

SUNSHINE COAST MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2011 at 6:00 PM

In Attendance: Jackie Kimpton, Shawn Mabey, Crystal Hage, Pam Kilmister, Christina Smethurst, Brenda Rowe, Susan Carsky, Jen Graham, Ward Ellis-Winters, Lisa Edginton, Sean Gray, Darren deRoon, Alayna Josephson.

Guests: Steve Brooks, Tom Poulton

Steve Brooks opened the meeting with a presentation on player development within SCMHA. (Presentation and notes attached.)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 6:45PM.
2. **Motion to adopt Executive meeting minutes for September 7, 2011 as presented. Moved. Susan Carsky. 2nd. Christina Smethurst. CARRIED. Motion: To adopt Executive meeting minutes for September 25, 2011 as presented. Moved: Susan Carsky. 2nd: Christina Smethurst. CARRIED.**
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: A letter was sent in response to the correspondence received regarding individual team tournament selection.
4. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 4.1 Tom Poulton introduced himself and gave a brief description of his responsibilities within the SCRCD. Tom also answered questions regarding ice-time.
 - Ice time is not sold in packages. An arena ice committee is formed consisting of all user groups, and they negotiate for the ice time. Consideration for ice time is given in the following order: tournaments, SCRCD programs, youth programs, adult programs. (Adult programs are not to start later than 9:30PM.)
 - Early morning ice was discussed. The current SCRCD policy requires SCMHA to purchase morning ice. These ice times pose a problem for the Association as the SCMHA is paying for ice that it does not need. The ice is also being allocated to the SCRCD when it is convenient for the SCRCD, not for us. The costs for ice time: before 3:30PM - \$70.75/hour, prime time – youth - \$99.00/hr., and Adult - \$200/hr.
 - A suggestion was made to advertise and sell the ice to other Associations.
 - Unfortunately, at this time, as resources are low; there are a few people doing the jobs of many. Although a good suggestion, it would be one more thing to add to the growing list of responsibilities.
 - There will be extra ice available over the Christmas break.
 - It was asked that we report all good and bad experiences with customer service at the arenas.
 - The SCRCD will be offering a course on the use of the defibrilators and CPR.
 - The SCRCD has had very positive results with the Mini Mites, One Goal and Hockey Hero's programs, and is pleased to see children from this programs moving into Minor Hockey.
 - Although each group is responsible for providing their own safety and first aid programs, all incidents must be reported to the employee on shift.
 - 4.2 Early Morning Ice
 - Further discussion was had regarding the morning ice policy. Although there is an economic advantage to purchasing ice early in the day, it presents numerous other issues such as the availability of coaches and players. The ice is costing us approximately \$3000 a season and that money could easily be used to purchase other ice at other times. It was recommended that we formally request the SCRCD to review their policy.

Motion: Darren deRoos to write a letter to the SCR D requesting a review of their current policy regarding early morning ice. Moved: Ward Ellis-Winters. 2nd: Alayna Josephson. CARRIED.

4.3 Tyke Division

- Tyke numbers have swelled to 35 registered Tykes. 21 second years and 14 first years. The numbers are presenting a challenge on the ice for the coaches and are a safety concern. The players have presently been rostered as first year and second year players, keeping with the Hockey 1 and Hockey 2 format. It was recommended to ask the PCAHA for an exception for the Sunshine Coast to be able to form these age group teams within the division.

***Via email: Motion: To purchase an extra hour of ice per week for the Tyke division. Moved: Ward Ellis-Winters. 2nd: Sean Gray. CARRIED.**

4.4 Coaching Clinic – Jen Graham

- There was an agreement in place that coaching clinics would be hosted between Whistler, Squamish and the Sunshine Coast on a rotating basis. As we hosted the coaching clinic last year, Whistler was in line for the coaching clinic this year. However, as we have had an interest in hosting the clinic here this year, we have pulled a few strings to make it happen here. Having said that, we currently have only 10 coaches registered for the clinic. If we do not get 20, the clinic will be cancelled. Division managers please get the interested coaches registered.
- It has happened in the past that coaches have signed up for the clinic and not completed all of their post-task work. These coaches have been reimbursed, and then sign up to take the clinic again. All coaches must be given reimbursement for clinic costs only when they have completed all sections of the course.

From Ray Graham – Midget division.

- Presently we do not have a division manager for the division and Ray is handling both teams. We have split the 22 players into two groups of 11 players and are currently looking for more players to sign up. Some of last season's players have been contacted and have expressed interest in rejoining.
- Ray has also requested that all queries regarding the Midget division go directly to him or Sean Gray, as aside conversations lead to confusion and have made dealing with the issues more difficult.
- Lions Gate does not presently have a League Manager for the Midget division and is looking for someone to oversee this division. If they do not have someone step up to take on the Midget division, play will be suspended.

4.5 Treasurer's Report – Christina Smethurst

- Current financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2011 were reviewed. While reviewing the statements it was mentioned that we have not yet received and/or paid any ice costs.
- Concessions have been given to any late registration from Midget players. The \$50 late fee has been waived in order to meet the numbers required for both the house and rep teams.
- All coaches requesting reimbursement for clinic fees will be reimbursed as their post task work is received and certified. The timeline for reimbursement is 12 months.
- There have been questions regarding registration fees from the Jumpstart subsidy program. Unlike other programs, this one is a long process for fee reimbursement as there are numerous privacy issues to deal with.

4.6 Pee Wee Checking affiliates – Crystal Hage

- There is concern over having Atom aged players as affiliates for the Pee Wee body checking team. How do we decide who is able to be an affiliate? A list has been given of players that have the skill and physical size to play at the Pee Wee body checking level, but there are other players interested.
- It was decided to offer the affiliation to the second year players first, and conduct a body checking clinic for those interested players. The coaches will determine from there who is best suited to affiliate for the Pee Wee body checking team, and the players will be invited to practice with the Pee Wee body checking team.
- Communication is to be from the Pee Wee Division Manager to the Atom Division Manager.

4.7 Uniforms – Darren deRoos

- An update on the new jerseys was provided.

5. Question and Answer Period

- Alayna Josephson asked about the issue of requesting that the PCAHA grant the SCMHA the opportunity to create Hockey 3 and Hockey 4 within our current program. It has been stated in the September 7th minutes that this request was turned down by Lions Gate, when in fact there wasn't time to discuss this issue at that Lions Gate meeting.
- Alayna will make this request for Hockey 3 and 4 at the next Lion's Gate meeting.

6. Next meeting: November 17th, 2011 @ GACC – 5:45 PM

7. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved: Sean Gray. 2nd: Christina Smethurst. CARRIED.
Meeting adjourned – 8:36PM.