

SUNSHINE COAST MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2011 5:45 PM

In attendance: Sean Gray, Alayna Josephson, Linda Iverson, Susan Carsky, Christina Smethurst, Ward Ellis-Winters, Shawn Mabey, Crystal Hage, Jackie Kimpton, Pam Kilmister, Lisa Edginton. Guest: Darragh Workman

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 5:50PM

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Executive Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2011

Motion: To adopt the minutes as presented. Moved. Ward Ellis-Winters.

2nd Christina Smethurst. Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Additional ice-time has been purchased for the Tyke division. 1 hour on the weekend.
- Pee Wee body contact/body checking affiliates – there are presently two players that have been practicing with the body checking team. Both have taken a portion of the checking clinic, but not the full clinic. All affiliates to attend the next session of the body checking clinic.
- SCRD Policy – Early morning ice. We briefly reviewed a letter composed to the SCRD asking for them to review their policy regarding user groups' compulsory use of early morning ice time. It was decided that everyone reviews the letter, make notes, and discuss at a future meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Darragh Workman – Midget Division Coach “C” team.

- Darragh presented an idea to increase enrollment in the Midget house division.
- Currently both the house and the Rep teams have 12 players. Darragh knows of a number of former players that would like to attend practices with the Midget team but cannot commit the time to play the full game/practice schedule. He would like to offer these players a reduced registration rate for practice only participation.
- Would we be able to come up with a rate that would cover the players with insurance and boost the numbers for the practices’?
- He would also like to entertain offering a reduced rate for these players to be able to participate in some games. Presently if the midget team suffers any illness or injury, they run the chance of having to forfeit games.

Motion: Offer players’ at the Midget division level a reduced registration rate for participation in practices only, and another rate for practices plus a few games. Moved. Ward Ellis-Winters. 2nd.

Christina Smethurst. Carried.

- Christina will look into insurance costs and determine a figure to present to the interested players. This will be done by Saturday.

4.2 President’s Report – Sean Gray

- Recently attended the Presidents Caucus meeting.
- The momentum is building to remove all checking from the house “C” divisions.
- The move is likely to affect the Pee Wee division first and then will include all divisions up to and including Midget.
- There is talk of forming more “A” teams for those who wish to pursue hockey at a more competitive level.

- Discussion followed regarding affiliates for “A” teams and how to prepare affiliates for play with the Rep teams while the “C” teams would be body-contact only.

4.3 Treasurer’s Report - Christina Smethurst

- Financial reports for the period ending October 30, 2011 were presented and reviewed.

Motion: To accept the financial reports as presented. Moved. Ward Ellis-Winters.

2nd. Alayna Josephson. Carried.

4.4 Vice-President’s Report – Ward Ellis-Winters

Codes of Conduct

- Discussion took place regarding the signed copies of the Codes of Conduct, and whether or not we have a central location to store these. Generally, team managers keep the codes of conduct throughout the season.
- It was also recommended that we have a signed code of conduct for each parent involved with their child in the SCMHA.
- The Code of Conducts also need to be kept on file to cover the full calendar year. September 30th – September 30th of the following year when it is replaced by the current season’s code of conduct.

Early morning ice-usage

- A recap of the early morning ice times by division. A number of different opinions were presented.
- All in all it is difficult to get a good attendance at these ice times for many reasons, i.e. availability of certified coaches, for some players the distance to the rinks does not allow time to be ready for school.

4.5 Ways & Means Director – Lisa for Brenda Rowe

Fundraising update

- Ladies night was a great success. The Association made between \$900 – \$1100.
- Giant’s game – all volunteers need to be at the Pacific Coliseum for 3:30pm on Sunday.
- The raffle tickets have been handed out and the stubs will need to be returned at the latest Dec 6th. The draw for the prizes will be made at the Breakfast with Santa on Dec 11th @ GACC.

Tournaments

- Are scheduled for the New Year, and the Atom and Pee Wee tournaments are full.
- The Pee Wee Rep tournament has been cancelled and the Bantam tournament is pending.

Tournament Program

- In regards to the tournaments, previous years programs have cost more to produce than the advertising revenue received. We need to review what we have done in the past and find a way to realize some real revenue from our programs. This item was tabled to another meeting for further discussion.

4.6 Risk Manager – Jackie Kimpton

Volunteer Screening

- The implementation of the volunteer screening process will require further work.
- The volunteer screening process has been completed in theory, but a plan for the implementation of such will have to take place for next season.
- We require a central location to hold the information on volunteers from each of the teams, including criminal record checks, and team rosters.
- Having one person in place to be responsible for the information and to follow up on all information provided.

Pre-concussion Testing

- There is a test available on a website that offers players pre-concussion tests.
- The cost for this test is \$25 per person.
- Discussion was had regarding the merits of this testing and whether or not to make it mandatory within our Association, especially for the A teams.

- Ward volunteered to assist Jackie with this.

4.7 Lion's Gate Director - Alayna Josephson

Team Photographs

- It was suggested that the Association review how and when we schedule team photo times. Each team loses a full practice to have them taken in the present format.
- Item tabled to another meeting where other ideas can be discussed.

Lion's Gate Meeting

- Alayna has been contacted regarding balancing of teams within the Atom division. It is thought at Lion's Gate, that our teams are not playing competitive games and rebalancing of the teams will solve this problem.
- All player movement must be completed on or before Dec 3, 2011.
- Crystal Hage has asked each of the team's coaches for their opinions on this and how/who to move. All teams are happy with the players that they have, even if they are not competing well against the other teams.
- Discussion followed, and it was thought that the SCMHA is different from teams in the mainland as we play amongst ourselves and do not travel. As this has not been an issue before, we'd like to request that we maintain the teams that we presently have.

Uniform colours

- There have been questions regarding the correct protocol regarding team colours.
- PCAHA has issued a bulletin outlining the protocol for uniforms.
- The away team can wear their team/Association colours, and the home team is to change if these colours conflict.

4.8 Atom Division Manager – Crystal Hage

- Discussion took place regarding Novice affiliates to Atom C.
- The same affiliation rules apply as in other divisions.
- If Novice requires players, Tykes are not permitted to move up.

5. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Dave Crosby – Daryl Baker Award

- Ken Sneddon has offered to donate a trophy in Daryl Baker's name. He would like to call the trophy "The Daryl Baker True Grit Memorial Award." This award would be presented to any Midget player who demonstrates the similar characteristics of play that Daryl possessed. Hard worker, plays with a lot of grit, and has a great sense of humor.

Motion: To accept this donation as presented. Moved. Christina Smethurst. 2nd. Alayna Josephson. CARRIED.

7. NEXT MEETING – TBA. Schedule a meeting to take place before Dec 11th .

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved. Sean Gray. 2nd. Christina Smethurst. Carried.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.