



WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Executive Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2012

LOCATION: WMC Meeting Room

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIR/PRESIDENT: Paul Wilson

SECRETARY: Jasmine Roth

Present:, Paul Wilson, Eric Brubacher, Garry Mayberry, Jodi Young, Fred Hale, Tom Arndt, Tracey Williams, Jasmine Roth, Deb Good, Chris Williams, Chris Schnarr, Mark Trimble, Dave Lee

Absent: Steve Hanley, Rob Waters, Leanne Rollins

1) Minutes of Previous Meetings

Error: \$800 for Tri- County dinner s/b \$400

Motion to accept previous minutes: Chris Schnarr, second : Dave Lee

2) President's Report - Steve Hanley

- Congratulations to Tim Waters and his team on a successful golf tournament. Preliminary numbers show approx \$7,500 in profit made for the new jersey's. Only 40 golfers registered, so it was discouraging with lack of participation.
- Deb suggested that possibly hold the tournament closer to the end of Sept, so the hockey season is a few more weeks underway. It was also noted that there were a few teams away for hockey tournaments.
- Fundraising: Contemplating having a flat fee. \$50, \$75 or \$100 built right into registration mainly due to lack of participation.
- Owen Sound OHL game –Profit was \$292.50.
- New jersey's – Pro Joy out of Guelph is the supplier, Steve and Garry have been working together to get the process underway.

3) Treasurer Report – Deb Good

- On track compared to last year. Leaving the fundraising as is on the budget until it is decided what we are doing.
- Novice tournament is looking to make a profit of \$1000.
- Must leave Tri-County dinners in – Paul said at the meeting it was voted to keep it going.
- 2012 Tryout fees collected \$5,840.

4) VP Rep – Paul Wilson

- Tri-County Christmas dinner is still a go – cost will be \$400 for 8 tickets
- Team Login's were sent to Deb and she has sent them out. There was a delay due to scheduling conflicts on the OMHA end.
- Player movement – reopening it again – recommended by OMHA to make home centre to look as "inviting" as possible. We want to make players want to play here instead of going elsewhere. OMHA didn't elaborate but gave the heads up something is coming down the pipes.
- Try-outs – all completed! A few bumps but things are running smoother. Rosters have had a few hiccups basically due to coach transfers, but still being worked out.



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- Juvenile team is a go! Looking at a rep fee now because they chose a league where they play more games – approx 20-22 vs the 13 in the past.
- Midget AE is also a go.

5) VP LL – Tom Arndt

- There are convenors and coaches for all divisions.
- We need to decide number of teams for the Pee Wee and Novice local league teams; Pee Wee - possibly 18 per team will be 2 or 3 teams. Maximum 19 players allowed on rosters for LL teams. Currently we have no goalie or coaches for a 3rd Pee Wee team so we will go with 2 teams.
- Novice LL – Steve and Tom have received quite a few requests regarding 4 teams and full ice practises.
 - Discussion :
 - If we go with 3 teams, 16 skaters plus goalie – every 3rd week full ice practise.
 - If we go with 4 teams 13 per team. 12 skaters plus goalie – no full ice practise
 - If we accommodate for Novice do we do it for Atom and Pee Wee who all have 16 per team?
 - Fred: thought that four teams would benefit development more than three teams. Studies show, lower number of kids equals more ice time which helps the development of the children. With respect to young players, significant research has been done on the developmental benefit of small area games and drills - which is what you get when you run split ice practices. By running effective practices on half ice (vs full ice) you can actually improve developmental gains of young players. With 16 skaters kids will receive only 3-4 shifts per game because Novice games are shorter and they are slower. The children don't shift as often.
 - Eric agreed with Fred expressing concern about development.
 - It was brought up that if kids are ill, the team could be short players often throughout the season. 12 skaters does not leave much room for absent / sick children.
 - Fred – guaranteed 4 Mini 6 kids that are skilled enough to move up
 - It was confirmed that the kids must be 6 year olds – OMHA has mandated that any children 5 and under are no longer permitted to move up.
 - The ice time for the extra games for the 4th Novice team has already been allocated and the ice is not an issue. We will only need a few more funds for the ref's.
 - Deb made **Motion**: For Novice Local league to have 3 teams vs the 4 and leave numbers at 16 per team. Tom has seconded it. **Vote**: 3 in favour – 4 against. Motion passed to have 4 Novice teams this year. Tom will advise convenor and Fred will come out to evaluate mini 6's to ensure the right kids move up.
- Grand River is emphasizing 3 ref's for Bantam and Midget local league.

6) VP Coaching – Rob Waters

- All rep teams have been selected and coaching staff in place.
- Some teams used letters – good feedback parents appreciated it. Last 6-8 cuts were done personally and parents seemed to appreciate the honesty and positive feedback/criticism.
- Exhibition games –feedback – they need to be scheduled earlier (1st week of tryouts) instead of later in the tryout process.



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7) VP Player Development – Eric Brubacher/Fred Hale

- Mini's off to great start – Fred has attended several practices to offer support to the coaching staff.
- Mini 6 practise well organized, lots of help. Next hurdle - to possibly be the movement of 3 or 4 players.
- Spoke to Tim W to help bring a manual together for the mini 4/5's in future years. Tim has coached for several years and is the right guy to put it together.
- Are mini 6's allowed to enter into a few tournaments? Yes – this year it will be Wallace fun days and another local tournament.
- Age 5 and under is no longer allowed to move up or participate any tournaments. Mandated by OMHA. Paul to confirm with OMHA for next meeting. Main concern is Wallace fun days.

8) Ice Scheduler – Deb Good

- Only issue is the juvenile's. They are in a more competitive loop. We don't have any set ice for them during the week. What is the solution? Do we provide less practises and lower rep fees? How do we determine the fees? Paul recommends waiting until the schedule comes out and then seeing how it plays out.
- Deb proposing that we base their rep fees based on the number of practises they receive? All in agreement that it seems fair that we do that. She will continue that direction.

9) Office Administrator/Registrar – Jodi Young

- Midget AE – Jodi has not rec'd anything – team list being the most important.
- Rosters are going well. The majority of the Rep teams have their rosters complete.
- Local League – Jodi is ready to go. Wants to get them all complete and out the door.

10) Fundraising Committee – no representative

- Cash calendars – Jodi's goal is to have them out in a few weeks.
- Peppercakes – Hope them delivered by Christmas.

11) Tournament- Tracey Williams/Jasmine Roth

- Lots of emails, the usual stuff and interest. We have some volunteers coming forward to help out.
- Jasmine: Woolwich teams will receive a \$100 discount for the tournament because it is mandatory for them to participate. Received a lot of interest already.

12) Equipment – Garry Mayberry

- All equipment is out except for Novice.
- Working on the sponsorship changes for the jerseys. May have someone local to sew the bars on.

13) Sponsorship – Chris Williams

- All things looking good.
- Need sponsors for juvenile, the 4th novice team and Minor Pee Wee AE

14) Webmaster – Leanne Rollins

- Not present – no report



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15) Referees – Mark Trimble

- Regular season is starting this weekend, just a reminder have a coach go to ref's room 30 mins prior to game time just to avoid any problems. If there is a problem then there is a call list in the room to contact additional ref's.
- Deb would like receive confirmations just so she is assured the ref's will be there —and can confirm that ref's will be there. Mark will see if this can happen but it should not be a problem.
- Can we rotate the ref's so we don't always see the same ref's for the same games? Yes, Mark is going to make sure this happens.

16) Photos – Chris Schnarr

- Jasmine was asked to step out of the room to avoid any conflict of interest.
- It was voted that Jasmine Roth Photography would have the tender for this year. Chris and Jasmine to meet at a later time and date.

17) Concussion Management – Dave Lee

- Looking for 195 rep players to take it, 171 have taken it to date.

Next Meeting:

October 30th

Adjournment – 9:10