



Minutes

February 23, 2009

7:30PM

Oakville Town Hall, Oakville

Executive Attendees

Mark Robinson
Bernice Grasley
Doug Nicholls, OWHA

Gina Gibson
Michele Piccini

Executive Regrets

Erik Ellis, Greg Bridgewater, Lewis Morgulis,
Glenn Henry, Jim Kennedy, Debbie Bland,
Bill Williamson, Pat Nicholls, Fran Rider

Associations Represented

Brampton
Hamilton
North York
St Catharines

Durham West
Keene
Oakville
Stoney Creek

Etobicoke
Napanee
Scarborough
Whitby

Georgina
North Halton
St Thomas
Woolwich

Association Regrets

Belleville
Cambridge
Markham-Stouffville
Orillia
Toronto Leaside

Bluewater
Chatham
Mississauga
Percy
Willowdale

Brantford
Ennismore
Niagara Falls
Plattsville
Wilmot

Burlington
Haldimand
Orangeville
Stratford
Woodstock

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM by League President. League President announced Woolwich as a finalist for Kraft Hockeyville 2009. Woolwich LL explained the "Drive for 5.5" and proceeds from program will go towards the second ice pad at arena. Woolwich LL provided "Vote for Woolwich" cards so LLLFHL members could vote. Secretary advised the information would be passed on to the webmaster for posting asap.

League President indicated we are unable to accept minutes from January 26, 2009 meeting as no quorum. St Catharines LL enquired "what is quorum?" 35% plus 1; Discussion ensued regarding quorum and president explained this was the number the legal representative recommended when the league was forming. Oakville LL enquired about the use of conference calls for meeting: it was explained this option will be looked at; Stoney Creek LL explained an issue with officials whistles when someone on call is at the arena.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Player Eligibility for Playoffs

President explained that a typographical error was made which resulted in the word “League” ending up missing the playoffs rules document which was sent to LLs; Under no circumstances was the Executive making a change to Section 2 – Player Eligibility of the LLFHL Rules and Regulations. League President explained player exemptions are at the discretion of the Executive and there are no set exemptions; Executive made a decision to not accept exemption requests after January 31, 2009.

The only change to the document was that each team was now afforded one 30-second time out per game for playoffs.

AGM (Motions & Executive Elections Nominations)

June 7, 2009 – Cambridge, ON

League President reminded group that Nomination Forms as well as Changes to Amendments Form are on the website. Nomination Forms are to be submitted to 1st VP Glenn Henry and Proposed Amendment Changes are to be submitted to Secretary Gina Gibson.

Officials

Discussion regarding two officials for a 3-official system; Brampton LL indicated association teams are instructed to sign game sheet if this occurs. OWHA rep indicated if OWHA Playdown game, associations must follow the three officials rule and if only two, the manager needs to contact their OWHA Regional Director prior to the game commencing.

Discussion regarding suspensions and penalties for OT and shoot out; President advised it is not a new game and suspensions and penalties carry over into OT and shoot outs.

Travel (Atom AA & PWAA)

No report.

Treasurers Report

Reports were provided to LLs prior to meeting for review; In treasurers absence, league president handled inquiries. North Halton LL enquired re fees for next season—group advised it will more than likely remain at \$160 or could come in lower.

Motion to accept report by St Catharines LL; 2nd by Whitby LL; All in favour; Carried.

Head Convenor's Report

Head convenor explained two divisions were extended to Wednesday February 25 due to weather on Sunday, February 22. No other extensions have been granted. Head convenor explained request received to extend second round already and it will be denied. Head convenor explained goalies cannot be called up in a “What If...” situation---the team must be without a goalie. Brampton LL enquired if the league tells team who they must pick up for their goalie: No. Keene LL enquired as to process when team has one rostered goalie who is now injured and team had another player on team play net for five plus games---LL enquired if team would be able to pick up another goalie; Yes as the team only has one rostered goalie.

LLs were reminded that teams playing opponents for both LLFHL Playoff and OWHA Playdown should try to double up to minimize travel and costs.

St Catharines LL advised they have association rule whereby teams are not permitted to partake in tournaments during LLFHL Playoffs and OWHA Playdowns

Convenor stressed the importance of double headers

Keene LL enquired as to option of league going to top 4 teams for playoffs rather than top 8; Executive advised many emails received, even from players, stressing that everyone should make the playoffs; President explained the survey completed last season and the results were top 8 to playoffs; the need to keep girls playing as long as possible and the need for regular season to mean something.

Keene LL enquired as to 'closing gaps' between teams ie 20 points between 1st and last team in loop; Discussion ensued and LLs reminded to ensure teams are in the correct category; OWHA rep reminded the group that the C division was designed for new rep teams, not teams who have been involved for many years.

Whitby LL enquired regarding playoff structure for Atom AA; President explained it was done as such so the girls could continue playing; It was noted that this was the only complaint received regarding any playoff structures.

Durham West LL explained they had issue on weekend with respect to officials but reason was due to higher level officials participating in OWHA Provincials.

Discipline Chair's Report

No issues; Only 24 game sheets received today.

Championship Weekend

Secretary reviewed document provided to LLs as they signed in; Costs for teams range from \$150-\$325; Secretary explained no emails received with respect to schedule for weekend; Secretary explained teams would receive package when they registered prior to their first game of the weekend and also explained a booklet which would be sent to LLs as soon as same updated and completed; Weather Policy will be reviewed and forwarded to LLs asap.

Stoney Creek LL motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:45PM
2nd by Scarborough LL
All in favour. Carried.