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## ***Executive Meeting Minutes***

***Monday March 7, 2011***

***Attendees:*** Eileen Warren, Chris Evans, Mike Wale, Steve Sumka, Diane Vandenberg, Michael Goodfellow, Rick Zoltek, Terri Kent, Joanne Wilson, Rick Stevens, Darren Hall, Gerry Hogenhout

***Regrets:*** Marie Feeney

***Call to Order:*** Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

### ***Minutes of Last Meeting:***

Michael Goodfellow & Chris Evans motioned to accept the minutes of the Febuary 7th meeting, with the amendment 2 members were opposed to the motion to withdrawal the July 26 motion to post the scheduler position.

All were in favour to accept the minutes.

### ***Treasurers Report***

Gerry Hogenhout was not able to attend the meeting & did not submit a financial report for review. Approval for the 2011/2012 budget will have to be deferred to the coach selection meeting.

Joanne is investigating PayPal to use with the new Hockey Canada registration system, as a means of payment.

### ***1<sup>st</sup> VP - Rep***

Eileen has scheduled all rep coach interviews with the coach selection committee. Doug Brindley has withdrawn his application as he has accepting a position of assistant coach on a AAA team. A couple of candidates are the only applicant for the division, so telephone interviews will be scheduled with those candidates to cut back on interview times.

Three teams have advanced to the OMHA finals-Pee wee AE, Minor Bantam AA & Midget AE. Midget AA, Minor Atom AA & Minor Pee wee AA have advanced to Tri-County finals.

### ***Presidents Report***

Tryout Permission Forms: Rick Stevens suggested selecting one person to be responsible to signing Tryout Permission Forms, as Joanne is in the office, she will be the person designated to sign the forms & keep a copy for our records. The form has to be 100% complete before she will sign off.

New Borders: Since the association has elected to allow for 3 imports for the 2011/2012 season, the centres that players will be coming from to tryout here in Orangeville will be Erin, Grand Valley, Shelburne & possibly Dundalk. If these players do not make the AA team here, they have to return to their own centre & are not eligible to tryout for an A centre. Players from Orangeville that do not make the AA team can tryout at an A centre, the closest to us

would be Fergus. All players trying out at other centres than their own require a passport issued by OMHA. Out of town players will not be required to have paid their registration fee to tryout, but if they make the team registration fees are due asap.

Rick Stevens & Eileen Warren motioned to amend the date stated in our resolution for refunds to October 15, any other refunds after that are subject to approval from the executive. All were in favour.

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report - House league***

Steve apologized as he inadvertently omitted the directors when he emailed the referees about the house league playoff format. The stop time format is working well.

There is a positive buzz regarding the Intercity program for the 2011/2012 season. As of right now, Brampton has only approved 4 teams for atom & peewee divisions. Darren Hall mentioned Brampton is waiting until after their rep tryouts to approve Bantam &/or Midget divisions. In the meantime, Darren is working with other centres for these divisions. Rick Stevens reported Marty Phillips suggested these teams could be put in the AE Group 4 division. Steve asked that it is made clear that players do not have to tryout for the AA or AE teams to attend the select tryouts. Joanne will post this on the website.

Removing body checking from house league is being very well received by the membership. Diane Vandenberg noted the motion at the AGM will grandfather in the removal of body contact as the bantam/midget divisions have had it since peewee age. There will be 3 colours of voting cards for the AGM to clarify who is eligible to vote on this issue.

Steve has emailed a few individuals with regard to providing music on Champs Day. Steve will be at Champs Day from beginning to end & would like to present awards on ice after the games.

Intercity Coach applicants: due to major work travel, Steve asked if the coach select committee could interview the applicants. Steve asked Mike Goodfellow to coordinate the interviews, where there is only 1 applicant a telephone interview can be done, interviews with the committee can be conducted where there is more than 1 applicant. Darren Hall proposed \$250 to be charged for the rep(select) fee for the 2011/2012 season. This cost will cover ice time & 2 sets of jerseys.

Steve Sumka suggested approaching the Tigers about combining Initiation programs for the new season, as it could provide more development & free up some ice time. He proposed to make this a project after the AGM if he returns.

### ***New Business***

Eileen Warren & Chris Evans motion to add a Development Manager to our Executive team. This person would be a non-voting member.

It has been determined that the mentoring of coaches at all levels is the key to the future growth of coaching. The creation of this new role could provide coaches with the much needed skills, knowledge & support to promote & sustain an improved level of coaching performance. A mentorship program given through our Development Manager can foster an improved level of recruitment & retention of coaches. As a result, coaching will be more enjoyable, & in the end, everyone benefits-particularly the players.

Our Development Manager could:

- Organize & deliver specialty clinics & workshops to our coaches
- Create a development philosophy & vision for our Association
- Establish & maintain a resource centre for our coaches
- Create long & short-term plans with regard to skill development

- Help coaches plan & implement effective practice sessions
- Ensure the coaches are implementing age-specific skill development

The benefits of this member will provide coaches with the required skills, knowledge & support to promote & achieve higher levels of performance for our players

The Development Managers responsibilities would include (but are not limited to)

- Ensure ALL players from HL up to & including AA are developed to the best capabilities
- Provide ALL coaches with advice on hockey strategy, skill drill plays etc. preparing season plans
- Be a resource for ALL coaches with our Association
- Evaluate players & provide reports back to coaches
- Work to identify ways to improve training & development for our Association

Gerry Hogenhout asked if this would not be the next executives' decision? But nominations for the position will be held at the AGM. How to approach coaches, will this be mandatory? It will be a question included in their interview, it will be suggested for first time coaches & the executive should be able to pinpoint coaches that could benefit. There is a development budget for this & the executive will give the direction where to start.

All were in favour.

Eileen Warren & Gerry Hogenhout motioned to add 2 additional non-voting members to the association to be voted at the AGM

Sponsorship Manager & Equipment Manager

All were in favour

AGM - Will use the same format as last year. Diane Vandenberg does not plan to run again so she can act as scrutineer once the current executive has been dissolved

There will be a ballot vote for positions of President, both Vice Presidents & Treasurer.

The voting package will be an envelope with a pencil, ballots for the positions & voting cards.

The President, Vice Presidents & Treasurer will speak at the AGM.

Darren Hall will borrow a projector so financials can be presented reducing the amount of paper. The financials will be posted on the website, members can print off if they choose.

Joanne Wilson will be a counter. Diane will prepare an agenda.

Eileen mentioned another meeting will be scheduled after March 14, when coach interviews have been completed. Kevin Grant has applied for the Midget AE team.

Michael Goodfellow suggested Gerry should email the budget to all exec members so it can be approved at this meeting.

OMHA AGM will be held June 10-12/2011.

Rick Stevens raised the question about the minor atom A team, it was decided for the 2011/2012 season, the team will tryout as an AE team & then can apply for A after the fact.

Michael Goodfellow & Eileen Warren motioned to approve a cheque be cut for Rick Stevens to pay OMHA referees for the next series. All were in favour.

Gerry Hogenhout & Michael Goodfellow motioned for approval from the executive for 2 weekends in Sep 2011 for the Referee's Early Bird tournament to start the paperwork & get on OMHA website. All were in favour.

**Adjournment:** Michael Goodfellow & Darren Hall motioned to adjourn at 10:20 pm. All were in favour.