

BOARD MEETING July 31, 2019

7:00PM – HAMMIL HOUSE, ANCASTER

MINUTES

ATTENDENCE:

Olivier B.
Kevin F.
Brad W.
Greg F.
Matt W.
Beth F.

Alex M.
Brandon B.
Graham P.
Ryan M.
Calvin B.
Julie M.

Absent:

Margaret D.

Staff Present:

Heather B.
Kevin M.

Welcome and Call to order – 7:02pm motion by Calvin B., second by Beth F.

Updates arising from minutes from May 28, 2019

- New Bombers Logos are at Morgan, Spring Valley and Glanbrook to be installed between blue and red lines on crowd side of the rink.
- Office and storage space still remains in Room 4 on Pad B at Morgan Firestone until notified otherwise.

Approval of minutes from May 28, 2019 - motion by Olivier B., second by Greg F.

Approval of minutes from AGM June 13, 2019 – motion by Matt W., second by Kevin F.

Staff Reports:

Ice Scheduler – Diane D. (absent but email update provided and presented by Greg F.)

- Still discussing with the city over ice they allocated to us and are trying to pull back. Ice allocation meeting with city on August 2 to discuss issues.
- House League (HL) mass evaluations to be set for weekend of Sept. 21st and Select the weekend of Sept. 28th
- Have Sept. Ice that will work for the Midget tryouts – need possible dates from the Rep directors.
- Super Saturday – date to be set for March 7/8, 2020.
- Home nights for the Bombers have been sent in, teams should start receiving schedules around August 15th

Referee In Chief – Kevin M.

- For exhibition games, teams will be expected to pay for timekeepers and referees (Select teams included). Rules for payment (including amounts and when to be paid) to be clarified by Kevin.

- A question arose about gatekeepers (fee collecting at all games). Currently we do not collect gate fees however Calvin will review and seek clarification and report back to the board.
- Recertification emails for officials to be sent out and will aim to level up more officials for the new season.
- Email to be sent for request for new timekeepers and referees along with requirements needed for both.
- Requests have been made for scheduling over the Thanksgiving weekend, around Christmas and the Super Bowl weekend to focus more on practices for teams rather than games as it becomes difficult during these times to arrange for officials. If need be, games to be scheduled earlier in the day.
- Referee distribution as follows:
 - o HL – will have same as previous year – 2 person system. For Midget and Juvenile, will move to a 3 person based on requests.
 - o Rep – 3 referees for Peewee and up – may use 3 or 4 during playoffs for skill development and experience for referees.
 - o Monthly payment of referees and timekeepers is fine as previously done.
- Directors of both HL and Rep are requested to remind their coaches to contact them for any issues related to officials and timekeepers and not the Referee in Chief directly.
- Kevin is happy to come to any parent or coaches meetings to discuss his role as well as answer any questions.

Registrar – Heather B.

- Pro Hockey Life has generously provided a lot of skate sharpening cards for the season, we will distribute to the Rep teams first and will likely have enough to distribute through HL as well.
- Registration numbers up slightly with the recent email regarding the fee increase as of Aug.1, however behind overall compared to same timepoint last year.
- Goalie registration has been closed in all levels except Juvenile.
- Select Teams update:
 - o tryouts to be held weekend of Sept. 28-29
 - o Minor Novice is MD only no select option at this level.
 - o Only 36 kids are registered for Minor Novice so far, no one has registered for MD
 - o Will move forward with opening registration for select tryouts and put out a request for coaches.
- Have received a few coaching applications for HL as well as for Select teams.
- Mass Practice schedule:
 - o Major Novice HL and higher divisions will start weekend of Sept. 21
 - o Initiation Program including Minor Novice as well as Select to run weekend of Sept. 28
- There is a request for new pinnies for the mass practice. Matt W. to obtain quote from Breakaway.

Directors Reports

Development – Greg F.

- There will be no D1 clinic in Ancaster, it is too late to provide one.
- For AA/A head coaches – D1 is required.
 - o Email to be sent asking for up to date certification levels of all coaches.
- A pre-season full-day camp will be offered this year by Leo Paone running August 26-30. This camp will be capped at 30 kids.
- HL Development throughout the year will be lead by Leo Paone.

- Will run on Tuesday evenings, 2 sessions over 2 hours, same as last year.
- Goalie Development program for HL will be offered again for 10 HL goalies through Grainger Goaltending. All sessions to take place at the Grainger training facility.
- Pro Hockey Life Academy has suggested using the Shooter Pad at Morgan for development training with Leo Paone. Can open up this development to both HL and Rep goalies.

Equipment – Matt W.

- Breakaway will be doing all HL and Select jerseys as well as Spirit wear.
- Aug. 10 is the cutoff to apply for the Tim Hortons program.
- Atom will be sponsored by McDonalds again this year.
- Still waiting on quotes for all new equipment needed – expected in Aug.
- Glancaster will pay for the AP jerseys for AE teams. There will be a few per team with no name bars.

Sponsorship – Kevin F.

- In the process of reviewing and contacting list of possible sponsors that Paul E. provided.
- To sponsor a team it costs \$500.
- 2-3 small individual team sponsors have been identified.
- A follow-up is needed with Dodge Caravan – Kevin to discuss with Matt W.
- Other suggested sponsors include Boston Pizza Ancaster, The Brassie, Southcote 53 and Pub Fiction.
- Flipgive suggested as another option to look into.

Initiation Program – Ryan M.

- CHIPs program will be run by Kelly Reed once again and arranged by the league.
- Will aim to keep divisions separate but will be based on registration – possible to combine Minor Novice with Tyke but need to determine when to make the call to combine.
- Major Novice will be separate.
- Information sessions for coaches to be held in early September. Leo Paone will come and talk to the coaches – Ryan M. to reach out to Leo P.
- Minor Novice MD – an information session to be held on what will be involved for the team. Will need 20 kids to form the team. Will have Heather contact those who have expressed interest.

Senior House League – Graham P.

- Goalies are on waiting list at the Midget level as registration is closed.
 - Will reach out to families about moving up to Juvenile.
- League will be running a 3 year Midget with the option to move to Juvenile only for those in the oldest age group. Juvenile will be 2 year as voted on at May 2019 meeting.
- A request has been received from Glanbrook to play exhibition games as they do not have enough players to create enough teams. Will need to wait until registration is complete and teams are set-up.
- Will need to follow-up with Colin C. on the mix of Chedoke and Ancaster teams at Juvenile division to help alleviate some of the team problems last year.

Junior House League – Brad W.

- Major Novice HL will lose some registered kids to Rep. 41 total registered thus far.
- Atom and Pee wee – enough registered for 4 teams at each division

- More ice-time will be required in the new year for Major Novice as they will convert from half-ice format to full ice. A suggestion was made that Leo P. will do development in the fall only and then the league will use that ice-time for Major Novice.

Senior and Junior Rep – Brandon B. and Alex M.

- Minor AE and Major AE will both play Tri-County Loop. OMHA rejected request to have Minor AEs play Niagara loop and Major AEs play Tri- County.

Agenda Items

Electronic Game Sheets/iPads – Olivier B.

- Contract to be signed with Gamesheet
- Will duplicate both written and electronic gamesheets for first few weeks to ensure smooth transition.
- Will be used for both HL and Rep games.
- Will need web masters and access for directors
- All Rep teams will be purchasing own iPads to be included in team budget.
- Will need to determine storage of iPads for HL games.
- Won't need immediate access to wifi – however Ben L. and Paul E. were looking into wifi access required – to be confirmed.

Rep Development for 2019-2020 hockey season – Greg F.

- Rep Player Development will be run by both Kelly Reed and Ryan Risidore.
 - o Will start end of Aug. and continue throughout the early part of the season.
 - o Have not yet confirmed total number of hours during season.
 - o Development to include divisions up to Peewee, will not longer offer to Bantam
- No Rep Goalie Development provided this season through league – Glanbrook was unable to include this due to budget restraints.
 - o Teams have been encouraged to include separate line item in budget for goalie development.

Achievement Banners

- To be discussed further at the next board meeting.
- Need to take inventory and sort by achievement.

Rowan's Law – Heather B.

- Presentation and acknowledgement form to be sent out to all HL parents/kids with mass practice schedules to review prior to mass practice. Will get kids to sign-off at mass practice prior to taking the ice.
- For Respect In Sport – we have had issues with people not completing this, suggestion is to withhold team assignment until this has been completed.

Gender Diversity Pre-Season Talks – Olivier B.

- All coaches will be asked to hold a meeting and discuss PowerPoint presentation with team and have all team members sign-off on acknowledgement of presentation with coach.
- PowerPoint presentation to be forwarded to directors to tailor it to specific age groups prior to forwarding to coaches.
- Not currently mandatory to complete but will be in the near future.

New Business

Special Events and Promotion – Julie M. and Calvin B.

- Glanbrook has championed a very successful fundraising campaign to benefit McMaster Children's Hospital (MCH) for many year called Rangers4Life. They have partnered with the OHL Bulldogs in the last few years to help with raising further money.
- With the Ancaster/Glanbrook Pilot Rep program starting this season, Glanbrook has invited AMHL to participate in this important fundraiser.
- Both leagues would contribute an equal amount (suggested \$7500) to the initiative with the Bulldogs with all proceeds from fundraising opportunities above and beyond the initial spend to go directly to MCH.
- With the Bulldogs, the leagues will get access to discounted tickets to a specific game, 50/50 ticket sales during game, socks/hats/mitts toss on ice, coaching clinics for HL and Rep, further incentives for teams that raise the most money, and access to their promotions group for more fundraising ideas.
- A "Special Events Committee" (SEC) has been formed to help spearhead this combined initiative which will be renamed to include both AMHL and Glanbrook.
- The SEC is in discussion with the Leafs Alumni group to arrange for a game on December 14. Additional spend will be required to get the game, Julie M. will report back on cost. There is also a Bulldogs game that evening which would mean we could get 2 games for the price of 1 as our big fundraiser.

MOTION by Calvin B., Second by Julie M. for AMHL to move forward with a financial commitment of \$7500 to the MCH fundraising campaign in partnership with Glanbrook as well as ask for volunteers to help with organizing. Approved by Unanimous vote.

Adjournment – 9:08pm motion by Calvin B., second by Olivier B.