

MINUTES

ACADIA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Meeting - Sunday, April 19, 2009

Present: Laurie Dauphinee Cathy Morine-Collins
Michael Brooker Chasity Jodrey
Burnadette Bishop Geneve Newcombe
Paul Murphy Arron Ward
Dave Duncan Mike Dauphinee
Samantha Hamilton John Curry
John Pettet Scott Hamilton

Absent: Ken Kingsbury Sue Balsor-Boudreau
Ian Spooner Peter Bagnell
Reg Ogilvie

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mike Dauphinee, seconded by Scott Hamilton to approve the minutes of the AMHA Board Meeting of March 15, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Pettet reported and presented the AMHA year end report. AMHA revenue for the year was almost exactly as budgeted. Expenses were several thousand dollars over budget, primarily due to additional equipment purchases. At the end of the year, AMHA had a net income of \$3,597, of which \$3,000 was allocated to the jersey fund. After five years of operation, AMHA has an operating surplus of just over \$14,000, and has net equity of \$77,645.

Motion by Mike Dauphinee, seconded by Dave Duncan to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion unanimously carried.

3. PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Dave Duncan and Laurie Dauphinee reported. The Bantam AA team won the silver medal at the Provincial championships, while the Midget Female team and the Pee wee Female team both won bronze medals at their respective Provincial tournaments.

AMHA won a number of fair play banners at Provincial Tournaments, including the Midget Female Team, the Bantam AA Team, the Midget C Team and the Pee wee Female Team.

4. DISCIPLINE

Arron Ward reported. AMHA has had a pretty good year from a disciplinary perspective. There are a couple of issues which have yet to be resolved. The Midget B team has a couple of suspensions which will carry over into next year. A complaint was registered against the Pee wee B team. The matter has been referred to the Discipline Committee.

5. INSURANCE COVERAGE ISSUE

Laurie Dauphinee reported. AMHA does not have insurance on its equipment and gear. The Board received a quote for insurance coverage. There was a general discussion, and it was agreed that AMHA should purchase insurance. Motion by Mike Brooker, seconded by Dave Duncan to obtain insurance coverage as per the quote. Motion unanimously carried, with an abstention by John Pettet.

6. COACH SELECTION PROCESS

Laurie Dauphinee led the discussion. There was a general consensus that if an AMHA coach did a great job this season, then he or she should be afforded an opportunity to coach an AMHA team next season without having to go through the job interview process. AMHA does not want to lose out on good coaches who become frustrated with procedure and process.

Motion by John Curry, seconded by Burnadette Bishop to direct the President to communicate to all 2008-2009 AMHA head coaches seeking expressions of interest to return to a head coaching position in 2009-2010. The President will then report to the Board, at which time a determination will be made as to which positions will be advertised and interviewed for. Motion unanimously carried.

7. AWARD CEREMONY AND AGM

The award ceremony and AGM is scheduled for May 13 at the K. C. Irving Centre. The Board also agreed to nominate a number of its volunteer coaches, directors and officials for Hockey Nova Scotia Awards. Those nominated by AMHA are Archie Seamone, Scott Trimper, Geneve Newcombe, Laurie Dauphinee, Brett Atwater, Josh Pettet, Jason Powers, Talia Greenough, Paul Murphy, Ken Swards, Osbourne Ward and Everett MacPherson.

8. WIND DOWN OF KENTVILLE & AREA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (KAMHA)

KAMHA has not been formally struck off the Registry of Societies. It was agreed that KAMHA should be wound down, with any funds remaining in KAMHA transferred to AMHA. Motion by Mike Brooker, seconded by Arron Ward to wind down KAMHA. Motion unanimously carried.

9. DIVISION MANAGER'S REPORT

Atom Division - Mike Dauphinee reported. The Atom A team won SEDMHA, while the Atom B team won the South Shore Year End Tournament.

Pewee Division - Peter Bagnell reported. The AAA team made the crossover round in the Mainland Tournament. The AA team lost its Provincial play down in three overtime games. Some concerns and frustrations were expressed regarding the fact that the other team used a goalie who had been transferred in to their association without approval of AMHA. It was generally agreed that further disclosure would be required in the future before transfer proposals would be deemed agreeable. The Pee wee B team had a good season.

Bantam Division - Cathy Morine Collins reported. The AAA team won the Colin Chipman Memorial Tournament. The AA team won silver in the Provincial Tournament. The Bantam B team closed the year by winning the South Shore Tournament. The House Leagues all made it to the finals.

Midget Division - David Duncan reported. The AAA team had a good season and represented AMHA very well at the Provincials, which it hosted. The AAA team then won the Civic Division at SEDMHA. The Midget A team won the SEDMHA Accord division. The B and C teams both had good years.

10. ANNAPOLIS VALLEY MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Ken Kingbury presented a written report in which he thanked AMHA for its interest and support of AVMHL. Ken announced that he was stepping down from the Board, and the President wanted to acknowledge Ken and thank him for his years of dedication and service to AMHA and AVMHL hockey.

11. FEMALE TEAMS REPORT

Geneve Newcombe reported. The Midge AA female team was the South Conference League champion and won a bronze medal at the Provincial Tournament. The Pee wee female team was also the South Conference League champion and won a bronze medal at the Provincial Tournament.

12. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Murphy reported. He had an extremely busy year as AMHA Technical Director, assisting most AMHA teams in game and practice situations. As well, Paul ran the Christmas Tournament. Although it was a very busy year, Paul reported that he enjoyed the experience and is interested in returning as AMHA Technical Director in the 2009-2010 season.

Paul reported that on the ice AMHA did quite well, earning 23 medals at various tournaments and Provincial championships. Paul noted that five AMHA teams participated in Provincial championships.

13. NOMINATIONS AND DONATIONS

AMHA nominated John Pettet as its designate for Kentville Volunteer of the Year.

AMHA nominated Errol Zwicker as its designate for the Village of New Minas Volunteer of the Year.

The Board also wanted to thank Richard Curry for his donation of \$300 for a set of East Kings Hockey sweaters.

14. ROUND TABLE

- The President reported that there may be some interest in Central Minor Hockey League allowing non metro Midget C teams to participate in the Metro league. This is a work in process and may take a few years to come to fruition.
- On behalf of the Board, the President expressed the Board's appreciation and thanks to Nancy Brown for her 20+ years of service to AMHA and one of its predecessors, KAMHA.
- It was noted that goalie development continues to be a concern with many minor hockey associations, including AMHA. AMHA will continue with the plan to try to encourage development of goaltenders, particularly at the Novice level.
- Early Bird Tournament - There was a general discussion about the benefit of AMHA AAA teams participating in early bird tournaments as a means to select its final teams. This issue will be discussed further once the new Board is appointed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL R. BROOKER

Secretary