



Woolwich Minor Hockey Association

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Executive Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2015

LOCATION: WMC Meeting Room TIME: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Rob Waters

SECRETARY: Leanne Rollins

Present: Rob Waters, Tracey Williams, Leanne Rollins, Mike Lenaers, Rob Moyer, Dave Lee, Fred Hale

Absent: Jasmine Roth, Jeff Weber, Deb Good, Pat Leonard, Kurt Wilkie

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings and Introductions

- Motion to accept: Rob Moyer, Second by Mike Lenaers

2. Referees - Adam Good

- Apologies to Leanne we have not had a chance to update our information for the WMHA website. Brian or I will be contacting Leanne soon with updated information.
- Contact lists have been updated in the Elmira and St Jacobs referees change rooms.
- I have talked to Brandon as far as I know all games have been covered and no games have been missed up to date.

3. Presidents Report – Rob Waters

- The FOH Equipment Swap held on Sept 8 & 9. Very successful. We will repeat it at the end of the season.
- EDHRA – 38 game suspension laid out on October 3rd; caused a strained relationship with the Elmira Refereeing association; Rob is concerned about the quality of the relationship between WMHA and EDHRA – EDHRA is for the most part unresponsive to WMHA's concerns; WMHA is now looking for accountability. WMHA is taking over assigning of the officials– we will likely see cost benefits; also symbiosis with using the OneDB. WMHA will have to purchase the Ref module for the website (\$250). Office Admin will assign refs to games based on the schedule. The goal is to make the referees more accountable for ensuring fair and responsible reffing. WMHA sees a need for level 3 refs – need a better rotation of refs for each team. Next month Rob will be tabling a refereeing proposal for OMHA playdowns. **Leanne to get access to the Refing module this week** to determine functionality and capabilities.
- Sponsorship – this executive role will be cleaned up and 90% will be locked into 2016-17 by end of year; some jerseys still need to be updated – Rob expects to exceed \$14000 this



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year. Leanne to update the website with the correct sponsors per team – **Rob to send Leanne list.**

- Jr. Sugar King Program update – the coaching clinic was well attended and the feedback was phenomenal.
- Treasurer Transition – Deb Good will transition the treasurer role over the next few months. The last two years worth of data has been entered into QuickBooks and an audit is now being performed. One note regarding the budget and actuals, we have not received the EDHRA or TOW bills for this year, but they are in last year's numbers.
- Budget notes:
 - 5 teams have not yet paid rep fees.
 - Need to revisit the budget numbers next month – need to resolve the registration and outstanding rep fees
 - **Leanne to post info about 4 on 4 on website** – expanding it to include Midget, Bantam, age groups.
 - Need to track monthly ice costs month to month to compare against last year's numbers.

4. Treasurer Report – Deb Good

- Absent

5. VP Rep – Mike Lenaers

- All teams have been notified that they need to inform me if and when they receive a GM infraction for accumulation tracking purposes. To date I have only received 7, I hope this is the actual number, if they do not report to me and happen to be in line for an accumulated penalty it will add unnecessary games to the total.
- Had a legendary game suspension in Bantam AA in early October of 38 games, and tried to have this reduced. The Between Rob and myself, the OMHA and the EDHRA have spent many hours explaining our view of the situation but in the end the original call was supported with no reduction. The process is broken and I feel we need to help necessitate change in matters like this.
- I have filed an appeal with Tri County to have our Atom AE team remain in Russell division for remainder of 2015-16 season. Should have decision from the league shortly.
- Tournament successes: Our Peewee AE team came back from a successful Grimsby tournament, congrats to the new coaches Dalton and team for the success. Bantam AA won the Niagara Falls tournament congrats to Jeff McGregor and team. Minor Bantam A were



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finalist in the Ajax Break the Ice tournament. Minor Midgets were finalist in the Halton Hills Best of Best Tournament

- Juvenile team, waiting on OMHA transfer for player has been 2 weeks.
- Tri County meeting items: I will have Tracey cover as I was unable to attend

6. VP LL – Kurt Wilkie (Absent, updated provided via email)

- Season kicked off as planned the first weekend of October (stressful times but we did it. Thanks everyone for the help...especially you Tracey!)
- Moved 1 Atom player to Pee Wee to balance the numbers in Atom due to a late registrant
- Player and coach pledges went out as planned (thanks again to Tracey)
- Found 5 volunteers from our local league teams for the Woolwich Weekend Tournament committee (3 PeeWee and 2 Bantam)
- Emailed convenors to pass along info regarding the Coach 2 in class portion to be held on Nov 4 and 5 in Centre Wellington. Hopefully a few parents who are thinking about volunteering next season will attend this as well. This information is posted on the WMHA website.
- Emailed convenors to pass along info to goalie coaches' clinic to be held on Nov 11. **Leanne to post this information on the WMHA website** also.

7. VP Coaching – Rob Moyer

- Coach's clinic went very well for those who attended. We got a lot out of it and are very fortunate that the Kings staff created and ran it.
- Goalie instructor clinic is scheduled (Chris Williams booked it) for Nov. 11 (6-9) one hour on ice and 2 in class in conjunction with Girls hockey. We will pay the 17 dollars per coach that attends and \$75 towards the ice cost.
- CW is putting on a Coaching Clinic – the details are now on our website.
- Revised mentorship program should be posted on the website. **Rob to send Leanne the document** – remove the calendar and use the content.

8. VP Player Development Fred Hale / Jeff Weber

- First ice time went off well. Tony Code attended to get a feel for the quality of players
- Goalie Clinics:
 - First clinic went well (PeeWee to Bantam age level). Lots of participation and good coach and shooter turnout.



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- Development – Fred Hale
 - Rep skating and skills development going very well and soon to wrap up.
 - Goalie development has come under some criticism for the structure and content of the program. Jeff Weber (who is running the program with goalie trainer Steve Sumka) has replied directly to those concerned and is working with Steve to improve things going forward.
 - LL development is off and running with an initial 4 sessions and 4 more being planned. Currently we have 25 participants (including 3 goaltenders), the current sessions are every other Saturday morning at 7:30 in St Jacob's w Tony Code. Next session is Oct 31 and is open to anyone in LL. Cost is \$15 per session and you must sign up for all remaining 7. Total numbers are limited to 32 first come first served. Any additional interested participants (goalies or skaters) please contact me to register

9. Office Administrator/Registrar – Tracey Williams

- LL startup has been very rocky. Many new coaches without coaching credentials; had to cancel many games at the start because other centres were not ready to play. Changes within Grand River Local League made things very difficult and required Tracey to act and react very quickly. Tracey cannot roster coaches without credentials, nor kids with parents who have not completed Respect in Sport. Another issue is that AE teams cannot call up any kids from LL because the LL rosters are not complete.
- A lot of AP requests are coming in - **what is the deadline?**
- Game sheets are going to Convenors weekly
- Refund requests are still coming in
- All rep fees were deposited by Deb
- All cash for tryouts have finally been deposited
- Name Bars – all LL jerseys came back without the name bar patch. Pat Leonard has indicated that he ordered the new 16 sets with name bar Velcro, but Pro Joy has not taken responsibility for this problem. **Rob to call Wilma tomorrow** to determine availability to sew on the Velcro patches for 14 sets of jerseys. Kurt to send communication to **LL team managers** regarding our plan for fixing this problem. **Leanne to send the list of email addresses to Kurt** that were submitted from the name bar form, Tracey to add two additional names.

10. Ice Scheduler – Tracey Williams

- Lots of rescheduling happening with the other centers.



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- Problem with the PeeWee AE team schedule – one league game still scheduled during the Woolwich Tournament (in Ancaster) – the scheduler is saying she cannot get ice. The game can be played on the day past the deadline – the Tri-County executive must approve this, and the game won't count in the standings. If the executive insists the game is played, Tracey will offer ice time in Woolwich
- Very busy with scheduling - reschedules for Tournaments and split in AE divisions - taking up a lot of time
- Seems to be managed, but definitely need to turn my attention to it more

11. Fundraising Committee

- Fundraising is in progress – running 2 campaigns again this year (Stemmler's and Sugar Kings Cash Calendars). Forms will be ready in Manager's mailboxes on Wednesday morning.
- New this year – teams will keep the PROFITS from the peppercorn sales – Team Managers should hand in money only for the COST of the peppercorns and keep the profits (Cost is \$3.25 per package; profit is \$1.75 per package).
- All orders are due to the hockey office (via Leanne) by Saturday, November 21st but parents have been instructed to get order to their Team Managers on Friday November 20th. That gives 3 weeks for sales.

12. Tournament- Tracey Williams / Jasmine Roth

- Woolwich Weekend:
 - 41 teams - schedule is now complete
 - Committee meeting #2 on Thursday - everyone seems to be taking their part (for the most part)
 - Having Exec sign up for their shifts over the weekend
 - Volunteer schedule is being formed now for team
 - Brandon has the schedule for refs
 - Timekeepers being worked on as well
- Woolwich Cup Challenge
 - All divisions are full. Had to add an extra 2 Atom teams due to registrations coming in but not confirm if there was space.
 - Jeff Snyder and the Sugar Kings were very generous and moved the Kings game to the evening to help with the afternoon conflict.



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13. Sponsorship

- Still looking for a sponsorship manager to join the executive. This role is now streamlined and would be very easy to step into. Please contact Rob Waters if interested.

14. Webmaster – Leanne Rollins

- Nothing to report. Everything is good.

15. Photos – Pat Leonard

- Absent

16. Equipment – Pat Leonard

- Absent

17. Concussion Management – Dave Lee

- The rosters I have received are complete. Still need a few more rosters sent to me.
- I have spoken to Kevin Moser regarding setting up a Trainers meeting. He is going to give me a couple dates that he has available.
- Only 9 trainers attended the taping clinic (total over 2 dates).
- Trainers must follow the concussion protocol – even if the child is not returning to play, file the paperwork anyway.

18. Spiritwear – Leanne Rollins

- Have not heard any complaints and therefore assume everything is going well with both Sportzone and PKSportswear.

19. New Business

- Rob would like to form a new committee to review the constitution. Perhaps meet in early January.

Adjourned at 9:32pm

Next Meeting: November 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm