players on the ice.
- Rep fees will be same as last year.

### **6) VP LL – Rob Moyer**

- LL to start on 14<sup>th</sup> – all teams on practise on Thursdays and games typically on weekends.
- 1 initial evaluation, then coaches and conveynors will decide how to split it up. Draft selections-sit around table
- \$10 per team LL fees.
- 4 Novice, 2 Atom/Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 3 Midget
- Season starts right after Thanksgiving – no bantam conveynor or coaches yet.
- Draft selections-sit around table
- No movement with kids in Novice LL.



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- Gerry will do audit on books
- Running bantam hitting clinic in Sept. Rob W will talk to Jodi and Tony to set that up.

### **7) VP Coaching – Matt Roemer**

- Coaches all selected for AE & Tyke. Meeting Aug 26.
- AE#’s for the coaches – when will the decision be made if we have the numbers or don’t have the numbers? After 1<sup>st</sup> tryout keep everyone, and then re-evaluate based on the numbers. Each coach does own evaluations and then draft. Same way as we do a local league team. Executive member will sit in on the draft to ensure things run smoothly and fairly.
- Coaches will be responsible for arranging their own ice time’s practise for tryouts. Default goes to head coach if we do not have enough for 2 teams.
- Rob to send Leanne an email blast to reminding about the rep AE tryouts.
- Respect in sport – deadline for AE teams, deadline for LL teams?
- # of kids per team. How many for tyke? 17 on bench.
- Coaches making cuts using website? Mandating that we do all the cuts online.

### **8) VP Player Development Fred Hale / Jeff Weber**

- Instead of 8 we are doing 6 (more condensed program). 8 goal tender clinics beginning Sept 20
- Powerskating will be wrapped up by Nov – coaches will be able to determine if they want to continue with the 7am and will come out of team budgets.
- Jeff is looking after initiations.
- Development for LL will continue as well.

### **9) Ice Scheduler – Jodi Young**

- Scheduling going well – practise schedule took the longest.
- Not booking any exhibition games for teams that have already had tryouts. It will be their own responsibility and they will need to use practise time and pay for Ref’s
- Timekeepers – over 30 applications – Rob has gone over them. Will send across to Alex to review and go from there.
- Start-up schedule has been posted online for LL. All LL evaluations will be that first day (Sept 14).
- Rob W – make sure refs have schedule, game sheets – do we have enough – yes. Send out tryout fee schedule. Schedule exhibition games for AE within the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of tryouts.
- Do all coaches have Jodi’s scheduler email? Yes - Matt has sent it to all the coaches.



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### **10) Office Administrator/Registrar – Jodi Young**

- 520 registrants – 580 last year
- 39 initiation (4/5)
- 43 prenovice
- 101 novice
- 88 atom
- 78 pee wee
- 74 bantam
- 90 midget
- 7 juvenile
- Jodi will send the registration lists out to the coaches for the AE.
- Will send the list out to the coaches this week who have requested it. Final list will be sent out just before the long weekend.

### **11) Fundraising Committee – Leanne**

- Leanne has been in touch with Stemmlers to arrange pepperettes – Not final yet, but planning these dates: submission date to WMHA will be November 22<sup>nd</sup>, submission to Stemmlers with final tally is November 26<sup>th</sup>, Delivery to purchasers is December 13<sup>th</sup>. I will need to enlist the help of one of the teams from 9-11 on December 13<sup>th</sup> to tote the boxes to Team Manager's cars. This would be eligible for high school volunteer hours, so maybe a Major Bantam team would be good.
- I need the contact info for the Sugar Kings to prepare for the calendar sales. Who has that info?

### **12) Tournament- Tracey Williams/Jasmine Roth**

- 16 teams registered – 9 external registered and paid. Every division has 3 teams registered.
- Registration is on par for last year.
- Scoring – is the way we score the tournament ok- should we look at a different way of scoring?

### **13) Equipment – Pat Leonard**

- Absent
- Rob hoping to have socks ready by Sept 20.

### **14) Sponsorship – Christa Pollock**

- 6 companies rolled over – making rounds thru town – 9 additional companies that have signed on. Most for 3 years. Rob to get the information from Christa for Pat.
- Looking at ways to increase sponsorship – static window decal. TV's – will talk to Chip Soehner. Need to continue to add value.



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- Promote sponsor per week. Minor hockey sponsor of the month. Can we use Township sign at arena?

### **15) Webmaster – Leanne Rollins**

- getting team managers set up this week, if not already entered
- I need an updated list of sponsors so I can update those that appear on the site
- Please continue to send me info that you want posted on the site – I try to post incoming items quickly (if your item isn't posted within 24 hours, it means I've missed the message – remind me!)

### **16) Photos – Pat Leonard**

- Absent

### **17) Concussion Management – Dave Lee**

- Absent

Next Meeting:

Sept 29, 2014 7pm

Adjournment – 9:45pm