STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Stittsville Minor Hockey Association

Tuesday March 1, 2016

Sobeys Stittsville

Attendance:

Tim Sheehan*	Jackie Kimmerly*	Patti Bokij*	Ryan Goodwin*
Chris St Germain*	Maggie Zobarich*	Chris Weir*	Beth Girardi*
Jeff McNamee	Tom Stephens	Megan Austin	Jeff McNamee
Robert Smith	Fiona Livingstone		

*denotes voting Executive members

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm with Tim Sheehan chairing.

a) Approval of Agenda

A motion was made (Patti Bokij/Maggie Zobarich) to approve the agenda.

Motion Approved

b) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made (Chris St Germain/Maggie Zobarich) to approve the January meeting minutes, with corrections.

Motion Approved

c) Conflict of Interest

Quorum was established, voting members acknowledged and conflicts none.

2. D4 + LCMHL Update – Tim Sheehan

a) LCMHL- Tim reported that everything is running smoothly. Playoffs are heading into the 2nd round this Saturday April 5th. Two Novice House League teams, C1 + C4, played the entire season without having any penalties. Both teams will be recognized by both the LCMHL and SMHA for this accomplishment in sportsman-like behaviour. There was lots of discussion regarding the tiering of teams. There are other districts that don't follow the HEO guidelines for tiers. There will be more accountability in the future. House League Midget division was also discussed at length. There was good discussion regarding several options for the Midget division, including:

* making Midget a solid division, with an A level
*continuing with a Minor Midget division, also with an A level

The difficulties with a Minor Midget division include:
*we are the only association with a Minor Midget level
*it is hard to find tournaments
*late night games and practices

Midget division will be decided at the LCMHL table, sometime in August.

b) D4 – Tim reported that the grant money the HEO received from Hockey Canada will be used to develop an app for Novice and Atom divisions. Tim also reported there will now be a By-law Committee and as of March 8th there will be a new voting structure. SMHA's 2 votes will go with our District's chair to go to HEO meetings. With the SMHA losing its 2 votes to D4, there should be a reciprocal 2 votes given to the association at the D4 table. The HEO is opening up eTransfers and sanction fees will be going up $20/team. The new fee structure will be: $60/House League and $130/Rep B. There is a large Risk + Safety meeting being held this Saturday at the CTC. There are currently 170 coaches within the branch; that do not have Respect in Sport. Tim also reported that Girl's hockey will not come under HEO. D2 will not be hosting Rep B next year. There was some discussion about bringing back Midget AA Minor. There have been 4 individuals who have put their names in for consideration to be the Silver 7 representative. All Districts were given $14,000 each by the Branch to develop hockey. Each association will get $1, 000 – some of the money will be used for referee development + there was discussion to give money towards rep coaches.

3. VP Finance Report – Chris St Germain

Chris reported that everything looks good. We were sitting at $101,000 and $100,000 in a GRC that matures in August. We are 95% transferred from TD to Scotiabank, regarding the association's banking. House League finances are at a surplus of $33, 000, there is still $22, 000 in outstanding ice – Craig has given back 60 hours so far. There are still some outstanding fees, including: referee payments, Spring goalie clinics and the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Night. Overall, we should break even at the end of the year. RAMS Competitive finances are coming in short at around $22, 000 - $23, 000. There will definitely be an increase to fees, around $125 next year. The shortfall is due to: an increase in insurance, the amount of ice used and the cost of referees. The association received $7, 500 from the Dodge Caravan sponsorship program for the Novice division; which worked out to $500/team. The IP program is sponsored by Canadian Tire and is not allowed to request extra sponsorship from the Dodge program.

4. VP Support Services – Angelo Miceli

Risk + Safety – Patti reported on the current **investigations** on-going:

1. Southend Tournament incident – this is still pending as Patti is still waiting for information from a D9 referee. Patti ha sent out several email, with response yet,
2. Atom coach – a coach in Atom is currently serving a time suspension for a very serious incident. The hearing will be dealt with this Saturday.
3. Minor Midget player – there has been an on-going investigation into a Minor Midget player regarding penalties, resulting in suspensions. There have been several hearings/meetings held both with the player and without. There have already been 5 suspensions handed down to this player from the District. The SMHA is considering implementing additional suspension(s). This will go to the second panel and a decision will be rendered.
   As for **injuries** this season – there have not been many reported. In regards to **TTM reports**, there are 3 players in the association currently serving suspensions that will be carried over into the upcoming season.

Communications – Maggie reported all is going well.

5. VP Operations – Ryan Goodwin

Ryan reported that practice ice has been sent out to convenors up until this Saturday. Craig sent back 60 hours worth of ice for the over the March Break. The City is looking at a new structure for returning ice, time limits of returning ice and the percentage of refundable money that will be received. Ryan also reported the change rooms at the JLA have been equipped with new rink white boards. There are also lots of new trophies to be put into the display case at the JLA. There are some older trophies which can be removed from the case; we may want to look at doing a 3 year rotation cycle with the trophy case. Ryan is hoping to get in to the JLA and revamp the case over the March Break. The end of the season is drawing close and we need to day and time for equipment return. Ryan also reported that the canteen continues to be going well.

6. Director of House – Patrick Drouin

Patrick was unable to attend, there was a report made for him

The Minor Midget division will have some penalties being carried over to next year's season. In the Bantam division, there is only 1 team advancing in the playoffs – A1. There seriously needs to be some changes at the Bantam level next year – associations will either need to put in an A team or have a C level. In the Novice division 2 teams are moving on in the playoffs – A1 + B1.

7. Director of Hockey Development – Cyril Rogers

Cyril unable to attend – no report

8. Director of Competitive– Chris Weir

Chris reported that the North York tournament went well. There were 8 teams that participated and 4 teams won their divisions. The playoff are underway, so far:
Novice is out
Minor Atom is still in
Major Atom is out
Minor Peewee is still in
Major Peewee is still in
Minor Bantam is still in
Major Bantam is still in
Minor Midget is out
Major Midget is still in

9. Referee Report – Jeff McNamee

Jeff reported there is currently 1 referee needing discipline action taken. He sent in an email to the scheduler 2 hours before a game he was to referee; saying that he was busy and wouldn't be at the game. Since then he has not been given any other refereeing assignments. Another referee took a slapshot to the head, which shattered his clear visor and shattered facial bones; he has undergone surgery to repair the damage.

10. New Business

a) AGM
This year's AGM will be held April 25th, we will look into booking the Legion. An announcement letter has to be sent out to the membership at least 30 days prior. The Executive + Management positions that will need to be filled this year are:
President
VP of Operations
Director of House
Director of Communications
Director of Competitive
Registrar

Tim quickly asked around the table of the attending Executive + Management to ask who would be returning to the table next year and if anyone was interested in the newly opened positions. Tim announced he will not be returning as President next year; Ryan Goodwin put his name in for the position of President. All other attendees acknowledged that they will be returning next year. Megan Austin would like to add that she would like to train someone to take over her position of Equipment Manager next year. Any Constitution changes must be proposed 10 days prior to the AGM. All ODMHA references will need to be changed to new acronym HEO.

b) Volunteer Appreciation Night

Volunteer Appreciation Night will be held April 21st with the venue to be determined. The awards we need to consider include:
Coach of the Year – House League + Competitive
Trainer of the Year
Referee of the Year – Junior + Senior
Manager of the Year – House League + Competitive
Rory Bradley Memorial Award

We will also need to consider 3 deserving Major Midget players and 1 Junior referee for educational bursaries from the association.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made (Jackie Kimmerly/Maggie Zobarich) to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm.

Motion Approved