

YELLOWKNIFE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

When: 01 November, 2007 @ 7:00 pm

Where: 9 Glowach Court

In Attendance: Kevin McCormick, Nick Lawson, Rod Tordoff, Alan Denroche, Kim Schofield, Colleen Zorn, Gary Burt and Laramie McKerrall

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS

2.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve agenda

Moved: Alan Denroche

Seconded: Kim Schofield

All in favour

3.0 APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Motion: To accept the minutes

Moved: Rod Tordoff

Seconded: Gary Burt

All in favour

4.0 DRAFT POLICIES

The following approved policies have been reviewed and undergone some amendments.

4.1 Team Uniforms

4.2 Female Hockey

4.3 Registration

Motion: To approve the policies with recommended amendments and post on the website.

Moved: Rod Tordoff

Seconded: Nick Lawson

All in favour

The following policies were presented for Executive consideration before being circulated to the members for comment.

4.4 Reservation of Ice Time

4.5 Dressing Room Policy

4.6 Team Travel Policy

4.7 Tournament Sanction

4.8 Fundraising Policy

4.9 Year-end Awards

Motion: To endorse the policies, subject to editorial amendments and comments from membership.

Moved: Alan Denroche

Seconded: Gary Brt

All in favour

5.0 LEAGUE PROGRAM

Colleen and Kim highlighted operational issues for the Executive Committee's consideration.

5.1 Budget for Governors

No budget will be provided to the governors for petty cash expenses but specific requests for expenditures will be considered from time to time. All persons require pre-approval from the Treasurer before incurring an expense.

5.2 Coach Appreciation

The Executive Committee fully supports the notion of recognizing our coaches and other volunteers. The Association currently has 24 league teams plus the development teams. Approximately 60 coaches plus at least 25 additional volunteers are involved with the Association. The proposal to buy "sweater vests" was not supported as it could cost several thousand dollars. Other ways and means to demonstrate our appreciation will be considered.

5.3 Playing in Two Divisions

The Executive Committee denied the request for a player to play in two divisions for the following reasons:

- All players must be officially registered with only one team.

There are numerous players, across all divisions, who could claim similar privileges, **with potential negative consequences to individual team and Divisional balance and operations.**

5.4 Schedules

The schedules for Midget, Bantam, Pee wee and Atom have been confirmed. The Novice schedule appears to be OK. Some changes to the Initiation schedule are being considered.

5.5 Midget Registration

It appears that four midget players have not registered.

5.6 Coach Certifications

Colleen will provide a summary of the certifications of Association coaches.

5.7 Shoot-outs

The Executive supports the use of shoot-outs to decide a tied game – subject to the following conditions:

- A maximum of three players will shoot for either team

- Each team will shoot concurrently if two on-ice officials are present.
- Coaches must indicate their shooters on the game sheet in advance of the game

5.8 Team Statistics on the Association Website

The won/loss record of teams in each Division will not be put on the website as it will require numerous changes on the website when there is currently a backlog of information for posting. However, the governor could post the standings on the Minor Hockey bulletin board in the Multiplex.

5.9 Registration with Hockey NWT

Kevin McCormick is working with Hockey NWT to get the necessary forms to complete registration with Hockey NWT.

6.0 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Alan provided a short status report and highlighted the following items:

Change the Novice/Atom time to Saturday 4:00 – 5:30 pm YKCA

Low registration in the Pee wee/Bantam Development Program

6.1 Long-term Development Plans

Rod suggested that the Association should develop its coaches but relying on Yellowknife-based instructors. The completion of an inventory of coach certifications will be a starting point.

6.2 Coach Development Plan

6.3 Debbie Strome Clinic Summary

Speak out session – 1 participant

Community Coaching Clinic – 5 participants

On ice session on power skating for coaches – 6 or 7 participants

Recommendation to include Initiation Division in future clinics

7.0 DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

Rod Tordoff provided a short status report on the development teams, including:

7.1 Size of Development Teams

Our policy states that Development Teams shall be limited to 18 players including two goaltenders. A couple of coaches have requested to retain one or two extra players. The players may be retained provided that it is made clear to the players and parents that the extra players have no guaranteed opportunities to travel.

7.2 Midget Practice Ice Time

The Midgets wish to have one practice time per week for each team. The Development Team (Carls) has not paid any development team fees to date so no additional practice slot has been allocated to this team.

Registration fees are based on two teams sharing practice sessions. A review of the Midget Division fees will be reviewed to determine what the additional cost to players would be to accommodate this request.

7.3 Female Development Team

Amy Doerksen submitted a draft plan for female development to the Executive. The Executive Committee supports the plan in principle but it needs to be further refined before it can be implemented.

7.4 Bantam Development Team Funds

A request was received to access the extra funds, which were raised last year, on behalf of the Bantam Development Team. Kim Schofield will seek clarification from the City on the process of using proceeds from lottery-licensed events.

7.5 Pee wee Development Team Registration

It appears that a number of players have not registered for the Pee wee Development Team. Follow up will be done by Rod Tordoff.

8.0 SPECIAL EVENTS

Nick will lead the discussion on:

8.1 AWG Regional Trials

8.2 Format of Association Tournaments

A number of options for the Association tournaments were presented. The Executive Committee recognized the need to have governors and coaches engaged in the decisions. Nick will follow up with the governors.

8.3 Bantam Development Team in the Midget Tournament

The Bantam tournament is concurrent with the Midget tournament. It was not clear whether that had been considered.

9.0 ADMINISTRATION

Laramie McKerrall provided a status report on website updates.

10.0 SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

10.1 Agreement with Canadian North – on going

10.2 Agreement with McKay LLP – on going

10.3 Team Sponsors – follow up to be done on outstanding Team Sponsor funds

10.4 Team Uniforms – a number of sets were identified in need of replacement at the beginning of the year – letters were sent to that team sponsor. Only one response has been received from a Sponsor regarding this matter. Due to price increases a review of cost for the purchase of socks needs to be done and determination of fees information will need to be adjusted to reflect the increase.

10.5 Fundraising Opportunities – deferred

10.6 Sponsorship Opportunities - deferred

10.7 Sponsorship of Bantam 3-on-3 Tournament - deferred

10.8 Development Funds from Hockey NWT - deferred

11.0 PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATIONS

Through the strategic plan, the Executive has committed to:

- 1) evaluate elected and nominated volunteers as part of the annual program review (s. 6.1.2);
- 2) undertake an annual evaluation of its programs to build on its successes and address outstanding needs (s. 6.1.4); and
- 3) undertake a survey to determine member views on alternate approaches to meeting the full range of player needs and expectations (s. 6.2.1).

The first two commitments can be addressed by repeating the surveys (with minor modifications if required) which were undertaken last year. These surveys are still available for recirculation via Rick Polutnik

Item no. 3 could be addressed by undertaking a new member survey with an appropriate suite of questions. According to Rick, he could administer the three surveys for less than a thousand dollars.

It is likely that these costs could be covered by development funds from Hockey NWT (TBC). It is recommended that:

- 1) Rick be commissioned to undertake the surveys.
- 2) the volunteer and program evaluation surveys be completed by the end of March.
- 3) the program review be undertaken in December so there is enough time to analyze the results, develop program options, get member feedback and identify any program adjustments for next year.

The Executive endorsed the recommendation.

13.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 06 December 2007 (location to be determined)

11.0 ADJOURNAMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm
Moved: Kim Schofield
Seconded: Laramie McKerrall
All in favour.

Prepared by: Laramie McKerrall
Approved: December 6, 2007