



WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Executive Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2013 (February Meeting)

LOCATION: WMC Meeting Room

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Steve Hanley

SECRETARY: Leanne Rollins

Present: Steve Hanley, Paul Wilson, Jodi Young, Rob Waters, Jasmine Roth, Leanne Rollins, Garry Mayberry, Brent Bloch, Chris Williams, Fred Hale

Absent: Chris Schnarr, Dave Lee, Deb Good, Eric Brubacher, Tracey Williams, Tom Arndt

This meeting was rescheduled for March 5th due to an insufficient number of executive members in attendance on February 26th.

1) Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion to accept previous minutes: Jasmine Roth, seconded by Leanne Rollins

2) President's Report - Steve Hanley

- AGM is April 15th (at 8pm)
- Reviewed action items from last minutes.
- Date for year-end banquet is set for Sunday, April 14th at Lion's Hall – **Steve to confirm tomorrow**
- Esso awards – we received three per team – **After receiving input from Steve, Jodi will send out an email to the teams to get the award process started.** We will need to confirm attendance numbers so we can order pizza and drinks accordingly.
- Friends of Hockey will sponsor the Spirit Award this year – **Jodi will take care of ordering the plaques.**

3) Treasurer Report – Deb Good

- Absent – emailed report
- No financial changes – Steve asking for a more detailed report – Deb is working to split out the costs
- **Deb will provide an updated statement for review before the AGM**
- Cheques to teams for cash calendars are signed and finalized today
- Only Midget AE's have not paid for name bars
- Most ice should be returned to the township since only 5 teams are possibly moving on to the Tri-County finals.

4) VP Rep – Paul Wilson

- Any interest in hosting Midget All-Star game next year? Centre must pick up the ice fees for it and the ref costs. Usually during an afternoon in November (weekend after the tournament). Possible to get the refs to waive their fees, but expecting approximately \$1000 in out of pocket costs. **We will consider it and re-visit at the next meeting.**
- AAA Midget are having open tryouts in Ontario (any OMHA team) as a pilot program for 2013-2014. Any Major Midgets wishing to tryout are free to move to any OMHA team they so wish. If they wish to



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go to the GTHL/KW, etc. they require a permission to skate letter. Tryouts will start around August 23rd and will run for approx. 2 weeks, which may affect AA Midget tryouts.

- Tri-County has decided to assign officials for the championship series, and they will be paid cash. Cash will be given to the team managers. The finals must complete by March 31st.
- Skaters must be registered with Woolwich prior to trying out for other centres. They can register online and can post-date a cheque for August.
- Paul would like to formally document the process for cancelling a game due to snow. If it is storming, pick a designated time frame when the team is leaving (i.e. between 4 and 4:30), have cell phones ready, and if the coach and/or manager is en-route and calls it bad weather, they call out on the phone tree and spread the word. **Paul will have a draft of the policy ready for next month and we can introduce it at the AGM.**

5) VP LL – Tom Arndt

- Absent

6) VP Coaching – Rob Waters

- Rob has approx. 250 evaluations back for coaching. Approx. 50 percent return rate. Not all teams have sent out the forms (still sitting in the mailboxes today).
- Applications are posted on the website and Jodi has posted hard copies in the mailboxes. Decisions will be beginning of March 31st.
- Rob is close to completing the ice use analysis and is looking at options for next year regarding ice allocation for next year. **Will present findings at next meeting.**
- Rob would like to see our tryouts start immediately following the AAA tryouts (last week of April, first week of May). This would require the township to leave the ice in for an extra week. The executive should plan for this next year.

7) VP Player Development – Eric Brubacher/Fred Hale

- Had discussions about plans for next year to fill Eric's role.
- Fred thinks that Jeff Weber and Chad Dawson are doing an excellent job.
- Fred had less time than he planned and did not accomplish as much as he wanted to with the 4/5's, and also thinks that next year more time with the coaches to implement the CHIPS program will be necessary. A few parents did not understand why the kids were not playing full-ice games early in the season, but that is the CHIPS method (skill development focus and small area games).
- Initiation development requires a designated person. Player development will need another person also. **The executive needs to find a person to help the younger group next year.**

8) Ice Scheduler – Deb Good

- Deb would like a projection on how long the jerseys will last for budget allocation purposes (Garry thinks 5 years for below Midget, 3 years for older). Average of 4 years.

9) Office Administrator/Registrar – Jodi Young

- Left early!



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10) Fundraising Committee – no representative

- No rep.

11) Tournament- Tracey Williams/Jasmine Roth

- Must have the final totals for the tournaments - we need a report including outstanding payments if not yet received.
- Tracey is absent, but she indicated she is waiting for the hotel money to be submitted.
- Jasmine thinks the Novice tournament cleared approx. \$1800, which is excellent for the first tournament. Plans to increase the number of teams for next year.

12) Equipment – Garry Mayberry

- Garry would like feedback about the jerseys - breathability, size, etc. Before we order the next wave of jerseys, we can open it up for feedback. The name bar font could perhaps change. Just get the feedback from the coaches and managers - not directly from the parents.
- Garry estimates that we need to replace 5 sets of away jerseys this year (rep). **We will need to address the next jersey order in April.**
- Pre-Novice jerseys used for exhibition games may need to be replaced – they only wear the Woolwich jerseys for the exhibition games.
- Storage – Garry is wondering where to put all the extra jersey's when they are all returned at the end of the season. There is also a lot of old equipment that needs to be purged. Garry is willing to put a few tables up at the garage sale to sell some of the old equipment. **Steve to find out if there will be a cost involved to set up a table from the township.**
- The incorrect name bars are fixed and now distributed. The resized goalie jerseys are in, but since some teams are done, they will be kept until next year.

13) Sponsorship – Chris Williams

- Working on obtaining cheques from committed sponsors, hoping to have all sponsor \$ by the end of the month.
- Steve will approach the town and discuss with Jodi possibilities of a permanent banner listing sponsors rather than putting sponsor names directly on the jerseys.
- The executive agrees that we need a new sponsorship model (i.e. banners) going forward.

14) Webmaster – Leanne Rollins

- **Leanne to send out financial information about moving our association website to an automated, hosted model.** If approved, we could move the site over the summer to the new model and be ready to roll it out for September.
- Steve will ask for input from the girls association about the transition and difficulties they experienced when they moved to this model.

15) Referees – Brent Bloch (on behalf of Mark Trimble)

- Brent would like suggestions regarding how to prevent a similar situation from happening that occurred at a midget game, resulting in a ref suspension.
- Rob suggests trying to avoid assigning the same refs to the same teams consistently. Rob also suggests that there are particular refs that receive the most complaints.
- Rob will provide Brent with concrete examples and asks Brent to follow through on as he sees fit.



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- Brent would like to address the verbal abuse the refs are subjected to. He suggests posting our code of conduct at the entrance to the building.
- The refs present a coaches trophy each year – it's likely in the trophy case. **Steve will let Brent know when the banquet will be, and Brent will let Steve know whose name goes on the trophy. The Ref association will pay for the engraving.**

16) Photos – Chris Schnarr

- Absent

17) Concussion Management – Dave Lee

- Absent

Planning for 2013/2014 Year

The follow positions will be open next year due to executive members leaving or potentially switching positions:

- President
- Vice President, Rep
- Vice President, Player Development
- Vice President, Local League
- Executive Secretary
- Photos
- Equipment Manager
- Tournament Chair

If you know of someone who is interested in a position, please contact an executive member immediately. Ideally, interested candidates should attend the AGM in April to put forth their nomination.

Next Meeting:

March 26th

Adjournment – 9:30 p.m.