

AMHL Executive Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2015

Hammill House

Attendance:

John C.	Jerry J.	Joel H.	Diane D.	Jake P.
Fred M.	Paul E.	Nick D.	Laura H.	Darren D.
Matt B.	Jeff S.	Margaret D.	Heather B.	Kevin W.

Absent: Jack D., Rod M. and Dan M

Welcome and Call to order

7:34 p.m. motioned by Matt B and seconded by John C

Review and Approval of minutes

Minutes of last meeting, July 13, 2015 motion for approval by Joel and seconded by Laura

Staff Reports

Registrar Report, Heather Bar

- The latest registration numbers have been forwarded to the members and are as follows
 - Initiation numbers are still low
 - Novice 101 of 128 players
 - Atom 111 of 128 and 12 of 14 goalies
 - Pee Wee 134 have signed
 - Bantam 110 of 150
 - Midget 68 of 114
 - Juvenile 18 of 56
 - Novice Dev 22 of 40
 - Atom Dev 18 of 40
- Reminder to coaches for Certification Dvlpt 1, so far 16 of 20 spots filled

Rep Ice Scheduler, Diane

- August ice has been returned
- Practice schedules are out until October 1
- October 23 – 25 the girls league is holding a tournament and the AMHL will be losing all it hours at Morgan that weekend. A loss of significant hours. Hours the city has not offered back to us at some later date.
- Working on reaching out to all of those involved about how we can make up these hours
- Possibly book all rep teams away that weekend

House League Scheduler, Jake

- Dec 24 thru to Jan 1 there will be no ice
- Back on the ice Jan 2
- Keeping the Halloween ice
- Midget will start first week in October
- Juvenile, around same time frame
- Midget AA tryouts will be Sept 8, 12 and 13 of September but the numbers will still need to be finalized by August 31

Head Trainer, Jeff Spragg

- Looking to establish a baseline testing system for all of our hockey community
- We have been told it is only effective on children 10 years of age and up
- The program would therefore involve baseline testing on all kids 10 yrs+
- It will be an online test and fairly intensive
- Cost of \$1200 for league in total
- This is going to be mandated not by league but by age on roster
- Coaches will need to ensure that all kids 10+ yrs of age on their teams have gone on line for testing by October 31, 2015
- Jeff will help and work with all players, coaches and parents to ensure the deadline is met
- Information will be posted on our website
- **“October 31, 2015 is the deadline for base line testing”**

Presentation by Kelly Barber

- Looking for ways to tie together a marketing plan that would help the AMHL and put people in the stands
- Players are available for on ice time as promotion with younger players, in return, promotes the junior B players to the kids which hopefully creates fans
- Possible jersey day for kids where in kids get in free with an adult – a maximum number of kids per adult would need to be attached
- Possible cash return of \$5,000 for sale of 100 season tickets
- Jerry – possible double header with one of the rep teams?
- Kevin – between periods with initiation kids
- September 19 is first home game

Director Reports

Kevin Williamson, Vice President

- Pro Hockey Life would like to do a promotion with AMHL offering its members 2 days of discounted purchase tied to an email blast coordinated by our people
- We would not be giving membership information to them - In return they would donate \$1,000 to our program- we will need to look further into this
- Shooter Pad – the city is receptive to listening to a deal on a large block of time being purchased by AMHL and distributed to its teams

Insurance

- Directors and officers insurance – Angelo was not available so we will need to get more information from him at our next meeting
 - If teams are booking ice time outside of Hamilton, teams need to get a specific insurance certificate to insure they have coverage
 - Parents are 'not' covered by our current insurance policy
 - Dryland training has significant restrictions under our policy
 - Insourced trainers such as Kelly Reed and Grainger should be able to provide proof of insurance
 - On ice helpers need to be rostered and have their RiS and police check in place; there should be ZERO tolerance to this
 - All kids that are 14 and under acting as helpers are required to wear full equipment and can only act as helpers for children up to two years younger than their age
 - All executives of the board should also ensure that their police checks are in order
 - As an organization, we really need to focus on insurance, something which has not been focused on enough in the past
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- A coach or assistant coach cannot take the role on the bench of both coach and trainer
- If a team does not have a trainer on its bench, it can either ask the other team if they are able to use their trainer and then, as policy dictates, make the officials aware or they can find another trainer that may be available at the facility that is on the 'at large roster'
- Our insurance certificate for the coming year is in place
- We should be looking at trying to put together a schedule for compliance certificates and various deadlines for all of the different items, it would help with transitioning between board members moving forward
- Pricing on Ice dividers are in. We can get a set up pads as we currently have for about \$4,000 or real board dividers at \$7,100. These items have already been budgeted for. This does not include any netting or screening for above the boards

Paul Empringham, Initiation Report

- Good on coaches but short on players
- Fairly common with this age group
- Looking to have Kelly Reed work with Chips and Tykes

Laura Hustler, Jr House League

- Significant number of coach applicants have come in for Novice but preference will be given to coaches already holding certification
- 5 coaches short for Atom
- Will advertise on the web the specific divisions we are looking for coaches in
- When putting together teams “ONLY” the head coach and trainer will be predetermined
- Trainer courses are available on line
- **“trainers will need to be certified by mass practice”**, this message needs to be prioritized and understood by all participants

Nick Demytrow, Senior House League

- Two coaches short for bantam
- 5 coaches short in midget

Jerry Jormakka, Rep Director

- September ice has been uploaded
- NCCP development 1 – the new format means that our current coaches have ‘trained’ status and not ‘certified’
- We need to get things rolling with the certification process
- Minor Pee Wee and older will be the most immediate concern
- Coach dvlp classes Aug 28
- Developing standardized systems to build on
- House League coaches will have 2 hours the weekend of the 12th and 13th
- All select coaches are in place
- Midget AA – strong concern for numbers of kids coming out being too low

Darren D., Director of special events and publicity

- Hockey Day in Canada will be on Feb 6 this season and we are looking to schedule games all day at Morgan Firestone to compliment the NHL broadcast efforts
- Possibly show some of the NHL games at our facility for families to hang out and enjoy
- Working on marketing promotions with our pro shop and many others to try to create a memorable day for our hockey community

Equipment Manager, Joel H.

- Jerseys are still in the works and on track

Margaret De Groot, Treasurer

- Bank balance is up vs this period last year
 - Ice expense to date is within budget
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New Business

- We will have 2 meetings next month,
September 2, 7:30 at Hamill House
September 16, 7:30 at Hamill House

Adjournment

- Motioned by Paul E and 2nd by Matt
- Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.