



Woolwich Minor Hockey Association

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Executive Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2016

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

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Rob Moyer

SECRETARY: Sheri Ritchie

Present: Sheri Ritchie, Zack Barriage, Rob Alles, Rob Moyer, Adam Good, Tracey Williams, Rob Hall, Steve Gibson, Kevin Brown, Barry Keen, Leanne Rollins

Absent: Jasmine Roth, Kurt Wilkie, Paul Lucier, Chris Williams, Pat Leonard, David Lee, Josh Gruhl

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings and Introductions

- Motion to accept: Rob Alles Second by: Rob Hall

2. Referees - Adam Good

- Contact List in Rooms
- 10 new officials
- Total 55 Refs – 35 refs are a level 2 or under
- Going Forward – Midget Hockey - 4 for exhibition and 3 for Local League, Bantam/Peewee – 3 for rep
- Adam to discuss with scheduler to make sure positions are being filled correctly
- Tracey to send Adam what is required for Woolwich Weekend
- Timekeeper training went well

3. Presidents Report – Rob Moyer

- First off thanks to all for getting this season going, it is trying and requires hard work and dedication from all and it is very much appreciated even if you do not hear that. It seems we focus on the negative more than the positive but there is way more good than bad so again thanks!!
- Need to firm up a jersey design (Kurt had a great idea at the last meeting)
- Need to decide on whether players by their own in Rep or we keep going as is. LL will stay the same with WMHA providing the jerseys. Either way we are going with a more traditional jersey as discussed at the last meeting (staying Woolwich)



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- Woolwich weekend is starting to come together and we will need all hands on deck for that weekend as 3 or 4 ex members (that I know of) will not be here
- Tracey is getting hammered by emails and most are preventable by people actually looking at our website. We do need to establish an FAQ section so can everyone put a few questions/answers together for your area and we will review during the next few meetings
- Startup went smooth from what I was told by many people but managing peoples expectations is difficult
- Sched/Manager pay is way too low. She has also not charged for all her hours the last 2 years, paid for her hotel out of pocket for the OMHA annual meeting (that's not right either). I propose giving Tracey a raise from \$13 to \$16 retro to the start of this season (April 1st). She brings a lot to the table and we are lucky to have her and I don't want this or future executives to lose her. It will be an increase of about \$3200 a season

4. Treasurer Report – Jasmine Roth

- Absent

5. VP Rep – Zack Barriage

- Working on tracking suspensions
- Coaches may need to be aware of some suspensions such as GM21 and the accumulation they carry
- Zack needs to be notified of every suspension

6. VP LL – Kurt Wilkie

- Sept 6 meeting with convenors went well. All were prepared and ready for evaluations to begin
- Attended the GRLL meeting on Sept 13. Season set to start as early as Oct 6
- Evaluations on Sept 17-18 weekend was busy but convenors did an excellent job with everything on and off the ice
- Final teams were Novice 3, Atom 3, Pee wee 3, Bantam 2, and Midget 2
- Coaches have been instructed to email their rosters to the hockey office
- Email sent out to inform coaches about the Oct 1st Sugar Kings clinic. Only a few have confirmed their attendance
- Sent Rob Alles a list of all the head coaches on Sept 26 so he can contact them about fundraising



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7. VP Coaching – Paul Lucier

- Coaching clinic with Sugar King's coaching staff is set for coming Saturday October 1st from 8am to 10am for the in class portion upstairs in the Concourse room and 10am to 12pm on-ice on the McLeod pad. We're hoping to have 20 or more out for this clinic. All coaches, assistant coaches and trainers are welcome to join.
- We'll be working with Sheila from WP and Sugar King's trainers to run a trainer clinic with a date to be determined

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

HCV (Hockey Coach Vision) app.

- Very little to update regarding the HCV app.
- Some coaches have signed up... many have yet to connect with Larry Huras.
- I would like to review this item with Paul Lucier and have him email the rep coaching group to once again request support for the HCV app, or inform the executive if they plan to enrol or not.

TYKE Select:

- The TYKE select team has been selected.
- 15 players (13 skaters & 2 goalies).
- Payment for Jamie? How was the completed in the past? – Update Jamie has already been paid I've asked Jamie to forward an invoice, but have yet to hear back from him.
- The selection process with Jamie went extremely well and there have been no parent interviews requested regarding the releases or selection of the team.

Goalie Clinic (Saturdays):

- The goalie clinic has been kicked off – first clinic was Sat. Sept 24th.
- An email needs to be sent to our rep clubs with regards to the participation in the clinic with goalies and shooters.
Both goalies should attend along with 3-4 shooters.
Also, a coach (or two) should also be in attendance to work with the shooters and also to keep shooters engaged in the clinic as well.
Shooters (players) coming to the clinic to “horse around” is not the scope of the clinic. Shooters are there to support the development of the goalies and assist with the execution of stations in the clinic.



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Coaches should be informed of this and be present to help support and monitor their player's activities at each clinic.

Development (Tony Code):

- Development for our REP teams has been set and Tracey has entered these sessions in the calendars for each team.
- Development sessions have also been set for our pre-novice groups as well. 6 Saturday sessions have been set and I have communicated these to the 2 head coaches for PN #1 and #2.
- A note to our REP coaches should also be sent regarding goalies participating in the development clinics.
Goalies can participate – however they must come dressed in player's equipment.
The development skate each session is geared towards developing the skating ability of our forwards and defensemen.
There are NO drills designed for goalies.
Having a goalie come in FULL gear is not recommended.
- Recommended to have coaches on ice during development training

Initiation & Pre-Novice:

Initiation:

- Our initiation program has been kicked off as well.
- There have now been 2 ice times and the evaluation process has been completed.
- The total group of approximately 65 players have divided in to the WATERS and GOODS Auto Parts teams.
- We have established two primary head coaches
Matthew Desmeules – will head up the WATERS team.
Travis Beatty – will head up the GOODS Auto Parts team.
- Each group have also been assigned 2-3 on-ice supports that have come forward to help with the programs.
- A meeting with these coaches and on-ice supports (for both initiation and pre-novice) was held on Thurs. Sept 8th prior to the launch of the two programs.
During this meeting each volunteers (approx. 15 members) was provided a package to help them get started in either of the programs.
The package included – practice drills and plans, the medical forms, some general guidelines to follow when coaching or supporting, the WMHA police check form and just some general feedback on how to get started and be successful throughout the season.



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- Both coaches have been provided a separate list of players and parent contact information.

Pre-Novice:

- Our pre-novice program has also been kicked off and is in full swing.
- 2 Head Coaches have been selected to lead the groups.
Curtis McFadden – will lead PN#2
Tim Taylor – will lead PN#1.
The two groups also have at minimum 3 assigned on-ice supports.
- Email communications from each head coach has been sent to the players and parents to now have them aligned to their respective ice times and dates.

Jersey's – Initiation and Pre-Novice:

- The jersey's for both groups have been ordered and already received.
- PN has have been issued their jerseys and coaches will distribute them at their next practise time.
- Initiation jerseys have also been issued to the coaches and players will receive them at their next practice time.

Payment to Vince at Sports zone – has the cheque been created, signed and mailed to Vince?

The coaches in both initiation and pre-novice have both been made aware that “player assignments” and/or movements could take place as the development of kids is better understood in the coming weeks.

The coaches will network closely with each other to make the necessary changes to help give the players the best hockey atmosphere possible to allow them as players to progress in a group that is within their capabilities.

Coaches have also been provided the email contact for Pat Leonard to allow them to obtain the necessary equipment needed to support their groups.

The coaches have also been provided the hockey office email address, should they have any specific questions as the season rolls out.

I will continue to stay in close contact with the coaches and periodically attend their practice times to see that everything is running smoothly.

In closing...

Both programs took a CONSIDERABLE amount of personal time to get organized and set to launch as smoothly as possible.



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A **4 HOUR ICE SESSION** on the kick off date of Sat. Sept 17th was facilitated by Josh and Steve for both programs (initiation and pre-novice)... great job gentlemen!!!!

I personally want to thank Josh and Steve for their participation in these activities and want them to know that the successful kick off of these two programs would have been possible without their individual dedication and help.

Both of these development programs now have an established framework to support an organized approach to launching at the beginning of the season.

There have been numerous notes taken in regards to improvements that will be implemented to help bolster the approach taken next year and the year's going forward.

9. Office Administrator/Registrar – Tracey Williams

- completed all of A rosters; starting to AP players now
- completed almost all of AE rosters - except for Midget AE and Tyke Select
- starting to work on LL teams and getting them organized
- registration number is now: 579
- working on transfers now for players who have moved in (2) and then one player we are trying to get from Kitchener for Jr Kings
- registration payments - slowly working thru those - NSF's, refunds, etc
- need to come up with a much better system for tryouts next year
- Coaching Clinic - I think went well; some bumps but went well overall; don't have an accounting breakdown yet but will send one out to everyone
- AE Tryouts and possibly Tyke to be completed in Spring

10. Ice Scheduler – Tracey Williams

- all initial reschedules are in place - still need to reschedule for Minor Midget Tournament (got into one late) and Pee wee AE tournaments (haven't pick theirs yet)
- have to reschedule Midget AE Games as a bunch of teams dropped out of loop
- have to talk about double flood - how am I going to work around this?
- have to talk about Juvenile schedule and practices

11. Fundraising Committee - Rob Alles

- Stemler is ready
- Email to manager and coaches to be sent out
- Calendars have been picked up



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12. Woolwich Tournament - Tracey Williams

- currently at 30 teams - working to shore up Bantam AE, Minor and Major Peewee
- LL registrations are now starting to come in
- have someone in place to schedule, volunteer schedule, player gifts, player boxes, kids raffle, snack bar in St. Jacobs - last piece would be trophies and raffle (think I have raffle in place)
- will start to meet with each volunteer first week of October

13. Woolwich Cup Tournament – Jasmine Roth

- Everything will be ready for the tournament but Jasmine will be away. Need someone to volunteer to run the tournament that weekend

14. Sponsorship – Chris Williams

- Absent

15. Webmaster – Leanne Rollins

- Nothing to report

16. Photos – Barry Keen

- Photos are going well
- Rep and AE are either taken or scheduled to be taken
- Photos have been going faster on ice before practice

17. Equipment – Pat Leonard/Kevin Brown

- Need to buy more puck bags and Medical Kits
- Everything has been given out except to a few LL Teams
- Trainer Kits are sparse and need to be accessed next year
- Manager needs to be accounted for what is required over and above what Woolwich Minor Hockey Provides

18. Concussion Management – Dave Lee

- New Concussion Program has been well received by players and parents

19. Spiritwear – Rob Alles

- PK Sports is not a licenced Bauer so not able to receive the Bauer Bucks through them



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- Advised to get on the Bauer List
- Bauer Bucks are to be used by Rob Alles only for tournaments
- Any equipment purchased needs to be invoiced and sent to the Office for payment. Only Pat Leonard and Kevin Brown are authorized to purchase.

20. Uniform Subcommittee – Rob Alles/Tracey Williams/Paul Lucier/Zach Barriage/Rob Moyer

- Nothing to report

Adjourned at 9:36 pm

Next Meeting: November 7, 2016