



Woolwich Minor Hockey Association

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Executive Meeting Minutes – April 30, 2018

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

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Rob Moyer

SECRETARY: Sheri Ritchie

Present: Jeff MacGregor, Nadia Elsmarj-Weiss, Brett Bickerton, Jeff McDowell, Kevin Brown, Barry Keen, Rob Moyer, Tracey Williams

Absent: Zack Barriage, Josh Gruhl, Kurt Wilkie, Sheri Ritchie, Chris Williams, Jasmine Roth, Brandon Brubacher, EDHRA Representative

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings and Introductions

- Motion to accept: Barry Keen Second by: Rob Moyer

2. Introductions

As we have some new members, introductions were made. Nadia Elsmarj-Weiss has agreed to take on the role of Fundraising Director. Jeff MacGregor was nominated as our new VP of Development. Jeff McDowell has agreed to take on the role of Concussion Management Director. Welcome to all of our new members.

We had some changes within the Executive, with existing members taking on new roles. Zack Barriage has moved from the VP of Rep Role, to VP of Coaching. Kurt Wilkie has taken on the role of VP of Rep Hockey but will also maintain his role as Tournament Director (Woolwich Cup).

We spoke about the AGM in some detail – recapping some of the issues brought forward and identified some roles we are still looking to fill – which are: Director of Photos, Director of Spirit Wear and Secretary.

3. Referees – Morgan MacPhee

- Absent

4. Presidents Report – Rob Moyer

- Nothing to report

5. Treasurer Report – Jasmine Roth

- Absent



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6. VP Rep – Kurt Wilkie

- attended Tri County league meeting on April 19th
- 2018-19 regular season starts on Sept 17th and ends Dec 23th
- NRP rules have changed a bit (will discuss more with rest of WMHA executive at April meeting)
- only 4 centres interested in having Midget AE team
- new MD loop looks strong in all divisions Minor Bantam and up for numbers. Tri County will have more information regarding season schedule at May meeting
- 7 year old's can be rostered only to Novice A rep team
- 126km travel expense will be submitted
- next Tri County meeting is May 10th

7. VP LL –Barry Keen

- Barry recapped the season and mentioned the GRLL AGM will be coming up shortly; there has been talk about electronic game sheets – they will be discussing this at the AGM and the next GRLL Meeting.

8. VP Coaching – Zack Barriage

- I am away until Friday, but am reachable via text, phone, email, and will help with any issues that come up during first week of tryouts
- no issues yet that I am aware
- Kurt, Moyer, and myself will set up a meeting or at least phone call with one of our 4 on 4 Coaches prior to AE tryouts starting. We received reports of a Coach yelling a lot at a ref in 4 on 4. Unacceptable. He will be spoken to and I will email him to set up a meeting.
- keeping in close contact with Bantam A coaches as they go through the tryout process for their first time. I will be mentoring them heavily this year

New business:

- I think we should take over the scheduling of referees this season. Can be a one year trial to see how we like it. I think it'll be way better for us. Tracey can explain a bit further on the why we want to try it
- I think we need a committee to go through the constitution and update it. Needs to be thinned out and certain things removed and put into policies instead so they are more easily changed. I volunteer to be on the committee.
- One motion I want to make is to change a policy that states every rep team must carry 15 skaters (Brett knows where this is). I would like it to say a minimum of 13 (or no minimum at all) with a recommended amount of 13 (atom and below), 14 (peewee), 15 (Bantam and up). If a team wants to carry more than the recommended amount then they need to ask for approval from the VP Coaching who will discuss with VP's. Mostly just so



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we can make sure numbers work for AE and LL. Executive reserves the right to require a coach to take more or less players if need be.

9. VP Player Development – Jeff MacGregor

- Jeff is working on getting himself settled in the role; has spoken to and meet with Rob Hall, our past VP of Development and will continue to consult with Rob going forward; Jeff is working on some Development options for our teams from Novice AE and up (to Major Peewee) – both on ice development and dryland options. He is also working on getting some individuals in place to assist with the IP Programs. He will provide more of an update at our next meeting.

10. Office Administrator/Registrar – Tracey Williams

- Busy right now with tryouts – all tryouts have been scheduled; still working on some tryout games for teams; preparing paperwork for all teams to get them rostered.
- Registration is in full swing – dealing with lots of email and phone calls
- OMHA AGM is June 8th and 9th – I will be attended; seminars will be on Risk Management and Developments
- Tri County Meeting from April was good – lots of discussion about MD, regional play and Tyke (IP7) – will have more information for May meeting

11. Ice Scheduler – Tracey Williams

- Scheduling tryouts – all tryouts have been scheduled, still working on some games; league scheduling will begin mid June

12. Fundraising Committee – Nadia Elsmayr – Weiss

- Nadia has reached out to Jasmine Roth (our past Director of Fundraising) to get some information. And will chat with Rob Alles as well – Rob ran our fundraising two years ago. Nadia has also secured assistance with the role from Rebecca Hallman. More into to come in the upcoming meetings.

13. Tournaments

Woolwich Weekend – Brandon Brubacher

- Nothing to report

Woolwich Cup – Kurt Wilkie

- Nothing to report



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14. Sponsorship – Chris Williams

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15. Webmaster – Brett Bickerton

- Setup new 2018-2019 Season on the website. Continue to toggle back and forth for 4 on 4.
- Changed all team links to new season.
- Tryout pages setup for all Spring tryouts.
- Accounts setup for new coaches
- Testing out "Tryout List" feature to streamline the selection process

16. Photos – Vacant

- Nothing to report

17. Equipment – Kevin Brown

- Kevin mentioned that all the jerseys for tryouts are organized. He has asked for them back, cleaned and then will prepare them over the summer for next season. Kevin said he has been selling off some sets of jerseys and the funds will go to purchasing new equipment. There was some discussion of the status of our goalie equipment – Kevin said he realizes some of it is in bad shape and will be replacing the equipment as needed.

18. Concussion Management – Jeff McDowell

- Being brand new to the role and it now being the off season, Jeff did not have anything to report. Jeff has some questions about how the program operates. Rob Moyer said that he will set up a time for Jeff, Rob and Sheila Forler-Bauman (from Woolwich Physio) to meet and set up the program for next season. Rob said he can help Jeff get going and provide with lots of information.

19. Spirit wear – Vacant

- Nothing to report

20. 4 on 4 – Jasmine Roth

- Absent

21. New Business

- Electronic game sheets are also being considered for Tri County, voting will take place at the next meeting



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Trainer Issue – Nadia brought forth an issue the Minor Pee wee A team had to deal with last year, when there was no Trainer present at a practice; when addressed with the Coach and VP of Coaching, Naida was told not to “cc” VP of Coaching on any of those types of emails – should be dealt with at team level. Tracey confirmed that it is the expectation of the WMHA that a Trainer should be present at all practices (and an OMHA requirement that a Trainer be present for all games). All Coaches/Bench Staff will be reminded of such at each Coaches Meeting and should this happen again, we will encourage Team Managers to bring any issues forward to our current VP of Coaching. We spoke about potentially putting in place a “progressive discipline” approach for any team that consistently violate this policy. Zack and Tracey will work with the Coaches and Managers on this issue.

- Website update – Brett will update website with new contacts/info
- Constitution Committee – Tracey and Brett would like to form a Constitution Committee to review and renew the existing Constitution; at this moment, it seems disorganized and difficult to follow; many inconsistencies in references, roles and procedures; will send out separate email to Executive to ask if anyone is interested in joining committee
- Meeting Structure – new proposal to use “Consent Agenda”, as opposed to reports being read at each meeting; more details to come at May meeting

Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Next Meeting: May 28, 2018