



Woolwich Minor Hockey Association

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Annual General Meeting Report

April 13, 2016

LOCATION: WMC Community Room

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Rob Waters

SECRETARY: Jasmine Roth

Present: Rob Waters, Mike Leanars, Rob Moyer, Tracey Williams, Leanne Rollins, Dave Lee, Jasmine Roth, Kurt Wilkie, Zach Barriage, Vanessa Belanger, Jeff Weber, Kevin Brown, Chris Taylor, Julie MacDonald, Joe MacDonald, Ron Gowing, Daniel Wier, Chris Paquette, Wayne Zettel, Sheri Ritchie, Steve Gibson, Paul Lucier, Rob Alles, Scott Basler, Rob Hall, Josh Gruhl

1) Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion to accept previous minutes: Rob Moyer / Kurt Wilkie

2) Presidents Report – Rob Waters

- Thank you to everyone who has made this year a success.

3) Treasurer Report – Jasmine Roth

- Budget has been separated into operating, revenue and fundraising.

4) VP Rep – Mike Lenaers

- I would like to take a moment to thank all executive, coaching staff and volunteers.
- Our overall record was 581-460-130 which translates into a 77% winning percentage.
- We have had a great year with our Rep Teams, with 2 moving on to the OMHA finals, congratulations to our OMHA Championship teams - the Minor Atom A and the Juvenile A.
- Within the Tri-county league playoffs, Woolwich had 4 teams (Novice A, Atom AE, Major Peewee AE and our Junior Sugar Kings) making the finals and 1 team brought home the championship congratulations to the Novice A team on their win.
- Along with this we had many tournament champions and finalist as well. This includes our Minor Atom A International silver stick champions.
- We decided this year to further tweak the AE system in that we added Minor and Major teams instead of 2 major teams in the Atom and Peewee ages. We also decided that we would only enter one bantam team being Major aged into AE as well. This initiative worked well at the Atom and Peewee levels with the 2 major teams making it to the league finals. Both Minor teams performed well against much bigger centers as well.
- It also decided to let 2 of our teams continue at the AA level for league this year and will need to address this in the coming months, with clear parameters in place we will need to adhere to these to



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ensure teams are placed at the right competitive level for all the players on these teams, not just a select few. Along with CW moving back to A this coming year should only strengthen our rep program.

- This year the OMHA implemented a new suspension list which now includes accumulated suspensions for repeat or frequent offenders. This has added about 14 new classifications to the suspension list. I am happy to report that Woolwich did not have any players or bench staff that were assessed this.

5) VP LL – Kurt Wilkie

- 13 LL teams this season in the Grand River league. 9 of 13 LL teams competed for a championship with 1 Novice, 1 Atom and all 3 Midget teams winning their division.
- 4 on 4 spring league has been well received again this year. 220 players have made up 4 teams in Novice division, 6 in Atom, 6 in PeeWee and 4 in Bantam/Midget. Thanks to all the coaches, Dave Lee, Tracey Williams, Jasmine Roth, Leanne Rollins, timekeepers and officials for making this a fun and successful league.

6) VP Coaching – Rob Moyer

- A & AA coaches selected and announced for next season.
- We held multiple coaching clinics for our coaches to improve their skills this year and they were well attended. Thanks to the Sugar Kings coaching staff for helping run these clinics and to Chris Williams for organizing a goalie instructor training clinic.
- The OMHA has implemented a new coach certification program and Paul Sinclair is our new coach evaluator.

7) VP Player Development Fred Hale / Rob Hall

- Development conducted online surveys for both our goaltending development program, led by Steve Sumka, and our power skating/skills development program led by Tony Code. We heard from approximately 20% of participants and feedback was very strong and very positive for both programs. We will be continuing both programs this coming season with a few adjustments.
- This year we offered 9 combined skating/skills and goaltending sessions to interested players in local league. Chris Taylor, a long-time coach in our system, was instrumental in organizing and driving participation in these sessions. He is to be commended for an excellent effort in that capacity. These sessions were attended by approximately 24 players, were offered at an excellent value and were successfully led by Tony Code and his staff.

8) Ice Scheduler – Tracey Williams

- Again, Scheduling was a big learning curve for me. It is somewhat of a “no win” situation, as we simply don’t have as much ice, as everyone would like. The difficulty lies in getting everyone fair ice and fair ice times. The goal was to give every rep team 5-6 practices a month and LL teams a minimum of 4 practices a month. For some teams, the additional practices, came with last minute additions to their schedules – which isn’t ideal. So, next year, we may have to go back to one morning practice a month, to get that 5th or 6th practice.
- For games, most of the feedback was concerning week day games and why we don’t generally have them and other Centres do. Again, we struggle with week day ice – we don’t get a lot of weekday “game appropriate” ice – ie, after 630pm. We can’t start games before 630pm and even then, that’s



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early to start for some Centres. So, most of our games have to take place on the weekend, when we have more ice.

- Question from the floor: What happens in the evening that we cannot get the ice? Sugar Kings, Girls hockey, User groups... Most games cannot be booked before 6:30 due to travel and timing of games.
- Comment from Jeff Weber ... from coaching the younger guys – not having weekday games is a blessing. The kids are exhausted and have not had much success with evening away games.
- Joe MacDonald; do the rep teams share a lot of ice times. Yes – it was share up to major pee we
- Chris Taylor – would the early times be available to the local league teams in the future? Yes absolutely – when the ice came available that each team got a full ice practise.
- Joe – does it look like there will be 17 kids per team again for next year. It's a tough call ... depends on the numbers17 is an awkward number and 11 is an awkward number. We are hoping we can balance it the best we can. We have also spoken about cutting off when we reach the magic number but we have always said yes. Maybe we need to consider saying no. Joe expressed how it was unfortunate that the kids with larger #'s

9) Office Administrator/Registrar – Tracey Williams

- Registration Summary
- Total registrants for the 2015-16 season was 605 – approx. 25 more players than last year.
- 39 teams total - 17 rep teams, 13 LL teams plus 4 PreNovice and 4 Initiation groups and our Special Hockey Team, the SunRays.
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- Hockey Office
- Since it was my first year in the Hockey Office, I want to thank everyone for their patience and support. I am hopeful the transition between our previous Office Manager and myself was relatively seamless. We did have some changes in our documentation requirements so that created some extra work on the Coaches/Managers and myself, but I think we figured it all out.

10) Fundraising Committee – Leanne Rollins

- We ran two very successful campaigns this year:
 - Sugar Kings Cash Calendars:
 - Teams sold 598 calendars total (an increase of 13 calendars over last year)
 - \$2990 was retained by the teams
 - WMHA profit was \$5980
 - Stemmler Meats:
 - This year, the WMHA Executive voted to allow teams to keep all profits from the Stemmler's fundraising campaign, and we saw a record number of sales:
 - Teams sold 6758 packages of pepperettes (an increase of 1430 packages over last year)
 - Profit kept by teams was \$11,791.50



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11) Tournament- Tracey Williams/Jasmine Roth

- Woolwich Weekend - The Weekend was a great success. We had 40 teams participating this year - 6 divisions: Minor Peewee, Peewee AE, Peewee LL, Minor Bantam, Bantam AE and Bantam LL from all over Ontario – as far away as Ottawa.
- We had 3 Woolwich Champions this year – Minor Peewee, Major Peewee AE and Minor Bantam teams winning the Championship and several other teams making the Semi Finals and Finals.
- Question from Dan Weir - is it mandatory for the teams to participate or is it optional? Yes it is mandatory; however for the exchange they receive a discounted entry fee.
- Woolwich Cup Challenge - With a total of 24 novice & atom teams participating from across Ontario we were able to raise just over \$7,000 for WMHA. Looking forward to another great year. Thank you.

12) Sponsorship – Christa Pollock/Ken Flaherty

- All teams were required to submit a picture with their sponsor and then all photos were voted on.
- We were only able to collect approx. \$10k in sponsorship this year however we have David Paisley and Tyler Mathews now on the executive to step in and take this to the next level. The plan is to run the sponsorship contest was well to add value to our sponsors this year

13) Webmaster – Leanne Rollins

- On our third full year using the website system, things now run smoothly. Most teams used their subsite, and we once again used the tournament module for the Woolwich Cup, Woolwich Weekend, and the 4 on 4 Spring League. We're also taking advantage of features such as online forms, and we're investigating payment options to offer online payment for the upcoming 2016-2017 season.
- We were able to use a new Game Officials module to simplify both scheduling and payment for timekeepers. After a few initial hiccups as the kids learned the new online system, the system quickly proved very useful. We attempted to bring the Elmira District Hockey Referee Association on board with this module, but due to some differences in existing policies and procedures, we were not able to make it happen. Our goal is to work with EDHRA over the summer to bring them onto the WMHA solution and start taking advantage of shared systems for the upcoming hockey season.

14) Photos – Pat Leonard

- Thank you to all the teams, coaches, managers and Jasmine Roth Photography for making everything run smooth.
- Team photographs will be delivered to sponsors and thanked for their support of the Woolwich Minor Hockey Association.

15) Concussion Management – Dave Lee

- Comment from the floor: Jeff Weber - We had 2 kids on our team with concussions this year and Dave was very good and quick getting back to us.
- Mouthguards – Chris Taylor – any movement to get rid of them? Who is it mandated by? Rob Waters confirmed that OMHA basically for insurance claims.
- Paul Lucier - The \$25 goes right to the administration? Is there any competition ... Is there



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- Steve Gibson – kid went thru concussion program and they don't even look at the baseline testing and that it was for older ages and is it something that we still continue. Rob recommends feeding it back to Dave the Grand River didn't even look at it. This way Dave can follow up with them.
- Chris Taylor – Training for concussion – was 3 years ago. Learned a lot and was hoping that is something that we can maybe look at bringing in again.

16) Spiritwear – Leanne Rollins

- We all lived through the Red vs. Blue transition year for the Bauer jackets. I'm happy to say that it went quite smoothly, and the players are looking great in their blue jackets. We decided to switch back to blue jackets and outerwear because of difficulty the supplier had sourcing red jackets from Bauer in a timely manner. Blue jackets are stocked by Bauer almost continuously, so it is much easier to ensure quickly delivery and creasing of the blue garments. Just a reminder that red jackets will NOT be available to order for Woolwich players as of the 2016-2017 hockey year.
- We reached agreement with two vendors this year who both sold Woolwich spiritwear: SportZone and PKSportsweat. We thank all teams for respecting our request to purchase spiritwear from these authorized vendors only.
- WMHA received \$449.00 from Sportzone spiritwear sales, and \$1350 in Bauer bucks from participation in the Sportszone Bauer program. In addition, WMHA will receive a percentage of spiritwear sales from Sportzone. At time of writing, the amount from Sportzone is not yet determined.
- Zach – do they have specific items that they each can sell? Yes – both businesses do.
- Scott Basler – photo night it was a lot to have Jeremy and the photos in the same room.

17) New Business from the floor

- Ron Gowing: Tyke Select – outside evaluator – what was cost? Rob M – cost was \$440.00. Evaluator is to pick top 10. Rob W: Coaches should be embracing this as well as it takes a lot of the pressure of the coaches for picking the team. We could definitely communicate to the parents how the tryout is done and selected.
- Vanessa Belanger: What is that the thinking behind the outside evaluators for Tyke? Response - First rep team we want to be a positive experience.
- Joe MacDonald – Why do we pick all players for the rep teams instead of just going with 10 players, why not just hold a few spots open for those who develop over the summer or move into the area? Rob W: Cost is the biggest reason. Would have to hold more tryouts and would cost more. They can also always play AE.
- Paul Lucier – Thoughts of making 6 defenceman an option for Rep teams? Rob W – need approval from executive based on numbers. Coaches need to also let exec know before tryouts so we can run the numbers to see if they are able to do so.
- AE program – Jeff Weber commented about how great it was and how successful they were. Also helped develop and additional 3 local league kids.



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Amendments for constitution

- 1) Remove voting member from township – carried
- 2) Sit on board of sunrays – carried
- 3) Maybe allowed to serve as head coach – carried
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- 5) Timekeepers / oversee - carried
- 6) Financial review – carried
- 7) Removed schedules - carried
- 8) Office hours – carried
- 9) Advertised website – carried
- 10) Sponsorship – carried
- 11) Sponsorship banners prohibited – carried
- 12) Publicity – carried
- 13) Newsletter editor – carried
- 14) Recommended slate of coaches before March – carried
- 15) Coach for more than 2 years – carried
- 16) Jackets to spirtwear – carried
- 17) Rep coaches approved – carried
- 18) Refs association – carried
- 19) LL – falls under local league – carried

Positions available on the Executive

President – Rob Moyer - Mike L / Kurt - carried
VP Rep – Zach Barriage – Tracey / Leanne - carried
VP Development – Rob Hall / Chris Paquette - carried
VP Coaching – Paul Lucier / Kurt Wilkie - carried
Director of Photos – Barry Keen / Zach Barriage – carried
Woolwich Weekend - Vacant
Woolwich Cup - Vacant
Fundraising - Vacant
Spiritwear – Vacant
Assistant positions will be appointed after the meeting along with the secretary.

Send agenda out to parents ahead of time

Conclude 10:24pm