



Woolwich Minor Hockey Association

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Executive Meeting Minutes – May 30, 2016

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

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Rob Moyer

SECRETARY: Sheri Ritchie

Present: Leanne Rollins, Jasmine Roth, Tracey Williams, Dave Lee, Rob Moyer, Kurt Wilkie, Barry Keen, Rob Alles, Zack Barriage, Adam Good, Rob Hall

Absent: Paul Lucier, Patrick Leonard, Dave Paisley

1. Introductions

2. Referees - Adam Good

- The new system works well for scheduling, the referees used it for 4 on 4 and want to switch. New assigner next week
- Leanne to update website with Adam instead of Chad for the contact name
- PeeWee to have 3 officials in AE and A
- Jr Kings to have 4 officials – separate meeting to discuss the increased costs
- Adam requested scheduling of games to work up the levels to make scheduling of officials easier

3. Presidents Report – Rob Moyer

- Need to confirm Woolwich Weekend date and ensure we have bodies in place to assist Mike with running it and ensure it gets off the ground – November 25, 26 & 27
- Need to confirm Challenge Cup weekend
- 4 on 4 was a rounding success and capable fundraiser – need to consider some things for next season (rules, cost, fill in players)
- Meeting in June with Shelia Bauman about enhancing our concussion protocol
- Ice allocation meeting in June with the township
- Discuss with Township about their staff behavior (rink attendants)
- Need to discuss jersey/ sock purchase



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- HCV App purchase discussion
- AE coach Selection is up next

4. Treasurer Report – Jasmine Roth

- Registration up to date
- Try out fee – no way to track.

5. VP Rep – Zack Barriage

- WMHA will be clearer on a set number of recommended players per age group. If a coach wants to go above or below that number then they need to ask permission. It should also be as early as possible, so we can evaluate (if need be), whether extra players is necessary.
- NRP rules for Pee wee and up. Had issues with "tampering" this year. We will need to run through the rules and expectations of NRP status and "Right of Choice" at coaches meeting each year. Most coaches would not know the rules, and these special circumstances are becoming more and more common it seems.
- Spring Tryouts went well with no major issues once they began.

6. VP LL – Kurt Wilkie

- 4 on 4 spring league wrapped up the last week in April and it was a great success again this year. We received lots of positive feedback about the league from parents and players
- Grand River Local League had their AGM on May 10 but I wasn't able to attend. I spoke briefly with the Pee wee convenor from the league but didn't get into great detail about the meeting. I have emailed the president of the league asking for the AGM report. Next GRLL meeting is 2nd week of September
- Coaching applications for Local League is now open and I haven't received any. I was in close contact with coaches last year and many have expressed interest in coaching again for the upcoming season.
- Discussion regarding Bantam 4 on 4 for next seasons options are to add another referee, zero tolerance and policies stricter



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7. VP Coaching – Paul Lucier

- Absent

VP Player Development – Rob Hall / Steve Gibson / Josh Gruhl

1. Hockey Coach Vision App (HCV)

- May 12th 2016 Larry Huras (creator of HCV app) and the rep coaches of WMHA met to review the HCV app and the functionality within this newly designed app.
- Larry provided the Rep coaches with a “trial period” of the HCV app that went from approx. May 5th thru May 20th (2 week period).
- Coaches were then able to create drills and play around with the functions of the app at no expense to the association.
- I’ve written to Larry H. to get him to provide (in writing) the cost breakdown of the HCV app and an overview of the “packages” that he (and his developer – Filip) have created to this point (May 2016).
- WMHA executive -- now need to define the structure that we would like to create for the HCV app within our WMHA program... for the coaching staffs. Within this structure we need to map the number of licenses and the format that will define the way coaches throughout our association will be able to “grab” drills from a Woolwich drill hub... or whatever format we want to apply. This should be detailed first so we can then go back to Larry Huras with the number of HCV app purchase we are looking for.

2. Steve Sumka (Goalie Clinics)

- I’ve been in contact with Steve Sumka with regards to the goalie clinics.
- Steve is again interesting in working with the WMHA program this coming season (2016-17) and has provided me with a breakdown of how “things” run throughout the course of the season – specifically for the goalie clinics.
- Josh Gruhl (Asst to VP) will be an active part in the coordination and execution of this coming year’s goalie clinic.
Josh will detail his ideas at our meeting on Mon. May 30th.
Any objections or feedback can be reviewed at the executive meeting for myself and Josh to hear.



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- What is now required to formalize our intentions with Steve... from a financial perspective (i.e. Payment to Steve?)
- [Rob Hall, Josh Gruhl and Steve Sumka](#) – To detail the structure and schedule for the goalie clinics. Listing the week to week format and providing a schedule of how clinics will run throughout the course of the upcoming season (16 clinics – split between Jr. and Sr. teams)
- [Rob Hall and Josh Gruhl](#) – to set up a meeting with Steve Sumka next month (June) to detail what WMHA is looking for this year. Josh and I will then report out at the June Exe. Meeting the details of this meeting.
- Coaches responsibility to send a goalie with 2 shooters so that they are at the same skill level.
- LL goalies are welcome to attend.

3. Initiation & PreNovice Groups

- I've been contacted by 2 individuals that are interested in helping with the initiation program.
[Matthew Desmeules](#) – son coming into initiation and wants to help. Lots of coaching experience (i.e. KINGS and Kitchener Rangers (OHL) + player at the junior level.
[Sarah Reynolds](#) – son coming into initiation and want to help as well.
[Steve Gibson](#) as well will help with the initiation program as I believe he as well has a son (or daughter?) coming into the initiation program.
- I have also been in contact with two parents with regards to kids moving up or back between the programs (initiation and pre-novice).
[Monica Widemen \(son Bentley\)](#) – she would like to see her son move UP to pre-novice from initiation.
I indicated that I would first assess her sons skill set in the initiation program and then determine whether or not to move him UP to pre-novice. This will be done in Sept.



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Lisa Schaefer (son Bryden) – she has asked if her son can move BACK from Novice LL to pre-novice. I believe this is her son's first year in hockey and she is concerned that he is not developed enough for the Novice LL program.

She reached out to Tracey (back in early May) and I've been in contact with her about this potential move.

I told her to have her son come out to the pre-novice program for me to assess his skill set and I would then provide them with my recommendations on where he should be positioned.

They currently have him registered for Novice LL and we can provide a reimbursement if and when a move is made to the pre-novice or initiation program after my assessment.

- Rob Moyer to send out the requirements for Coaching. All teams need to be roistered this year in order to play in games.

8. Office Administrator/Registrar – Tracey Williams

- busy time with registration - early bird deadline is tomorrow night (May 31st)
- I have been collecting the registration cheques in the office with Jasmine picking them up to deposit on dates that were communicated to the Registrants via the website
- so far, things seem to be going well
- Team Paperwork - busy processing transfers of NRPs and beginning the rostering process - so far only 2 teams have submitted their complete paperwork - still waiting for the 5 others
- Having a Managers Meeting on Thursday for the A Managers, which we have never done before - think it will be helpful; if so, will repeat with AE Managers and then LL Managers in the Fall
- submitted are request to the OMHA for our Batch of Teams for the 2016-17 season - waiting for approval



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Ice Scheduler – Tracey Williams

- tryouts all complete
- have to send Home Game times to TriCounty Scheduler by June 15th - working on that now; main goal is not to have AP "joined" teams on back to back times
- don't know when season will begin - probably week of September 19th for Rep - and then a week later for LL?
- Rob and I have discussed games lengths - will be Novice: 10-10-10, Atom 10-10-15, Pee wee 10-15-15, Bantam 10-15-15 and Midget 15-15-15 (with flood) - no exceptions; team caught violating game lengths will be penalized by losing practice time - zero tolerance
- Game schedule should be loaded to system by end of July
- A teams working on entering their tournaments now - will be blocking off those in schedule; have to make sure they are aware of early bird rule

9. Fundraising Committee – Rob Alles

- Noting to report

10. Tournament

Woolwich Weekend:

- I applied for Sanction Permit - decision was made to host it the weekend of November 25, 26 and 27th - stay away from Minor aged SS and also Guelph Power Play
- Mike Lenaers has agreed to work on registration - need to get form up on website for registration
- have someone to do the Schedule
- need someone for raffle and volunteer coordinator

11. Sponsorship

- Banners are not permitted as per the constitution.



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12. Webmaster – Leanne Rollins

- Credit Card payment should be in place for September. It can be used to pay tournament fees and registration. Leanne looking into Hockey Canada. Would like the charge for credit card use to be paid by parents.

13. Photos – Barry Keen

- Atom and up to have pictures taken on the ice which will need to be scheduled
- Rep can be done earlier

14. Equipment – Pat Leonard

- Jerseys – replace what is needed, LL away jerseys
- Socks are not ordered but they are the same priced as last year – 2 week turnaround
- McDonalds provides the jerseys free of charge to the Atom LL teams – WMHA pays for the screening.
- Jersey committee to be set up with Pat

15. Concussion Management – Dave Lee

- Nothing to report

16. Spiritwear – Rob Alles

- I have met with PK Sports and Sportzone to discuss spirit wear for 2016/2017 season. Both vendors have submitted updated product offerings and pricing. Previously the two vendors were each carrying a different percent of sales for WMHA on spirit wear. Moving forward both vendors will add 20% mark up to their cost of any products that have the WMHA logo. The portion of the proceeds for WMHA will be paid out once at the end of the season, (likely in April).
- Woolwich Minor Hockey, Sportszone and Bauer have a contract for the 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons for Bauer rebates. Vince has confirmed that we will receive \$1,500 from Bauer for the 2016/2017 season. This is great that Vince was able to negotiate this for WMHA. We are not buying enough from Bauer currently to qualify for a \$1,500 rebate. Our current sales on Bauer gear from last season (approx. \$30,000) would earn us



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roughly \$600. In addition to Bauer bucks; Sportszone has provided team pricing which includes a 25% discount on equipment and apparel. New this year, embroidered Wildcat logo on hockey gloves.

- The Bauer warm up suits are changing for 2017/2018. More details for follow.
- WMHA should consider supporting Bauer and Sportszone when tendering socks, new jerseys and team warm up jerseys to help increase the sales in the Bauer program. Sportszone has requested that WMHA have one person only, as an authorized purchasing agent. This person would be responsible for using the Bauer bucks for in store purchases. This money needs to be spent before the end of April each season.
- PK Sports was interested in selling Bauer warm up jackets this coming season. This is not an option at this point. Our association needs to purchase through Sportszone as per our contract with Bauer.
- All of our current coaches have copies of the 2016/2017 brochures from PK Sports and Sportszone. This information has also been updated on the WMHA website. The coaches have been encouraged to submit team orders now or early this summer; to avoid competing orders in the fall with other teams/associations.
- Rob Alles will be the point person dealing with Sportszone regarding Bauer Bucks. Rob will look into the Bauer Bucks for last year and if this money is still available. Bauer Bucks will only be used for purchasing for tournament prizes and not equipment.
- Rob Alles to research Rep Teams purchasing own jerseys for next year. They would have sponsor bars that could be ordered ahead of time and added to the jerseys with Velcro. Teams would be able to subsidize the cost with fundraising or sponsorships if they chose.

Adjourned at 9:50pm

Next Meeting: Monday June 27 at 7:00pm