



WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Executive Meeting Minutes - May 22, 2012

LOCATION: WMC Meeting Room

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Steve Hanley

SECRETARY: Leanne Rollins

Present: Steve Hanley, Paul Wilson, Rob Waters, Eric Brubacher, Chris Williams, Garry Mayberry, Jodi Young, Fred Hale, Mark Trimble, Gord Maier, Tom Arndt

Absent: Deb Good, Chris Schnarr

1) Minutes of Previous Meetings

- Business arising from previous minutes (March 28, 2012). Motion by Tom Arndt to accept the minutes, seconded by Chris Williams. All in favour, motion passed.

2) President's Message - Steve Hanley

- Woolwich Swag: We need to define a position on the council for clothing/swag. This person could create a subcommittee, responsible for establishing a tender guideline, logo guidelines, vendor selection, etc. We need to establish a contract with one provider to get specific items like t-shirts, pucks, pins, etc. Teams want to buy for a tournament, but at a decent price point.
- **Action Item:** Leanne to send out an email to the former hockey Mom list to see if anyone will take this on. Duties of this role: act as the main contact for all issues related to swag, select items that would serve the members best, line up vendors, pricing. Obtain proposals from vendors. Person needs to contact teams, must solicit input from the teams. Must be at the photo day. They could handle any special requests.

3) Treasurer Report – Deb Good

- Absent – no report

4) Committee Reports

a) VP Rep – Paul Wilson

- Tri-county
 - i. Tri-county is still looking for a host of the Midget all-star game – 2 or 3 games played, tri-county covers cost of meal, whoever hosts must cover cost of ice. Are we interested? Nov 17 or 18. Need 6 hours of ice. We need a decision by the next tri-country meeting.



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- New Hamburg will stay in A/AE loop. Owen Sound is back in loop from Minor PeeWee and up.
 - i. Officials – debate over and who is hosting: town officials assign, or OMHA assigning? Will likely be battled at every meeting.
 - ii. Motions for annual meeting are posted on OMHA website. One motion could be of concern to our association— in preliminary rounds, OMHA is thinking of taking out overtime, so points would be prevail. We would be the only league that wouldn't have overtime once in the playoffs.

b) VP LL – Tom Arndt

- Grand River meeting happened May 1st. Vote was to keep contact for LL this year. Only Ayr voted no. Five centres put it to a vote for their membership, all others made executive decisions.
- The league is recommending that we have a 3 ref system at Bantam at the LL level.
- Regarding entry fees for local league games, fees will stay. \$2 entry fee.

c) VP Coaching – Rob Waters

- Dan Snyder report – Dan Snyder Foundation covered the cost of the hall and the pizza for the day. Contributing \$1027 for the day.
- Met with coaches selection committee – by tonight should have the A teams decided. Leaving AE teams until the fall.
- Coach's dinner is next Thursday at the golf club. 50 confirmed, anticipating between 70-75 people. **Action:** Rob will let Tom know which LL teams did not respond.
- Coaches have requested that they have input on their game and practice times this coming season. Would like to try to be accommodating as possible... will be lots of rescheduling required to fit it in. Paul indicates that ice times (for games) have to go in June 1st to tri-country for rep.
- Concussion testing – Rob to send Leanne the package to get it uploaded to inform local league that it is coming.

d) Ice Scheduler – Deb Good

- Absent

e) Office Administrator/Registrar – Jodi Young

- We are at 219 registrations right now; only 3 juvenile. May 31st is registration deadline.
- Jodi got keys for the Dan Snyder cabinet; we can load it up. Ideas are a digital photo frame, some trophies (recent). Would have to put an email in the newsletter asking for pics from teams. **Action:** Jodi will price out a photo frame. Possibility of looking into a donation from either Walmart or maybe Elmira photo lab.



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- Chad Nichols has a photocopier (Ricoh Aficio, 2022) at the insurance company he works at – want to get rid of it and are willing to give it to WMH. Current lease is \$64.72 quarterly (250 / year – includes toner). Jodi will call Canon to see if we break the lease, but need to re-lease, would there be a price increase?
- Do we want to advertise in the Woolwich Community Guide? \$140, comes out in August. Steve does not think we get much benefit from it. Voted No.
- Coach's clinics – running August 21st (refresher), D1 is 25/26th. Getting lots of response. Trainers and Speak Out is online. No need to host locally. Jodi will look at list and see who is expiring in local league.

f) Fundraising Committee – no representative

- No representative

g) Tournament- Tracey Williams (absent)

- Tracey has sanction permits that need to be signed by Steve and Jodi
- Tournament is November 9/10/11.
- Wildcat weekend – local league Feb 8/9. Has received all advertising fees, and will be providing WMA \$ this week. Must file permits before teams can be recruited. Dates for local league tourney are open for discussion. Question is if Deb can fit it into the schedule, and balance end of local league regular season, plus rep requirements for second round of playoffs. Permits must be filed by Sept 15th, but it goes on their website as soon as it is sanctioned.

h) Equipment – Garry Mayberry

- Have almost all equipment back. Still trying to put it all away.
- Follow up on insurance plan – what are final thoughts on the \$1000 plan to insure the equipment room (not in a car). WMHA will cover costs if set of jerseys get stolen (historical decision – this does not happen often, if at all).
- Request for carbon copy forms for the equipment release form. St. Jacobs Printery did them in years past. Would be good to give team manager/coach a copy. Currently give them no record at all. Garry will check with the Printery on pricing.
- Garry is talking to jersey suppliers – need a discussion on price point. Tenders must go out. Need to know # of sets we will order to get a better idea of price point. **Action:** Garry to provide Deb with wish-list numbers so she can start working the budget.

i) Sponsorship – Chris Williams

- Has 6 more photos to hand out to sponsors
- Trying to figure out how many are coming back next year. Need to confirm that certain sponsors are returning (i.e. Goods Auto).



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j) Webmaster – Leanne Rollins

- Met with Brian for transfer, all ready to make updates.

k) Player Development – Fred

- Nothing to report yet

l) Referees – Mark Trimble

- Brent Lock is Vice-President of refs again; either Brent or Mark will attend the WMHA meetings
- Is the 3 man system for PeeWee open for discussion? Went down to 2 because it was a cost-savings effort that eliminated a few thousand from the budget. It is a development opportunity for the younger officials, good environment for them to learn. **Action:** Table this discussion for next month at the budget meeting.
- **Action:** Need a discussion about what the girls system does to sync refs with games – need to have a discussion with Deb about making this a more efficient process. To be done in the next month.

5) New Business

- Golf tournament – to be scheduled in September, sometime around the second week of tryouts (12/13th). We need to recruit someone to run and organize it. Need sponsors, prizes, putting contests, extra things that happen at the day to make easy cash. Suggestion that a Sunday would be best. Ask around for a volunteer.
- Motion: Introduce an additional Minor PeeWee AE. Two options: a) Put them in the Minor Pee Wee in the Harrison Division (AE) or b) Smith division (strong A). 38 in the 2000 age group are currently registered, 54 in the 2001 age group. Would leave one local league team in PeeWee. This would create two AE teams. One regular team – mix of major/minor (limited to 2-3 minors), the second would be minor only. Fred expressed his opinion that this will be very worthwhile, and provide more development opportunity. The four Atom Woolwich teams finished in the top 6. The AE team was made up of 11 2001's. Two or three more would fit right into the team. If no additional team, about 8 skilled players will have to return to local league, and they will crush all other local teams, but also be limited in their development. Fred firmly believes it's the right move. Rob thinks the Major team should have as many Majors as possible.



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Decision (after a lengthy discussion): Fred forwarded the motion. Garry seconded the motion. Everybody was in favour. Will be reviewed next year. Details:

- WMHA will field two teams: Minor AE in the Russell division; Major AE in the Harrison division.
- Stagger the tryouts; have at least two Major PeeWee AE tryouts prior to the first Minor PeeWee AE tryout. Allow coach from Major team to cut early.
- Be prepared to let a couple minors to play on the team, but encourage the coach to take the Majors when appropriate. We will limit the Major PeeWee A team to 15 skaters.
- **Action:** Paul to determine when we need to submit our motion to which division the teams will play in.
- Motion: Move the Minor Atom team to AA. They did not finish in first place last year, but did finish 3rd. All parents from the Minor Novice team agreed they want to move up. Last year, they were soundly beating all other teams besides CW and NH. Paul's concern is that we must put some criteria in place for moving the teams from A to AA. They could win an OMHA championship this year, but the concern is that they could blow all other teams away in A this year.

Decision: Chris forwarded the motion, seconded by Rob Waters, all in favour (Paul abstained from the vote). Paul will forward the motion, but the league could say no.

- Austin Whittam is very sick, diagnosed with Leukemia. Steve and Chris will determine if WMHA can contribute something to the family.
- We need the services of someone who sews. We have some jerseys that have small rips or tears that need repairing. Please ask around.

6) Next Meeting - ?

- June 26th – budget meeting; discussion only, no voting.
- August meeting is latest we can vote on the budget.

Adjournment – 9:45