



WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Annual General Meeting

April 27, 2010

LOCATION: St. Jacobs Fire Hall

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Jim Radcliffe

SECRETARY: Dana Waters

Present: Jim Radcliffe, Deb Good, Steve Hanley, Paul Wilson, Val Martin, Pat Kyte, Karen Ziegler, Wayne Lamers, Christine Weigel, Brian Knipfel, Rick Cressman, Eric Brubacher, Diane Weigel, Karen Pogue, Kyle Young, Dana Waters
Parents: 16

Absent: Janet Hale, Stephen Hartman, Tammy McBay

1) President's Welcome

- Jim thanked everyone for coming
- Jim commented that 2009 – 2010 was an exciting year going into new arena
- 3 ice pads – opposed to 2 was an adventure, worked with Township; planning ice with scheduling 3 pads
- Hopefully solved any problems and added quite a bit of ice to LL program with full ice practices
- Tried to balance out fair, equitable ice for all so per hour of ice was equal between LL and rep
- Used the Trillium grant for office equipment and equipment racking – equip room is now set up and running efficiently
- Added extra programming with WMH

2) Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting

- Jim asked if there were any questions – none
- Minutes were approved and adopted

3) Treasurer's Report: Deb Good

- Deb distributed financial documents
- Balance Sheet – as at end of March
- Income statement – commented that budget was set in June/July– based on collective work from Exec. – trying to estimate breakeven – we slightly surpassed
- Deb provided package on expenses and a package on income – mentioned that it could be referred to at your leisure
- Deb commented on these statements – as follows:
 - Registration was up – had to be in-line with increasing ice costs
 - Registration up 10% - ice rental up 20%
 - Increases for rep were necessary

- Sponsorship – 1 2 or 3 level – allocated accordingly
- Gate receipts – few problems this year – collected \$585
- Fundraising efforts are reported
- Clothing sales went well– expecting chq for \$2500 from Sportszone
- Wanted \$18000 from fundraising – fell short a bit
- Player dev. helped with 2nd program
- Woolwich Weekend – very successful tournament
- Novice tournament didn't do as well
- Midget AE tourney couldn't get enough teams to hold
- Misc income – pat has sold old jerseys – collect \$150 on shirts
- Friends of Hockey (FOH) – help children that can't afford registration – donations come in – reimbursed for those registrations
- Expenses includes refs, timekeepers
- Insurance – set by OMHA
- Shirts – for minis
- Skills - jerseys
- Equipment – not much was purchased this year – pucks, 1st aid kits, goalie equipment
- Ice Scheduler – salary position \$875/mth – 12 mths
- Office Manager– hourly – hours are submitted for payment
- Clinics – very successful
- Clinics – pd \$1500 to coaches taking clinics elsewhere – this costs us – if taken here – saves us money
- Val does great job managing office expenses
- Advertising includes ads for Annual General Meeting and tender process – we tender out for shirts, socks and clothing – will do again this year

4) Committee Reports:

a) Vice President Representative: Paul Wilson

- Paul thanked the executive for all their hard work over the past year with the transition from the old to the new facility.
- Paul also thanked all parents, coaches and referees for a great season with minimal conflicts throughout the past season.
- Paul noted that his first year as VP of Rep teams has been one with a fast-paced learning curve that started with his very first Tri county meeting where he learned that there is to be a minimum of one executive member at each home game.
- Throughout the season, Paul had the privilege to watch all of our representative teams several times and many of the local league teams during the season.
- He had hoped that with a more noticeable presence at the arena he would be able to answer as many questions about games, suspensions and any other hockey-oriented question that arose throughout the season. Moving forward he have tried to resolve any issues that arose as non-bias as possible.
- This past season we had an OMHA ruling against us during the playoffs and protested twice during the playoffs. We were on the winning side of the decision however; the game result stayed the same.
- Paul noted that he introduced a new policy for players to play with an older age to keep pace with policies that were mandated from Hockey Canada and the OMHA.

- Paul suggested to all (as a parent of a now graduated Midget player) please sit back, cheer and enjoy the time you have with your hockey players, because before you know it, it will be all over.

b) Vice President Local league: Rick Cressman

- Rick thanked all Local league coaches, trainers, managers
- Had 15 teams in Grand River LL
- 9 teams played in finals
- 2 of series were Woolwich vs. Woolwich
- 6 championships
- Rick thanked Kyle for all he did and also Gord Maier

c) Vice President Coaching: Steve Hanley

- Steve commented that he is still accepting coaching applications. Some have been submitted, still looking for more. Selection of coaches for Representative Teams occur late May.
- Coaches are selected by the Coaching Selection Committee. The Committee consists of the President, V.P Coaching, V.P. Rep, V.P Local League, and V.P Player Development.
- Still accepting coaching reviews. Please submit ASAP. These evaluations, positive or negative, help the selection committee in their selection of the coaching staff for next year.
- Coaches, Trainers, Managers, and Sponsor Appreciation Dinner is hosted and paid for by WMHA to thank the volunteers for their countless hours that they put forward to make this a great association. This year it is held at the Elmira Golf Club on Monday May 10, 2010.
- Clinics for new or expiring coach and trainer certificates will be posted on the website shortly. We will call all existing expiring certificates in the next month or so to encourage them to register. We recommend that our staff take the WMHA clinics as this keeps our costs down for the Association
- Steve then noted some statistics that we have posted on our website to keep parents in the right perspective:

What are the odds of making it to the NHL?

Here are the facts based on the Ontario hockey players that were born in 1975.

- 30,000 players were active in Minor Hockey at one time or another prior to 1991.
- 22,000 of these players were active in hockey in 1991 (OHL underage Bantam draft year)
 - 16 OHL teams
 - 232 players drafted
 - 105 of the drafted players played in at least one game
 - 90 of the 105 players played 3 plus years in the OHL
 - 23 players played in the NCAA Division 1 hockey
 - $OHL\ 90 + NCAA\ 23 = 113$ of the 30,000 were available for the NHL draft.
 - The NHL draft was the best ever for Ontario born players.
 - In 12 rounds 48 players were selected.

- 38 signed NHL contracts
- 22 played at least one game in the NHL.
 - At age 24 only 11 players were still active in the NHL as at January 1999
 - Based on the 30,000 that started in 1975 only 0.036% were playing in the NHL at age 24.

Parents, enjoy the game. Let your kids play this sport because they enjoy it. Come to the rink and enjoy the time with your kids. Don't let this very short time slip away by getting consumed in the little things that you have no control over.

- Parent Q – on the Coaches evaluation, are results shared with coaches or just used for helping selecting?
- Steve advised that if a Coach asked for them, then yes, they have given copies with names taken off, and they have also reviewed
- Steve added that approx. 50/50 negative vs. positive feedback
- Returning coaches may ask for feedback
- Steve doesn't make all public but will give to them
- Jim added that evaluations are more to help Exec decide to go ahead with coach again, not intended for the purpose of reprimanding

d) Vice President Player Development: Eric Brubacher

- Eric commented that the Development programs went well
- Eric thanked Jim, Bob Waters, Friends of Hockey, as a couple boys not in economic situation to play – Jim got them started in LL – and asked to do skills
- Boys got funded to go in program – coaches were impressed
- Without that support, wouldn't have succeeded as well
- Eric thanked longtime sponsor Bob Waters & Mike Good – sponsored the Mini program for at least 10 years
- Eric also thanked Woolwich Pharmacy – sponsor of the Tyke program
- Pizza parties were much appreciated
- Eric also thanked Coaching staff of Tim Weigel and Tim Waters – were main organizers of the mini group
- Eric commented that the PreSkate and Goalie program went well
- Eric added that he would like to see change – get Mike Parsons involved – Mike has volunteered the past 2 years – we need to get ice – both young and older program
- Deb & Eric are going to try to get ice

- Parent Q– do you look into using a school gymnasium for goalies – could do similar training?
- Eric will run by Mike

- Parent Q – regarding development – has any one thought of having set systems of things they learn year to year from coach to coach?
- Eric replied that yes, that would be something to look at, and asked if there any other organizations that do this?
- Parent responded that Center Wellington has a lot of their teams break out the same way; not sure if that is a set thing
- Karen Pogue commented that we have a player development program, but what about coach development –this would go hand in hand

- Steve Hanley responded that WMH has a proposal from someone and anticipates that this will happen monthly
- Parent Q – does that include goalie coaching?
- Steve responded that hasn't been discussed
- Parent commented that goalies are neglected
- Steve responded that is why we are trying to get Mike Parson
- Another Parent added, even if Mike could give some systems to give to coaches
- Parent Q – is it possible to get coaches chosen earlier in the year? Some centers were doing tryouts and we don't even have coaches yet
- Steve – a lot of AAA centers doing spring tryouts
- Parent – these teams are getting months ahead of use
- Paul noted that Center Wellington, Woolwich, Arthur – few are still doing fall tryouts – most have moved to spring
- Parent added that it helps to do dry land training in summer
- It was noted that Woolwich does well with starting as late as we do
- Steve – Waterloo & Kitchener AAA tryouts are in fall – we may lose those players
- Parent added - we might keep those kids then
- Steve responded – or they might not try out at all
- Steve added that yes – it would also help booking tourneys
- Parent Q – do you have list that you prefer teams to go in
- Steve – no
- Parent asked why wouldn't you?
- Steve – some teams want to travel, some don't – so it's their preference
- Parent commented - if you did it for each level, you would pass along tourney, hotels
- Jim commented that larger centers – Waterloo & Kitchener do AAA in Aug 1st, then AA, then A, so that's our challenge
- Parent – we have the #s to do it earlier
- Steve – we don't have ice
- Jim – the day the Kings are done – ice is out – we would have to try to find ice
- Paul – it would be nice to get township to get them to keep ice in longer - even if had coaches selected and had the tryouts list down – things could go quick in the fall
- Parent added that Girls hockey would probably be on in agreement with this as well
- Paul -Township – won't keep ice in for 10 hrs of ice/wk – can't afford to pay more than we are using
- Going forward, we will move to that if we can
- Parent added – kids might try harder if know on team
- Jim responded – or could go the other way and get lazy over the summer
- Parent – had child in rep and LL – if have coaches picked by the end of May – dry land would be a good idea – lots of kids do programs in the summer

e) Ice Scheduler: Deb Good

- Deb commented that it was a challenging season with three ice pads
- Jim and I went to a lot of meetings with township; fought hard
- Goal of getting more ice was accomplished
- Goal – get as much ice on new ice pad – at beg township were going to be 1/3, 1/3 1/3 – we did a bit better than that

- LL – didn't have to practice with another team
 - Consistent ice times for practices – tried my best
 - Playoffs – tournaments – xmas – all challenging
 - Lots of ice on march break
 - Juv team – had practice time this year
 - Skills – offered at 8 a.m. instead of 7 –helped program
 - Offered again in winter
 - Opportunity for teams to pick up ice – always emailed every single coach – 1st come 1st serve
 - 2100 hrs of ice –
 - Didn't need all of it – offered to coaches
 - Every team got equitable extra ice
 - Optimist & maple syrup – 2wkends of ice in March missed
 - Rewarding to see how many LL teams made to finals
 - Rep on Snyder – was emailed concerned
 - To understand the process - Deb needs to give to OMHA ice times already
 - To go back and change that- would have to change with all the other centers
 - Tried to have every LL team play on Macleod or Snyder during year
 - Moving fwd this year – will try to get more LL teams on Snyder pad
 - CW – purchased more ice during the week so her rep teams played during the week
 - Maybe we will have to negotiate getting more ice time during the week
 - There are challenges associated with the job
 - Another challenge this year is the rates –thanked Rob Waters on his presentation that went to Council – they did move the rates
 - We are on an affiliation committee – Deb, Jim, Steve – trying to get subsidy up – 30%
 - Council moved age from 18 to 21 – that is a good thing for our Juv team
 - Hopefully outcome will be good
 - HST July 1 – all ice purchased next year will have an additional 8%
 - Have talked to KPMG, Waterloo and Kitchener Minor Hockey – we cannot charge gst on kids below 14
 - 80% under 14 – so that will be challenging
 - Need to get subsidy moved up by 10% hopefully
 - Extra tryouts – challenging to make the books balance
 - Learning curve for township
 - Costs will always be a challenge because we are trying to keep registration costs down
 - Rob was instrumental in finding ice rates in other centers the same size
 - Township is charging quite a bit of money to pay in our facility
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- Parent – more than 1 child – it is extremely expensive to keep kids in minor sports
 - Can't go anywhere else to play – not your fault – hard to afford –
 - I have 4 children
 - It's a lot to maintain
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- Deb – it's difficult to balance the books
 - We need to be more creative as an organization
 - We tried dance – nobody came

- Stuff a bus
- Fundraising committee did not get the support from all the parents
- There are 500+ kids
- We need your input – we need ideas to raise money
- I agree – not fair to pass along costs
- Needs people to participate
- Parent – if taking \$\$ from parents – same anyway
- Jim - parents pay anywhere but Woolwich - Gate fees
- We didn't collecting
- Need to collecting gate fees – budget \$6000 – just collect from visiting teams – not our parents
- We are paying when go to play outside of WW – then we are not charging them
- We could have made \$6000 not \$585
- Parent – communication came down end of Dec –
- Parent – hard to determine who is coming into facility for what
- Have to stop anyone
- Deb - agree – much harder
- Asked township to help
- St. Jacobs is better
- Parent – targeting fundraising to parents ourselves
- Deb – challenge you – pepperettes, - you eat
- Dance – come and buy 2 drinks
- Stuff a bus – had bottles at
- Pizza card – made 10000 – really helped but stopped due to complaints
- Need suggestions....
- We do not want to pass along every time we have increase and now we have government
- We need everyone's help
- Jim – at the end of the day – we are running 385000 budget and landing with 200000 profit
- Very stressful – if we go -20000 deficits– where does it come from?
- Jim was at every fundraising – same parents were there
- Deb – we need volunteers
- Karen Z – fabulous job with WW tourney
- If someone could market novice tourney – that would be great
- Likely see more of that in years to come
- Parent – LL team - often played in McLeod and some practice in Snyder rink
- Deb – towards the end of the year when playoffs started – very difficult

- LL ice schedules are a lot more difficult to deal with – when I have to make a change - it's huge for them – some centers are OK
- I will try – I agree – that's not right
- Parent – from year to year – will teams flip –alternate from year to year
- Deb – I think it should
- Deb – I watched playoff game at Snyder and we were misled by township – Jim and I were told that there would be seats there at McLeod
- Larry Devitt says ice is ice
- Deb – would love to switch around – but other centers play at set time wk to wk
- I will try to be more creative
- Parent – I didn't mind McLeod if there was somewhere to sit
- Deb – plan is to put seats in – don't know when..?
- It was a great year
- Many great comments – from ice schedules from parents – we should be proud
- Jim – growing pain year
- Good thing we pay Deb a salary – she should have earned \$3/hr – from 2 to 3 ice pads – very challenging
- Will be further adjustment made

f) Office Administrator: Val Martin

- For the hockey office, the transition from old arena to new one went fairly smooth and once we got up and running all went quite well. We had some minor snags and/or glitches that we got worked out. Team registration with the new Hockey Canada Registration system (HCR) was good and the Affiliation Player (A/P) process went fairly smoothly as well, the new forms are much better. There was a couple of glitches/mix-ups that we got looked after later then sooner but it all was worked in the end.
- For Coach/Trainer Clinics - we are in the process of setting dates, hoping to have some refresher-coach/trainer & full trainer clinics before summer starts, have a full **Coaches clinic in August & possibly end of September/early October - please keep** checking the website for dates.

g) Registration: Karen Pogue

Registration Summary

- 551 kids registered for the 2009/2010 season
- 30 teams in total
- 2 groups of Tyke
- 2 groups of Minis
- Added a Tyke Select team for 7 year olds
- Added a Juvenile team for 17 and 18 year olds
- Tax receipts can be retrieved by logging into the online registration system, if anyone is experiencing problems or they cannot get their hockey registration receipt, they can email registrar@woolwichminorhockey.ca.

- Tax receipts now have our Woolwich Wildcat logo and address on it
- Jim commented that the Registrars stepped down mid season
- Karen was voted in for registration over from sponsorship
- Parent Q – are we going to be able to pay online?
- Karen advised that WMH can only accept cheques now
- On-line charges would eat into our pocket
- Deb added that it will cost assoc 4.62% - expensive
- A lot of families like to give postdated cheques

a) Referees: Richard Rank (absent)

- Jim commented that refs were at the games for most part – much better than year before
- Parent Q– Can we get Senior ref with Jr ref as opposed to 2 kids
- Jim - yes – refs have heard that before
- Parent – when you are paying that much money – not fair to kids
- Jim commented that the Referee Association is growing – as they grow they will have more SR and intermediate refs
- Deb – difficult to get older official to do Atom game - that is challenging
- Parent commented – they will gain more respect
- Jim agreed

b) Tournament: Karen Ziegler & Steve Hartman

- We had another very successful tournament this year!
- The 34th Woolwich Weekend Hockey Tournament was held November 13, 14 and 15, 2009 at the Woolwich Memorial Centre and St. Jacobs arenas. The tournament was expanded this year to include Peewee AE and Bantam AE divisions along with Minor and Major Peewee divisions and Minor and Major Bantams divisions. We had a total of 36 teams participating, up from 24 teams previously (approx. 600 players). A total of \$13,000.00 was raised for Woolwich Minor Hockey and was presented to the executive.
- Congratulations to the Woolwich Major Peewee A team for winning their division!!
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the tournament!
- Next seasons tournament will be held November 12, 13 and 14, 2010.
- Parent Q – did you have to invite teams?
- Karen commented that the tournament is on the website by May – have one team already registered for next year – AE teams were new this year – so those registrations were a bit later
- Karen added that they had to turn teams away
- Parent Q – do you research lodging?
- Karen - ASA has block of hotels and they will work with the teams to see what they are interested in; never had any complaints

- Jim thanked Karen

c) Equipment: Pat Kyte

- Pat Kyte commented that we had a good year – Paul still did most of work
- Nevan helped a lot
- Equipment room is crowded
- Need more goalie equipment

d) Photos: Wayne Lamers

Year End Report for Photos for WMHA 2009/2010 Season

- Photo Dates: Rep Teams, week of October 28th through the 30th, LL Teams (and conflicts) week of November 12th through the 14th
- Photo distribution dates: Weekend of December 19th.
- Photos taken by: Calla Studios, Contact: Tina Weltz
- Photo shoot location: Calla Studios, Howard Avenue Elmira

Continuations and Improvements from 2009/2010 Season

- Photos continued to be split into 2 separate weeks; earlier week for rep teams and later week for LL teams, scheduled times where teams were not involved in (for the majority) any on ice activity in order to minimize conflicts delays etc.
- Photo times were again scheduled over the week during the evening, especially for rep teams also helping to minimize conflicts. There were only a couple of teams with multiple scheduling conflicts.
- A couple of minor changes to packages, but package pricing continued to remain the same, as it has for the past number of years.
- This year there Saturday the 14th was used, this aided with the Mini and Tyke levels in allowing for one less day for the family to deal with hockey.
- Notification/communication to all parents and teams went well; including Mini and Mini 6. Special thanks to the coaches and organizers at the Mini level.
- Completion of photos went relatively without incident.
- Calla Studios again provided overall high quality product and in a very timely manner.
- Picture distribution went well, all done prior to Christmas.
- Corporate/Team sponsors were again incorporated digitally into the border of each team photo.
- This year Corporate photos were plaques; this offers a higher quality “thank-you gift” for all of their generous donation dollars
- We continued to use the Calla Studio venue as the new complex as well as the logistics in coordination did not work well to use the new facility.

Issues from 2009/2010 Season

- No formal complaints, a couple of order errors but all were corrected.

Recommendations for 2010/2011 season

- Continue with separate weeks for Rep and LL teams.

- Off site venue continues to work well, would recommend to continue regarding this as an option
- Continue to review other companies packages to ensure that we provide best possible package although first consideration should be given to Calla again as they are both a long time sponsor of WMHA and a local company.
- If Calla is used again, organize photos weeks early and alongside girls minor hockey.
- Overall another successful year for WMHA photos
- Parent Q – are photos prices not tendered out?
- Wayne responded- no – offers have come in – but there has not been anything comparable – and Calla is local and is a sponsor – so we have continued to stay
- Calla is comparable for what they offer
- Parent – finds expensive – compared to daughter who plays elsewhere
- Wayne responded that we are open to suggestions
- Parent Q – can we get pictures with skates on?
- Wayne – if on ice – you can
- Scare – liability - with insurance – if on ice – need helmet on

e) Sponsorship: Vacant – Update provided by Karen Pogue

Sponsorship Summary

- We now have a sponsorship brochure to give potential sponsors that outlines our various sponsorship offerings. The brochure can be downloaded from the hockey website.
- All teams for 2009/2010 were sponsored with the exception of the Juvenile team
- ½ sponsorships were attractive and affordable to organizations, allowing some teams to have two sponsors on their jerseys
- Adopted some new ideas for sponsors, giving player discounts if their parent's company's sponsored a team, invited sponsors to the coaches volunteer dinner, and we created new sponsorship plaques that included the team photo along with the sponsor logo
- Sponsors liked receiving an invoice so they could properly account for their expense and forward in their sponsorship payment
- We were able to leverage a jersey discount from Sportco in turn for sponsorship
- There are 13 sponsors whose term is up for renewal and they need to be approached first before giving the sponsorship to a new organization
- There are some potential sponsors who are interested in Woolwich Minor Hockey, so we need to get in touch with them now to see what team they can be put with
- Jim thanked Karen for a phenomenal job

f) Fundraising: Tammy McBay (absent), Christine Weigel, Diane Weigel, Janet Hale (absent)

- We need participation
- Would like to entertain thought – if we were to get fundraising fee upfront and then get back at team level - no surprises through year
- A lot of hours dedicated this year (i.e. pepperettes)

- There was a survey – point was to get feedback
 - Most people have expressed to Christine that they would like to pay upfront
 - Jerry Enns would have been great show – but had to cancel
 - \$50 or whatever – then raised back at team level – incentive at team level
 - Golf tournament – changed to May from September
 - Have 60 people interested and have registrations
 - In Elmira this year
 - May 15 – could use more teams
 - Registration is on website
 - Thanked everyone who did fundraiser
 - Not fair to see same people spending all their money and doing more
 - Could have fundraising fee - teams responsibility if they want to raise \$\$ back
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- Jim asked if there are any comments
 - Parent responded– not bad idea – fundraising difficult and you get the same people
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- Diane Weigel – took ownership for gate fees
 - Had to move golf tourney due to tryout schedule in September
 - Thanked all LL managers and coaches who responded
 - Support Chris' idea with upfront fee
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- Jim added that as an Executive – we are all just volunteers
 - If parents let us know what they liked to see or ideas on how to do it – we are open
 - As a group we are making decisions on what we know
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- Parent – good idea, but you need to watch timing with fundraising fee – especially with rates going up
 - Couple of these ideas – never heard about stuff a bus; not passed down by coaches
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- Chris responded that communication isn't great – but everything is on website
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- Brian emailed whoever signed up for newsletter
 - If you haven't subscribed – subscribe and you will get info
 - Brian – with spam laws – you need to subscribe or it may come across as spam
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- Jim – thanked ladies – did great job
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- Parent – one idea – expand clothing line - what we can buy is limited
 - Every kid needs a winter coat –
 - Other centers offer bigger selection
 - That wouldn't be any work for fundraising committee – just expand it and offer winter jacket
 - Easy way to make some money
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- Jim, Paul and Deb spend hours going through all clothing options
 - Vince offered bigger % back to WMH and offered to stock the clothing in the stores
 - We need to suggest that he offers something like that

- Parent – what about joint effort – clothing at the Zone and here in town
- Deb – I would support that but we need to treat this as a business and base our decisions based on the \$s
- We can be more creative now that we went through the process this year

g) Webmaster: Brian Knipfel

- Pleased with success stories submitted
- Good feedback – build some history
- Newsletter distribution – try to push parents to subscribe – easy way to get communication out, on website
- Team pages – added graphic with logo and sponsor
- Added team photos
- Woolwich Weekend – added live updates with scores
- Added spreadsheet and Karen could update
- Highest # of hits was during Woolwich weekend
- Continue to update events calendar during year
- Always looking for ideas, feedback
- If too much overhead, may decline
- Ran stats – google analytics
- 35 different countries accessed
- Will load stats
- Parent – do we sell advertising - with those \$s – someone should be willing to advertise
- Brian – potential source of future revenue
- Personally like ad free site
- Jim added that this year we had added links to sponsors
- Jim commented that Brian has taken website a long way
- Parent Q– would sponsor pay money to get on front page
- Brian – it is included now
- Diane - is it free
- Brian - \$10 a month
- Parent – you post Meeting Minutes -
- Brian advised yes
- Jim added that in December and July we don't have meetings
- November Minutes don't get approved until January meeting

5) Election of Officers and Directors: Jim Radcliffe

- Jim thanked the Executive members that are stepping down
- Rick Cressman – been around 15 yrs – stepping down- thanked him for his years of service
- Wayne Lamers – Photos – thanked for service
- Karen Ziegler – Tournament Committee – 6 years thanked for help

- Dana Waters – Exec Secretary stepping down
- Fundraising – Tammy, Christine, Janet – stepping down
- Elections:
 - Jim stepping down – Deb thanked Jim for all his passion
 - Will stay on as Past President – has task list going to achieve
 - Will guide election of new officers
 - Executive formally accepted Jim's resignation
 - Jim nominated Steve Hanley for President
- All in favour – Steve was accepted
- Steve's position of VP Coaching committee now available
- Jim nominated Rob Waters
- All in favour
- Accepted
- In keeping within the Constitution – VP needs to be on Executive or serve as a Head Coach for 2 years – Rob has coached for 2 years
- All in favour
- VP LL – Rick Cressman
- Any nominations?
- Rick nominated Gord Maier , but he is not here
- Jim asked if he is of the same sentiment – Rick feels he may
- Jim – we will leave that open until we solve that position
- Tournament Chair
- Steve – anyone interested?
- No Interest expressed
- Photos Position
- Jim – nominated Chris Schnarr
- All in favour
- Accepted
- Sponsorship Position
- Parent asked what the responsibilities are?
- Karen explained – 30 teams but there are about 1/3 of teams need to be renewed
- Steve commented that Karen has done extreme amount of leg work
- Chris Williams volunteered
- All in favour
- Accepted
- Executive Secretary Position
- No interest expressed
- Gerry Beard considering VP LL role

- Gord Maier also
- Jim advised that positions available will be posted on website – anyone interested, please email Steve and exec will vote

6) Welcome new Executive

- Steve thanked old Executive and welcomed new Executive
- Looking forward to next 2 years and your help
- If you know anyone that wants to volunteer, please advise in next couple of weeks

7) New Business/Questions

- Parent – is there a report on playing where you want?
- Paul advised that OMHA are having a meeting June 15 –
- Burlington and Oakville are really in a panic
- Eric asked if this is coming from Hockey Canada?
- Paul advised yes
- Arbitrator went to centers – GTHL, etc, and searched their organizations and will come back with their findings and then OMHA will decide what they want to do
- Last word is that in 2011 – 2012 it is expected to be put into effect
- OMHA is the largest organization in Hockey Canada
- Parent - So where we go if drop out
- OMHA could become its own entity
- Parent – what's your feeling on the other centers – does anyone in Ontario want to separate?
- Paul – it works well out west and well in east coast
- If look at centers in prairies – can't go far – here you have good selection on where you can go – abolish the alliance
- If will kill the smaller centers - it would affect us
- Some of our players could go AA that wanted to go AAA and couldn't make it
- If take strong team – and have 5 strong players and goalie – and rest are from surrounding areas - you won't recognize that team
- GTHL– someone gave false address and coaching staff banned for 5 years and player can't play anywhere
- It will be nightmare for registrar

8) Adjournment