



Kemptville District Minor Hockey Association



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2011

Location: Walmar Ventilation, 23 Precision Drive, Kemptville

Present: Karen Bedard, Jen Bellefontaine, Dann Bennett, Todd Durie, Sheila Eckford, Tracy Hughes, Pete Johnston, Steve Jonnson, Anne Leach, Bill McAdam, Angela Meulenbroek, Bart Millson, Pat Poirier, JC Thibault, Brent Thompson, Daina Warren

Regrets: Chris Droeske, Eric Lavoie, Greg Nixon, Lyndon Sands, Dave Van Zyl,

1. Call to Order

The meeting was chaired by Bart and called to order at 7:15 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mar. 24th minutes were approved as read. Motion to be approved made by Bart; seconded by Angela. All in favour. Motion carried

3. Business Arising from the Last Meeting

4. President's Report

Attended UC constitutional amendment meeting on Apr 4th.

- Number of housekeeping amendments and few substantive amendments proposed as well.
- Two motions were proposed by KDMHA and seconded by the District Chair Barb Levere.

Attended UC/D1 combined meeting on Apr 18th.

- Brief discussion of motions and amendments.
- D1 AGM scheduled for Sat May 7th at the Baldachin Inn in Merrickville – I will be attending with my wife, cost of \$30 per person to attend (cheque payable to District 1).
- UC AGM scheduled for Sat May 14th at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Cornwall – I will be attending with my wife, costs covered by UC budget.
- ODMHA/ODHA AGM scheduled for Sat June 18th at the Kemptville College – I will be attending with D1 colleagues and no costs to attend.

Membership & Coach Evaluation Surveys – almost completed and ready for distribution. Results will be presented Overall, Storm/Panthers, Competitive-Rep/House and by each division

Feedback to Coaches on Survey Results – each coach will receive a summary report based on the coach evaluation survey. Also almost completed and ready for distribution.

KDMHA AGM May 5th – Each exec member should have a written report ready for the AGM describing successes and challenges during the season, season stats (wins, losses, ties, regular season rankings), anything interesting/useful from the survey results (as applicable), one or two examples of changes and improvements for next season.

Need to do (after new executive): some guidance and processes in place for storage of files

Bart would like to propose the following motions at the AGM:

Amendment to Constitution

Motion:

New 16. h), 17. f) and 27,h).

- not allowed to compete for a head coach position. However, if no applications are received for the head coach position of interest by July 15th , he/she can apply according to the coach application process.

Rationale:

- Possible compromise of oversight abilities of position (e.g., discipline, etc.) given dual volunteer roles.
- Removes perception of bias in coach selection decisions.

Amendment to Rules and Regulations

Amendment 1:

Add two new sentences after first in section 6.0 - Final player selection will be from the group of six players so ranked in descending order. For example, if the team is going to carry 15, players will be ranked by the Player Selection Committee on a list that begins with 1- the best player, and ends with 18. In this example, final player selection must be from the group of players ranked 13-18. For goalie selections, goalies will be ranked by the Player Selection Committee on a list that begins with 1- the best goalie, through to the number of goalies participating. If a team is only going to carry one goalie, the coach must select from the top two ranked goalies. If a team is going to carry two goalies, the coach must select from the top four ranked goalies (numbers warranting).

Amendment 2:

Revise section 6.4.1 which currently reads - ... if the coaches child is ranked higher than the last three selections, the coach will assume his/her responsibilities for final player selection.

New proposed wording for section 6.4.1 - ... if the coach does not have a child on the team or if the coach's child is ranked higher than the last three selections, the coach will follow the process for final player selections as outlined in section 6.0.

Rationale for Both Amendments:

The intention of these amendments is for the coach to select the last three players from a pool of six so ranked in descending order. It has been argued that this is not explicitly stated and therefore, depending on the coach's view of the try-outs, he/she may want to select one or more players further ranked below the pool of six as described. Amendments also clarifies the selection process for goalies which is not addressed in the current Rules & Regs.

5. Vice-President Panthers

No report.

6. Vice-President Storm

No report.

7. Secretary

No report.

8. Registrar

New online registration system is coming along and should be ready for a "test drive" by the end of April. We need to decide registration fees before we ready to start officially.

Projected registration numbers for next year:

PANTHERS:

- Total Panthers: 559-560 for next year
- Usually have about 20 players who transfer in
- Expect about 37 players to leave for A, AA or AAA (Kings/Cyclones)
- Panthers numbers have decreased by a small margin each year (5 players per year approx.)

IP - 28 returning – forecast 70-100 new players to start hockey
Novice - 81 returning; 3 goalies
Atom - 99 returning; 7 goalies
Peewee - 93 returning; 5 goalies
Bantam - 77 returning; 5 goalies
Minor Midget - 39 returning; 3 goalies
Major Midget - 53 returning; 8 goalies

STORM:

- Total Storm: 197 for next year
- Had 27 new players this year
- Storm has steadily increased over the last few years, since 2007 about 30 new players per year.

Novice - 12 returning; no goalies
Atom - 23 returning; no goalies
Peewee - 26 returning; 1 goalies
Bantam - 54 returning; 2 goalies
Midget - 55 returning; 3 goalies

9. Coach Coordinator

Chris sends regrets. Still need to look at coach evaluation surveys.

10. Ref-in-Chief

Absent; sent regrets.

Matt Hobbs to go to Referee school in summer in Ottawa; he accepted and KDMHA pays for it.

11. Ice Convenor

Our ice contracts are completed and verified for 2010-2011 Winter Season. Application for Winter Ice for 2011-2012 will be due the end of May. North Grenville ice rental rates are set as follows for 2011-2012:

NG Youth Organized \$134 / hr plus HST up from \$130/ hr plus HST
Non-Resident \$212/ hr plus HST up from \$206/ hr plus HST

Spencerville Rates remain unchanged at \$124.40/ hr plus HST.

In preparation for the AGM I am currently verifying the results of the ice distribution by team for the season outlining total home ice usage. A summary will be made available to the membership for review and I will be happy to field questions and offer details to support the numbers at that time should the need arise.

Review of the Membership Survey "Ice" section has identified some great opportunities from improvement which can certainly be accomplished with minimal effort. Communication and education seem to be the underlying source of the majority of most of the critical points. With this I would like to propose and work with the appropriate executive members and volunteers to accomplish the following for the coming season:

- 1) Website improvements to scheduling - information, navigation and printing - look out webmaster!
- 2) Website improvements to scheduling accuracy - use of volunteers for input and update
- 3) New Season Membership Information Session
- 4) New Season Coach/Manager Information Session

12. Treasurer

Fees proposed to be the same for next year.

Pat will take another look at the numbers (finances) and get back to us.

Calendar cost to be added to registration fees.

13. Ways and Means

Appreciation plaques have been ordered for sponsors.

14. Risk and Safety

Regrets. Good to go for next season.

15. Tournament Convenor

I think things went well this year, but there is always room for improvement. The biggest thing I want to see be improved on is communication between the tournament convenor and the teams, and also with the arena.

The volunteers and groups running the tournaments did awesome, so much energy and pride taken in them, it was impressive.

I would be really happy to have any feedback and/or suggestions for next year to pass on or to carry forward depending on whether I am elected again for this position.

Thank you very much to Karen, the convenors and Bart for all the support.

Great job everyone, sorry to see some of you not returning as I felt you made a good contribution to the group.

16. Equipment

1st return date was April 9 -- only 4 teams (Panther & Storm) returned on this date.

2nd return date set for April 30 -- 10 - 1 pm -- James Street Storage unit.

Nothing else to report at this time. He is following up with coaches after checking through equipment to have them follow up on missing jerseys.

17. Storm Novice/Atom PeeWee Convenor

The ODWHA League Championships were held in Kemptville on April 2.

PeeWee House 2 was our only Storm team to make it to Championship Day, and they came out the Champs after defeating Carleton Place 2-1 in a shoot out.

PeeWee C Storm made it to the quarter finals at the OWHA Provincials held in Toronto April 8-10.

Way to go Storm!!

Jen asked about organizing a Storm Surge to allow girls to try hockey who haven't tried it before. Jen will set that up; Karen will look into ice.

18. Bantam/Midget Convenor

Bill's recommendation for the new convenor would be to have at the maximum 1 competitive team per level and 2 house teams, based on the low standing this year.

Angela made a suggestion: if a girl tries out for Storm and then jumps to another organization, an admin fee should be charged, unless we get a letter stating they've made a higher level team. Something to this effect should be on the registration form. Many girls jump to another organization and it affects our team numbers.

19. IP Convenor

Tournament went well; Spartacat came to the tournament for a visit and he was a hit.

20. Novice Convenor

Tournament went well.

Still waiting on one team to return equipment and jerseys.

21. Atom Convenor –

Atom CH3 won the Upper Canada Playoff Championship taking Smiths Falls in a 4 game sweep.

Atom BH1 and Atom CH4 participated in the Ottawa Year End Tournament for Roger's House. CH4 were the B-side Champs while BH1 participated in the Atom A tournament and put in a very strong showing.

Equipment returns.

Goalie sets have been returned. A few pieces lent out for 4 on 4 Spring session.

Reminder of equipment drop off has been sent to all Atom Coaches and Mangers.

Jerseys are being dropped off at the Storage locker by each team.

Update on 4 on 4: we currently have 170 registered for the spring session; he is trying to fill a few more spots. Online registration is currently closed. Payments will hopefully be through TelPay. Still trying to figure out the fee. Reversible jerseys are in.

Bart let Dann know that UC will want us to do 1-3-3 next year for team divisions.

New McDonald's jerseys – we discussed how to order and what to do with the jerseys.

22. Peewee Convenor –

PW went all the way to

PWB won the Kids for Kids tournaments

23. Bantam Convenor –

Good year at Bantam.

24. Midget Convenor –

Good year at Midget

UC – some discussions about non-checking; refereeing was inconsistent because it was new at Midget and refs didn't necessarily know how to handle it.

25. Juvenile Convenor –

At UC; some other associations interested in Juvenile for next year.

26. New Business –

"Summer work" – idea proposed for Daina – KDMHA should look at having a photo day.

Equipment tender for jackets so teams could order once a month/twice a month.

27. Meeting adjourned at 9:05.