

# AMHL Executive Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2015

Hammil House

**Attendance:** Matt Barasch   Kevin Williamson   Jerry Jormakka  
Laura Hustler   Fred Mastroianni   Dan Maycock  
Darren Drury   Paul Empringham   John Cullen  
Margaret DeGroot   Jake Parkhill   Jeff Spragg  
Diane Dell   Dan Maycock   Joel Hulsman  
Nick Demytrow

**Welcome and Call to order**   Motioned by Matt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joel

**Review and Approval of minutes:** approval of minutes of November 11, 2015 motioned by John C and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul E

## Staff Reports

### **Rep Ice Scheduler, Diane Dell**

- Tri county news: 3 motions were made by teams to lower for playoff rounds but only two were successful – both major and minor atom AA teams will be in single A for the playoffs
- Spring Ice has been submitted
- Morgan will remain open until March 15, 2016
- There was some lost house league time resulting from tournament in girls league; as a makeup of ice time will there be a tournament the weekend after the March Break?

### **Referee-in-chief, Dan Maycock**

- Peter Horvat has been able to do more ref mentoring
- Looking to have 2 more kids certified by end of week and two more by end of year
- Go Pro – Dan was asked what he thought about referees using them
- Could clear up some of the controversial/confrontational nature of current hockey program
- Concerns that it may not be received well by the referees but Dan has volunteered to do it as a pilot program to measure its merits
- Margret will pick one up for trial

## **Head Trainer, Jeff Spragg**

- Goalie head shot – we will be implementing a stoppage in play at the house league level when a goalie has had contact to the head, this will allow the goalie to indicate if they are in distress from a puck, player, stick etc.

## **Director Reports**

### **Paul Empringham, Initiation Report**

- Tyke will be the Friday practice sessions as they are now
- Sunday mornings will now be full ice games from 7 to 8 a.m. and 9 to 10 a.m. with a development session for all four teams in between, from 8 to 9 a.m.

### **Laura Hustler, Jr House League**

- The role of junior house league director is very time consuming; would like to look at dividing this role, possibly bringing in at least one more body at novice

### **Nick Demytrow, Sr House League**

- A few suspensions in juvenile
- Midget running well
- Bantam – some issues with ‘fair play’ and parent reaction breaching our zero tolerance policy

### **Kevin Williamson, VP**

- The new complaint form is up on the website, the league needs to focus on formalized complaints only

### **Darren Drury, Special events and publicity**

- Trophies are all back, cleaned and updated
- AMHL Hockey Day in Canada – we will be setting up tables in the lobby for some of our sponsors and contributors to participate such as Source for Sports and Backspin
- Rod working on acquiring some televisions for the day for viewing some of the games
- Glass room will be our control centre
- Shooter pad with timer being set up

### **John Cullen, Player Development**

- Atom development is done for the Christmas break

- Novice parents are looking for a little more feedback or interaction between players and instructors like they have seen in previous years, that being said, the skill and knowledge level of the instructors is very strong
- Preparations being made for spring pond hockey
- The rep coach application form is up on the web site

#### **Margaret De Groot, Treasurer**

- Formula for rep player reimbursement will be as follows:
    - Before October 1 there will be \$500 held back
    - Before November 1 there will be \$1,000 held back
    - After Dec 1 there will be no money refunded
  - Exceptions to the reimbursement policy will be determined by the board on a case by case basis
  - This requires the league to bring the rep team payments timeline forward to July 1, September 1 and October 1
  - Should we be looking at increasing rep fees
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- KW - Motion to implement a stoppage in play at the house league level when a goalie has had contact to the head, this will allow the goalie to indicate if they are in distress from a puck, player, stick etc. --- seconded by JC and carried by all
  - Breaches of our 'fair play' policy could carry numerous consequences including but not limited to; wins being vacated, possible coach and player suspensions and coaching rebates being withheld
  - KW - The board should be looking at dividing all of the challenging roles including the junior house league director role
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#### **New Business**

- Major Midget AA will be starting 2 weeks after labor day in the 2016/17 year; a later start than normal
- Kenesky Sports will be shutting down but its owner and long standing board member, Joel Hulsman, has made a significant contribution of equipment to the league upon its closing

#### **Adjournment**

- Motioned by Matt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred