

YELLOWKNIFE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

When: 16 October, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Room 133, St. Pats

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS

In Attendance: Kevin McCormick, Marlene Nilson, Colleen Zorn, Laurie Bembridge and Laramie McKerrall

Regrets: Kim Schofield

2.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve agenda with amendments

Moved: Colleen Zorn

Seconded: Marlene Nilson

All in favour

3.0 REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes with amendments

Moved: Marlene Nilson

Seconded: Laramie McKerrall

All in favour

4.0 POLICIES

4.1 Helmets on Coaches

The Executive Committee approved a policy regarding Helmets on Coaches. It should be posted on the website and the governors should inform coaches.

5.0 LEAGUE PROGRAM

5.1 Coach Certifications

Director, League Programs Colleen Zorn will follow up with the Governors on the status of obtaining a record of coach certifications.

5.2 Alternate Approach to Divisional Program

Atom Governor, Sheldon Jacobs has scheduled a meeting with the coaches of the division. President, Kevin McCormick will attend.

5.3 Request from Behchoko (Kevin)

The Executive Committee agreed that the request from Behchoko would be consider subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Behchoko would schedule and pay for the ice time.
- 2) All Behchoko players must be registered with Hockey Canada and proof of such must be provided to the relevant YKMHA coach (for insurance purposes)
- 3) Games would be “non-contact”.
- 4) YKMHA will arrange and pay for the on-ice officials (we didn’t discuss this, but it seems to be the most practical approach to me).
- 4) YKMHA coaches are willing to have their teams participate. (Atom coaches have agreed; Pee wee coaches remain to be consulted)

5.4 Junior Female Program

The Executive Committee had the following observations and concerns regarding the proposal received:

- 1) It would be most logical to make the proposed program open to girls aged nine (first year Atom) and above.
- 2) YKMHA programs are open only to girls that are registered in the Association League Program (see Registration Policies and Procedures). As such, players from some of the target groups would not be eligible unless they are already registered in the League Program.
- 3) It remains to be confirmed if any ice time is available to entertain this request.

5.5 Hockey Canada Rule Changes

Director, League Programs Colleen Zorn advised that all coaches have been informed of the new rules respecting face-offs.

Information on the rule changes respecting mouth guards and throat guards will also be circulated shortly.

5.6 MH Girls and Adult Female Hockey

The Executive Committee agreed the Association requires no further action in regards to Minor Hockey aged female players playing in the Adult Female Hockey League.

5.7 Kavanaugh Uniforms

The Executive Committee agreed to order six Kavanaugh uniforms to replace those that are missing.

5.8 Meeting Rooms during Tournaments

The Executive Committee agreed to reserve both the PSAV room and the DND gym during the tournament weekends, now, so that they may be available as required.

5.9 Referees

The Executive Committee agreed that all requests for referees should be routed through Colleen who will be the contact with the Referee Scheduler. The Association Scheduler will be the primary contact for this function if/when he is engaged.

5.10 Arena Services

It has been brought to the Executive Committee's attention that the ice is not being flooded on a regular basis and that the container for the defibrillator appears to be locked. The Director, League Programs Colleen Zorn will contact Dave Hurley from the City regarding these items.

5.11 Grizzlies Uniform

The Equipment managers have advised that a uniform from the Initiation division needs to be recovered from last season. Kevin McCormick will follow up with the parents of the player that it was issued to.

5.11 YKCA Canteen

The Executive Committee has received concerns in regards to the canteen at the YKCA not operating. It is also not clear who is responsible to the operation of the canteen. It was agreed to follow up with Dave Hurley from the City of Yellowknife regarding this item.

5.12 Cancellation of Ice times for October 31st.

It was decided at the League Meeting with the Governors that all ice times for October 31st, 2008 will be cancelled.

5.13 Registration fees for players playing up or down.

Players that are playing up or down a division will be contacted and advised to make arrangements with the City for a refund or submit the outstanding amount for the division they are playing in.

5.14 Pictures for year-end slide show.

It was decided at the League Meeting that a call will be put out to members to submit pictures from the division/teams so that a year-end slide show can be shown at the Annual Awards night.

6.0 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

6.1 Coach Development Plan

The Executive Committee agreed to make a request to Dave Grundy to organize Initiation and Community Coaching clinics.

6.2 Skater Development Camp

Instructors for one session of the Skater Development Program have been arranged.

6.2 Goaltender Development Clinic

A lead instructor has not been confirmed at this time.

6.4 On-ice Official Development

Information on course dates will be available soon. They will be posted on the website and sent out to the membership once available

7.0 DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

7.1 Carry-over of Bantam Development Team Funds

A review of the accounts is still on going. The information will be shared once it comes available.

7.2 Bantam Development Team – Seasonal Plan (Kevin)

The Executive Committee reviewed the Plan and it was agreed that the following was acceptable as per the policy:

Acceptable local tournament – March (Men’s Easter Rec Tournament)

Acceptable out of town tournaments – December/Christmas in Edmonton, post-season trip to BC mainland/USA/TBA

February 2009 – the only weekend that is acceptable to travel is the weekend of the junior tournament (initiation, atom, novice) held Feb 27-Mar 01 as no other divisions will have any access to ice time; any other February weekend will conflict with either house league play and the Bantam home tournament

Choose one from either November 2008 (Grande Prairie) or January 2009 (Lloydminster).

7.3 Request for Ice time

Bantam development team has requested additional ice time. Director, League Program Colleen Zorn will check for availability of ice time.

7.4 Request to Play in Provincial or Inter-provincial Competitions

The Bantam Development team is seeking permission to participate. The Association will not formally request permission until it is determined whether these requests are practical.

7.5 Alberta Provincial Competitions

Howard McKay will make some enquiries about this possibility.

7.6 Western Bantam Regional Championships

The competition is open only to the winners of Branch championships. Therefore, any team would have to be assembled and sponsored by Hockey North, which would have to include both NWT and Nunavut. It will not be possible to participate this year and any proposal relating to next season would need to be tabled with Hockey North by 01 February 2009.

7.7 Size of Development Teams

The policy states that a “maximum” of 18 skaters may be chosen for a development team. That means “not more than 18 players” but “possibly less than 18 players”. It’s not the role of the Executive to second-guess team selection unless the decisions have been appealed. The grounds for an appeal are laid out in the policy statement.

7.8 Alternate Goaltender

The policy states that there shall be no alternate players. However, it is reasonable to expect that a team should have the benefit of two goaltenders during a tournament or other competition. If a regular goaltender on the team were hurt or unable to attend an event, it would be appropriate to “call

up” a goaltender from the League Program, which was rated the highest during the annual evaluation. This approach would be consistent with the last statement in s. 5.4.1 of the Player Evaluation policy. An amended policy statement will be prepared.

7.4.9 Development Team Uniforms

It was decided that the Association would purchase dark uniforms for the Wolfpack Peewee and Bantam development teams. The colour should be blue, and coordinate in some way with the current set as the Association colours are blue and yellow.

It is recommended that local suppliers (Overlander and Lake Awry) be given an opportunity to bid on the request, as Overlander is an Association sponsor. It was agreed that Dan Schofield would explore options on behalf of the Association and table the optional colour scheme and costs with the Executive Committee for a final decision.

It was also decided that the uniforms should be purchased with funds (past and pending), which were donated by the Ace Enterprises hockey team.

A set of uniforms for the Female Development Team will be purchased as resources permit.

8.0 SPECIAL EVENTS

8.1 State of Association Awards

It will take approximately 24 feet of wall space to display the Association plaques and trophies. Next steps include:

- 1) Obtain City endorsement for an appropriate location in the Multiplex.
- 2) Obtain a quote with respect to design and construction.
- 3) Solicit donated supplies and or services
- 4) Construct and install.

8.2 Esso Fun Day/ Female Hockey Clinic

Kathy Yurris tabled a report on the event. The report included a number of recommendations for improvement. The Executive Committee agreed a planning guide should be prepared for the event.

8.3 Chevy Safe and Fun Day

Laramie McKerrall provided an overview of the event. The Executive Committee agreed a planning guide be prepared for the event.

8.4 Tournament Dates

The Association tournaments are scheduled for:

13-15 February: Peewee, Bantam and Midget

29 Feb. – 01 March: Initiation, Novice and Atom

A notice will be included in “Up Here” magazine.

9.0 ADMINISTRATION

9.1 League Schedule

Brian Kelln from the City of Yellowknife has provided the lists of ice times. The division ice times have been provided to the Governors so schedules can be prepared.

9.2 Registrar

Laramie McKerrall advised that she would assume the duties of Registrar for this season.

9.3 Scheduler

We have a Scheduler on our roster. It was agreed that a meeting should be set up to discuss roles and responsibilities with him.

9.4 Contact List on Website

It was agreed that Governors be asked to submit full contact information for the coaches so that it can be added to the Association contact list.

9.5 Announcement on Website

The Executive Committee agreed that the request to post a notice of Fran Hurcomb's book launch (about female hockey) could be posted on the website.

10.0 FINANCE

10.1 Financial Variance Report

We agreed that summaries of the Association finances should be presented to the Executive in the form of a variance report. The appropriate format of the report remains to be determined.

10.2 Surplus Operating Funds

At the last meeting, it was agreed that any funds in excess of 10% of the past annual operating budget would be earmarked for the "travel fund" – if it is approved by members. A review of the accounts and funds is still on going to determine if there will be any surplus funds for this year.

10.3 Player Registration Fees

We need a list of players who have moved up or down a division so that the proper registration fees may be collected.

10.4 Registration Fees – EF Day

It was agreed that the surcharge for late registration would be waived for players registering as a result of their participation in Esso Fund Day. That decision should be relayed to the player(s) via Kathy Yurris and to the City.

10.5 Kidsport Funds

Applications for funding must be received by Kidsport prior to registration or purchase of equipment. Kidsport cannot refund applicants after the fact or directly. Any potential candidates should contact Kidsport for further details.

11.0 SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

11.1 League Team Sponsors

A summary of team sponsorships for this season was presented. The sponsorship agreements and funds have been acquired for the majority of the teams.

11.2 Development Team Sponsors

After further discussion, the Executive Committee agreed that the Association would not seek sponsors for each development team. Development team uniforms will be purchased with funds that have been donated to the Association from bingos and other sources

11.3 Canadian North Agreement

Canadian North has approved the sponsorship agreement presented by the Association to them.

12.4 Canadian North Sponsorship of Tournaments (Kevin)

It was decided to accept the Canadian North sponsorship of the Association senior tournament and to name the tournament: "Canadian North Minor Hockey Tournament." Canadian North will provide 40% of the lowest existing fare for teams traveling to the tournament. Additional support (e.g. prizes for the winning teams) remains to be discussed.

12.5 Planning for Annual Lottery

Annual Lottery Ticket proof has been approved and tickets should be ready for distribution in Early November.

13.0 ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

13.1 Executive Committee Positions

The positions of Director Development Programs and Fundraising and Director Special Events remain open. Potential candidates should be identified.

13.2 HNWT AGM

Meeting was held in Hay River on 20-21 September. Kevin McCormick attended and he will circulate his records of decisions to the Executive Committee.

14.0 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Travel for S&F winners

This issue will be raised with Canadian North in due course.

15.0 NEXT MEETINGS

Future scheduled meetings are:

- 1) League Program Committee: 13 November 2008
- 2) Executive Committee: 20 November 2008

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50pm

Moved: Colleen Zorn

Seconded: Laurie Bembridge

All in favour

Prepared by: Laramie McKerrall
Approved: November 20, 2008