

AMHL Board Meeting – September 28, 2023 @ 8:00pm Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes – Recorded by Christine

In Attendance:

Steve

Andrew

Shaldun

Brian

Darren

Ryan

Christine

Patrick

Jason

Heather (left after staff reports)

Diane (left after staff reports)

** Quorum met **

Absent Members:

Darren S.

Tony

Ian

Gerry

Call to Order – 8:07pm (motioned by Brian, seconded by Jason)

Land Acknowledgement - Will be done by Christine next meeting

Staff Reports:

1. Registrar – Heather

- House league evaluations are complete and went off smoothly. All teams are ready to import into Game Changer. Teams have not yet been submitted for approval.
- Need more pinnies are needed to run evaluations. ** Motion will be made next meeting to approve this purchase – will be motioned by Equipment Director**
- Need more scrimmage jerseys as well
- December 10th – All teams must be approved by this date. Coaches have been asked to have this done by mid October as to not get close to the deadline.

- Parent Respect in Sport Certifications **MUST** be done in a timely manner. Parents and coaches must be informed of this mandatory task. Players whose parents have not completed Parent Respect in Sport Certification should be prevented from joining their team on the ice until the certification has been completed.

2. Ice Scheduler – Diane

- All scheduled to the end of January have been uploaded
- Any extra ice time has been returned to the city without risk of losing said ice time for the following season
- December 24 to January 8th ice time has been returned to the city, however, if any teams would like to buy back any of this ice time, can do so. Please contact Diane.
- Initiation, Junior, and Senior House League Directors have stated they are good with their current ice times. No extra time needed at this time.
- Possible buy back of ice time for select teams – TBD
- Medical forms - to be completed for players – online link. Please send all names of players who have NOT completed medical forms to respective coaches/trainers in order to have those players complete this task.
- There has been a request for referee cost to be run through the association rather than referees being paid each game
- ANDREW stated: Coaches for U16 and U18 House League have requested 1.5 hour ice time sessions rather than 1 hour ice time sessions in order to accommodate teams that travel from further distances. This would make the trip worth it for these teams.

Director Reports

1. Director of Initiation Program – Jason

- Timbits jerseys finally arrived and will be given out to coaches for them to distribute to their teams
- 100 black and 100 blue pucks have been ordered for those coaches who have not received enough pucks
- IP teams have been made and submitted

2. Coach and Player Development – Patrick

- Skills and Drills begin Tuesday October 3
- Motion to the board for approval for the goalie development program.
Details presented:
 - Partnering with the Ancaster Girls Hockey Association
 - Total is \$4200.00 (\$2100.00 per association)
 - Goal is 6 goalies – what happens if more are interested?
 - \$2100.00 split between 6 goalies would be \$375.00 per goalie
 - Plan to charge each goalie 50% - \$175.00
 - Cost to the AMHL would then be \$1050.00
 - 10 sessions starting October 19 – ice is booked for Thursdays 5-6pm at Morgan Firestone Arena
- Motion to run the program made by Patrick – Brian to second. All board members in favour of this motion.
- Next meeting – would like Jason and Patrick to explain more about the Junior Bombers Development Program

3. **Select Convenor – Andrew**

- Select tryouts are complete
- Due to a large turnout for U18 we have made two U18 teams.
- Future consideration - '07 teams to schedule tournaments and hosting games

4. **Junior House League Director - Brian**

- All is good to go. iPad game sheet system is set to go

5. **Senior House League Director – Steve**

- U15 and U18 coaches need more/new pucks
- Everything else is good to go
- Look at projections on U21 interest for 2024-2025 season

6. **Sponsorship Director – Shaldun**

- Need a list of items needed to purchase with sponsorship money
- What can we offer large sponsors that would entice them to continue their sponsorships and make it worth their while???

- Proposal of large sponsorship banners to be set up at Morgan Firestone Arena with sponsor logos
- Proposed an association night with Mississauga Steelheads or Bulldogs or also suggested the Keltie B's or Steelhawks
 - Would require approx. \$5000.00 to \$7000.00 in sponsorship
 - Weekend of November 9-12 is available to hold this event

Kidspired

- usually 5 year contract, however, have agreed to 3 year contract
- 25%/75% profit sharing
- Board/league should seriously explore partnership with Kidspired

New Business

1. **Picture Day** – table this item until we have an Events Coordinator
2. **Events Coordinator** – Possible Nomination – Cindy
3. **Equipment Needs (Jason)**
 - New goalie equipment for IP
 - Need 8 complete sets
4. **Storage Access**
 - Bombers to share the same storage area?
 - Can we put AMHL logo on all equipment that belongs to the AMHL so it does not get mixed up/taken
 - Can we have separate lockups?
 - Should there be a different location for the Bombers equipment?
 - Ryan, Daren and Scott (Bombers) are going to get together to discuss this topic and see if a solution can be decided
5. **Communication/Social Media Contact Needed**

- Jason has a contact he would like to approach to take on this role. Approval given for Jason to do so. More information to come.
- Shaldun has a second option if need be

6. Live Barn

- Usage is coming, however no information is available at this time
- Will waivers be required (media release) in order to use Live Barn?

7. **Rules/Guideline documents** are outdated on AMHL website and this must be updated. Andrew has stated he would be willing to take on this task.

8. **Ipad Storage** – Brian to take care of this matter

*****Ongoing meeting date and time will be arranged by Ryan and Christine***

Adjournment – 9:42pm Motioned by Jason, Seconded by Christine