

AMHL November Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday November 28, 2023

Meeting Time: 7:30pm via Zoom

Member Attendance:

Present	Absent
Heather	Gerry
Diane	Ian
Ryan	Patrick
Steve	Jason
Cindy	Darren B.
Rod	Darren S.
Brian	
Andrew	
Christine	

1. Call to Order – 7:40pm – Motioned by Rod
2. Approval of September meeting minutes – approved by Brian, seconded by Steve – all approved
3. Approval of October meeting minutes – approved by Cindy, seconded by Steve – all approved

Staff Reports:

Ice Scheduler - Diane:

- Trying to get select teams more weeknight ice time has proven to be a challenge
- No Monday – Thursday ice times available at this time from the City of Hamilton
- Available are odd Thursday nights at Coronation Arena and Friday nights at Mountain Arena
- Looking at possible P.A. day ice times to be scheduled for select teams
- Beverly Arena and Quad Pad has weekend ice available, however this is not needed for select teams
- Rep teams get first rights to ice time and then it goes down the line down to house league
- Projections for Ice Time budget for this year is about 159,000.00 (under expected budget)
- Select team billing will be invoice #1: September to December and invoice #2: January to March
- No ice time December 1 and 2 due to Hamilton Steel Tournament

Registrar – Heather:

- Still working on last minute Parent Respect in Sports completions
- Unconfirmed profiles are causing issues. Profiles need the “Confirm” to be checked
- Travel permits are going well
- Christmas Holiday Development programs have opened and registrations are coming in
- Ryan asked if we can find out what percentage of players took advantage of the early bird registration discount for this season

- Cindy asked if we can have the budget summary more itemized to show more specific categories (ex. “Trophies” should be broken into event categories)

Select Convenor – Andrew:

- Select teams all up and running well
- Jerseys look great, games have been exciting to watch
- Have had great cooperation between coaches
- November 11th weekend, teams participated in the Innisfil Tournament. U11, U13, U16 and U18 teams participated. All teams played well. U13 and U18 teams went on to win Championships!
- Upcoming tournament in London, weekend of December 1-3
- Is there a possibility of having select weekend tournaments (“Super Saturday Select Tournaments”)?
- When select teams win championships make sure to post on the website AND email blast should also be sent out. Send request to Tony and he can arrange both

Head Trainer – Ian: (REPORT VIA EMAIL)

- Please remind coaches/trainers about injury reporting. Not many reports have been coming in for the amount of injuries that have been experienced. Emails have been sent out regarding this issue
- Player health info: tried collecting digitally this year to collate for coaches, but the data was very unwieldy and ultimately not useful, therefore the JHL and SHL coaches have notified their coaches/trainer to revert to the paper forms from last year until this can be resolved
- Board made suggestion to help with this issue: have the trainers collect the paper forms, scan them into digital form, and create a folder to keep the digital copies in. This would allow for quick access to necessary forms
- We need to have a more effective way to access forms on the website, especially injury reporting forms (***Ian and Steve will take on this item***).

Director Reports:

President – Ryan:

- No movement on lawsuit as of yet
- League P.O. Box is located on Legend Court – should make copies of the key for other board members to access

Vice President – Rod:

- Looking at different associations to compare registration fees (***Darren and Jason to help with this***)
- League financial position needs help
- Should have a season calendar for the AMHL that outlines all deadlines so it is clear what must be completed and by what date (ex: sponsorship timelines clearly outlined)

Sponsorship – Rod:

- We thank Shaldun for his time with the AMHL and all his efforts while in the Sponsorship Director position. Shaldun put together a great sponsorship plan that we will be using going forward.
- We will continue to develop and extended/more detailed sponsorship package
- Taking sponsorship letter to businesses
- Sponsorship meetings should continue to take place during the summer months to ensure all sponsorship deadlines are met
- All sponsorships for the upcoming season should be nailed down by March
- Everything needed to run the season should be ready to go by end of summer so that the season can begin (ex. Jerseys, sponsorships, trainer kits etc).

Treasurer – Darren S: (Updated budget was sent via email – the following is a discussion with board members who were in attendance):

- AMHL is underfunded compared to other associations – we need a plan to rectify this
- A more categorized budget is available, Ryan is happy so share with board members
- The budget summary needs to be more itemized (ex: trophies, should be broken down into more specific categories) - Darren S, Rod, Jason are going to follow up on the breakdown of the budget
- The Scotiabank sponsorship – Ryan is going to reach out to Scotiabank
- Cindy, Rod, Jason, Christine – plan to continue to further develop the sponsorship plan to hopefully help with the budget deficit projection
- Registration fees need to be increased to possibly 625.00 (will discuss further)

Initiation – Jason: (not in attendance; the following is a discussion between board members in attendance):

- Is it possible to arrange more than two dressing rooms for the younger house league teams? Two teams per dressing room is very cramped
- Are we able to use dressing room 4 – larger room

Development – Partick (not in attendance. The following is a discussion between attending members regarding development):

- Is there any more room in the Tuesday night skills and drills? If so, could we offer the remaining spots for a discount?

Junior House League – Brian:

- JHL running well so far
- Attendance for evaluation weekend needs to improve for next season to ensure all teams are made equally – any suggestions??

- Rod mentioned a possible partnership with McDonalds and the junior house league teams (more info regarding this is needed)

Senior House League – Steve:

- SHL running smoothly
- U15 have solid teams
- Great coach cooperation
- U18 has experienced a lot of goalie injuries which is causing some issues – not enough goalies to substitute when goalies are injured
- Contact Gerry to ask referees to be a little more lenient about rules when goalies are missing

Special Events – Cindy:

- Phot day went very well, was well attended (possibly because it was scheduled on Sunday, game day, rather than Saturday practice days)
- Same day penciled in for 2024-2025 season
- Skate with Santa – so far 120 families registered. Going to find out what the ice capacity is. Tim Hortons sponsorship for this event. Are two hour time slots needed for next year? All donations will go to the Ancaster Community Services
- Super Saturday – connecting with Heather for more details, Looking into gym rental from the City of Hamilton. More information will be available in the new year.

New Business:

- Stop patches are required and being enforced by OMHL – all jerseys must have a STOP patch on the back. Starting with the Select teams and going down the line from there to get these patches on all jerseys

Next Meeting – December 19 – 7:00PM

Please if members can make sure they are in attendance for scheduled meetings. Meeting dates are known well in advance. We understand life happens, however multiple absences can cause issues.

Adjournment – 8:57 – Cindy motion to close meeting, Christine Seconded – all in favour