

BOARD MEETING Sept.18, 2019

7:00PM – HAMMIL HOUSE, ANCASTER

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Olivier B.
Margaret D.
Brad W.
Ryan M.
Matt W.

Kevin F.
Julie M.
Graham P.
Calvin B.
Beth F.

Absent:

Alex M.
Brandon B.
Greg. F.

Staff Present:

Heather B.
Diane D.
Marc-Anthony (co-op student)

AXEOS PRESENTATION – 7:05-7:30

- Representatives from AXEOS gave a presentation on their HALO product (a compression shirt formulated to reduce whiplash)
- Would like to partner with AMHL to promote product – will offer discounts to league.
- Kevin F. and Matt W. will look into this further with company.

Welcome and Call to order – 7:30pm motion by Calvin B., second by Beth F.

Approval of minutes from August 21, 2019 - motion by Kevin F., second by Calvin B. - approved

Business Arising from minutes of last meeting:

- Gender Diversity Pre-season chat sheets – collection is ongoing.
- HL coach meet and greet for Senior HL coaches, trainers and assistant coaches set for Oct. 3.
 - o Will aim to have jerseys and trainers bags ready to hand out that evening. Should have approximately 20 people.
 - o Kevin F. to check with Boston Pizza, Ancaster to host evening at 7pm
- Juvenile Interlock with Chedoke
 - o Chedoke has weak numbers signed up so far – only 2 goalies and 9 skaters but registration has only been open for 1 week.
 - o Will have 8pm and 9pm Sunday ice at Chedoke, 9:30 Mondays in Ancaster
 - o Aim to get 4 teams total.
 - o Graham P. to confirm jerseys with Chedoke.
 - o Diane to work with Jason from Chedoke on ice times.

Staff Reports:

Referee In Chief – Kevin M. (absent but reported by Calvin B.)

- More officials have been hired on and others have expressed interest in joining.
- We need to have hard copy of gamesheets on-site just in case there are issues with the iPads. Need to check to see if we have updated gamesheets for this year to use or need to order more?
- We have plenty of timekeepers.
- Number of officials for Minor Peewee will be reduced to 2.
- Major Peewee may also be reduced to 2. Further information to follow.

Registrar – Heather B.

- Registration numbers are increasing however will need to close as we need to know final numbers for jerseys.
- Rowan's law forms were sent out with all mass practice times – need to be signed prior to taking ice, will have printed copies at mass practices as well.
- First round of mass practice times have gone out for the Sept. 21-22 weekend.
- Atom – 77 players, 6 goalies - Peewee – 66- players, 5 goalies
- Bantam – 59 players, 5 goalies - Midget – 74 players, 6 goalies
- Juvenile – 29 players, 2 goalies

Ice Scheduler – Diane D.

- Need to return unused ice up to end of March to city by 19-Sept – difficult to guess what will be needed from Jan-Mar as playoff schedule not released.
- Novice AA rep team
 - o – will they need development ice as they were not on the list originally provided by Greg and Steve? – need to find out from Greg.
 - o Awaiting game schedule for team
- Select teams – currently there is no ice available to give the teams, will need to source more ice once all groups return unused ice to the city – pick up extra times.
 - o Original ice allocation from the city was not enough to include select teams.
 - o Look at Friday evenings as well as Beverly and Olympic arena.
 - o 4 Select teams – Atom, Peewee, Midget, Bantam
 - o Will start mid-Oct.
 - o Can likely get ice from the Bombers once all ice has been allocated and will buy more if needed.
- Minor Novice Select MD
 - o Likely to start in October.
 - o Try-outs have been completed.
 - o Not allowed any exhibition games until January
 - o Diane to check at the next Tri-County Meeting
 - o Ryan will talk with Glanbrook counterpart Phil Kraynk for games.
- Will start to post ice-times for all HL groups except for Peewee.
- Will need to get an extra 1hr/week ice time for Peewee and Midget due to having more teams.

Directors Reports:

Senior House League – Graham P.

- Short 1 coach in the Bantam and Midget divisions but need to confirm with final registration numbers. Need to review the list of coaches.

- Will have 4 teams in Bantam and close registration.
- As we have more goalies than needed for the 4 teams, suggest that they do a shared goalie program like they do for rep teams (either alternate games or periods?)
- Will send an email to families to see if someone will play down a level as an option as well, if they choose to, they will still be eligible to try out of the Select team at Bantam.

Junior House League – Brad W.

- Atom, Pee wee and Bantam mass evaluations coming up – Sept 21, 22 – Leo P. group running evaluations.
- Coaches lined up for Novice, Atom and Pee wee.
- Will likely need to have 5 Pee wee teams but only 4 goalies – can try to bring Bantam down as suggested by Graham P. and possibly offer discount.
- Pro Hockey Life development will be offered for Atom and below every second week after practices similar to last season.

Initiation Program – Ryan M.

- CHIPs and Mites Information session is planned for October 19.
 - o Kelly Reed will come to speak about the program he will be running with the CHIPs.
 - o Steve from Pro Hockey Life will provide some example equipment and information on how to put the equipment on properly.
 - o Jamie will provide a handout on proper safety.
 - o Will advertise session on AMHL website
- 3-4 coaches short for Mites, Tykes and Minor Novice.
- Minor Novice Select (MD) – had 20 kids tryout. Will need to check with Greg to see if they can sign up for skills and drills.

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

- Major Novice AA tryouts to be held Sep. 3-9 – information has been posted on website.
 - o Coach has been selected – Alex to send name to Heather to verify qualifications.
 - o Will start season later in October along with Midget division.
 - o No specific pinnies or jerseys for Novice tryouts were ordered as per Matt W.
- Minor Midget AE – application has been made to Tri-County to play their loop rather than Niagara loop.
- Major Bantam – rep fees are \$2500 less as they don't receive development.
- Major Novice rep fee has not been confirmed – Margaret and Shari working on the budget.
- Have 9 approved OMHA rosters so far out of 19.

Equipment – Matt W.

- Tim Hortons jerseys have arrived and will be sorted by Marc-Anthony.
- Matt will hold a 2 hour pick-up gear night, to be scheduled and sent out to all coaches.
- Novice A jersey issues with some of the kids not fitting correctly. Matt sent an email with several options to Calvin B. for review – yet to be reviewed.

Special Events and Publicity – Julie M.

- Picture day for HL teams scheduled for November 3 with retake day November 16.
- As with last year, coaches will be given an opportunity to sign up for a time.
- Working on date for Rep teams and possibly using Lancaster Bomber at the warplane museum.

Sponsorship – Kevin F.

- Currently have 4 division sponsors: Tim Hortons, Orange Theory, Atomic and Boston Pizza Ancaster
- 13 unique team sponsors have been identified.
- \$12,500 sponsorship dollars and a total of \$23,500 which is combined in kind contributions along with dollars.
- Various ideas for fundraising: Terra Cotta cookie bake, Team wear clothing sale through Breakaway, gift cards with the Unique Restaurant Group valid at 5 different restaurants.
- Always looking for more sponsors.

Standing Agenda Items

Leafs Alumni Game and MacKids update – Julie M. and Calvin B.

- Contract signed with Leafs Alumni and Bulldogs – game scheduled for Dec. 14.
- Calvin B. and Ishac Nazy (Glanbrook Minor Hockey President) will co-chair the committee.
- Will have trophies from the Hockey Hall of Fame set up in the concourse for viewing and pictures between games.
- Plan to have some players signing autographs for meet and greet sessions.
- Group is starting to collect items for raffles throughout the games.
- Bulldogs are preparing posters for advertising, they are also donating boxes for the games.
- Will have larger raffles take place between games.
- 100% of the money raised for Mac will go to the Oncology floor.

Update to website with Current Information

- Will have Marc-Anthony (co-op student) look through the website to see what needs to be updated and prepare list for Tony.

New Business

Select Coaches

- Atom, Peewee and Bantam have been selected.
- For Midget – currently have one who is officially interested and one who also may be interested. To be reviewed.

Hometown Hockey

- First meeting with city and minor hockey associations held earlier this week, unfortunately Calvin B. was unable to attend due to short notice.
- Will await further direction from Rogers and form a committee to represent AMHL.

Co-op Student

- Marc-Anthony has joined the AMHL for a co-op student placement and will be supervised by Heather B. He will help out various directors as needed and work out of Hammil House with his term ending mid-late January 2020.

Adjournment – 9:10pm motion by Kevin F., second by Margaret D.