



# Minutes

January 26, 2009

7:30PM

Oakville Town Hall, Oakville

## Executive Attendees

Mark Robinson  
 Gina Gibson  
 Michele Piccini  
 Doug Nicholls, OWHA

Glenn Henry  
 Bernice Grasley  
 Erik Ellis

## Executive Regrets

Greg Bridgewater, Lewis Morgulis,  
 Jim Kennedy, Debbie Bland,  
 Bill Williamson, Pat Nicholls, Fran Rider

## Associations Represented

Aurora	Baltimore	Belleville	Brantford
Burlington	Cambridge	Durham West	Etobicoke
Georgina	Grand River	Guelph	Haldimand
Hamilton	Lindsay	Markham-Stouffville	Mississauga
Niagara Falls	North Durham	North Halton	North Simcoe
North York	Oakville	Orangeville	Peterborough
Saugeen-Maitland	Scarborough	St Thomas	St Catharines
Stoney Creek	Stratford	Toronto Leaside	Twin Centre
Whitby	Woodstock	Woolwich	

## Association Regrets

Belmont	Bluewater	Buffalo	Chatham
Clarington	Cold Creek	Milverton	Mitchell
Orillia	Percy	Plattsville	Rochester
Vaughan	West Northumberland		

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM by League President. League President announced the passing of Betty Solomon's husband and requested that all present sign the card as it will be sent to the home along with a basket. It was also noted that a donation would be sent to Hamilton Ronald McDonald House and a basket sent to Betty at home.

League President noted 35 of the 85 associations were present plus 6 executive members and as such, there is a quorum.

## **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

### *Results from November Voting*

President explained vote results of 44 Yes to 18 No with respect to “Are you in favour of Midget BB moving to 12-15-15 games next season?” Executive will prepare proposal for the AGM—Addition to Rule 13.

Mississauga LL enquired if vote for game lengths could be done at the meeting; League President explained the same process that was taken last year will occur this year; Change will be put forth and voted on at the AGM.

Mississauga LL enquired why an association who doesn't have a team in the category gets to vote; League President explained as per the Constitution, all associations get one vote.

League President explained results with respect to “Are you in favour of awarding participant medallions to non-medalling teams at Championship Weekend?” 40 Yes to 23 No

Discussion ensued regarding additional question “If YES, please advise divisions for which participant medallions should be awarded. Atom & Younger 12 – PW & Younger 10 – All Divisions 18

Oakville LL indicated PW & Younger includes Atom & Younger so the total is 22; It was mentioned that All Divisions includes the other two as well. Stoney Creek LL enquired as to cost for the medallions; Secretary indicated the tenders received were anywhere from \$3.00-\$5.65 each. St Catharines LL put motion forward to award participant medallions to 4<sup>th</sup> place teams at the 2008-09 Championship Weekend; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stoney Creek; Vote 33 for, 3 against. Carried.

### *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.

### *Officials*

Head referee is available to assist associations if officials require supervising; Her email will be added to Contacts on league website.

Aurora LL indicated issues with respect to officials doing games that are not qualified; OWHA rep indicated if official is certified at such a level, they are qualified to officiate; Durham West LL enquired if there was a rule in place with respect to relatives officiating games; It was noted that the officials should declare conflict and this should not occur; Secretary explained Ref Assigner should ascertain officials conflicts at the beginning of the season and based on those conflicts, games should not be assigned to those officials; OWHA rep advised letters received by the OWHA regarding officials are reviewed and action taken; OWHA rep reminded LLs that the official must include their number on the game sheet; Mississauga LL advised Head Referee is a good resource and always willing to assist; Markham-Stouffville LL advised it is always a good idea to call the other association LL if there is a problem.

### *Travel (Atom AA & PWAA)*

Burlington LL provided update with respect to sub-committee; Chair explained comments received thus far; Guelph LL enquired if vote would be required to combine AA/A as LLFHL rules indicate teams must play in their own category; League President explained decision would be made by the executive as we did the same with a combined Int A/BB/B division this season; Stratford LL explained NMGHL had mix divisions.

### Treasurers Report

Reports were provided to LLs prior to meeting for review; Durham West LL enquired as to cost for Championship Weekend; Secretary explained some costs are just being finalized so amount should be known shortly; LLs were reminded that the league is contributing \$20000 towards Championship Weekend; Durham West LL enquired if cost would be less than that for a tournament: Yes.

Whitby LL enquired as to cost for website and if league is paying someone as she offered to do so for free; Treasurer explained there is a cost for same; League President advised company who handles MtW also handles the website; League President explained it is easier for executive to deal with one person but other options could be looked at as well.

Motion to accept treasurers report by St Catharines LL; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Whitby LL; All in favour; Carried.

### Head Convenor's Report

There are 11 Teddy Bear teams this season and their scheduling was done in less than one hour; Teddy Bear season ends March 31, 2009; Convenor reminded LLs to fax game sheets to admin number within 72 hours; Regular season ends February 8, 2009 for most divisions and all games must be played; Teams that don't complete season will be ineligible for playoffs; Convenor advised emails should include game number, association's name, etc; No call ups for playoffs; Goalies are the exception and must be authorized by Head Convenor only; Goalies cannot be used for an "in case" situation—request will be denied by convenor. Stoney Creek rep enquired if request for goalie can be from coach or LL: Convenor explained it depends on how quickly an answer is required ie if response needed in a few hours as game that night, the request can come from the coach.

League President explained games must be completed by February 8, 2009; He encouraged LLs to ensure their teams have extra ice on February 9 in case of snow on February 8.

### Discipline Chair's Report

Game sheets are still missing or illegible; Associations will be receiving total penalty minutes stats; Toronto Leaside LL enquired if coaches have been suspended yet? No but they will be; Stoney Creek rep enquired "How can we help?"; OWSA rep indicated a cover sheet is always a good idea; After discussing same, it was agreed the executive will look into creating a cover sheet for game sheets that involve suspensions.

Chair indicated a recent protest was held and during same, it was suggested a form be created which would outline exactly what needs to be done by a team and who emails should be sent to; The executive will create the form. Chair indicated officials calls cannot be protested; OWSA rep advised only technical errors can be challenged.

### Championship Weekend

Secretary advised quotes for medallions/banners/teddy bears have been received and decision is being made as to supplier; Ice has been secured and schedules are being worked on; Secretary enquired if LLs preferred a schedule where teams play two games on one day or teams play two games over two days (this does not apply to teams with 3 teams only-Atom B and Peewee C). The consensus was teams play two games on one day; Secretary advised this info would be kept in mind while finalizing the schedule; Schedule should be available for February meeting.

Whitby LL enquired if actual ice has been secured for event: Yes, we have contract for Legends and we're awaiting Campus contract.

## **New Business**

League President explained coaches need to read the rules especially 11f, 5e and 18; LLFHL website will have playoff structures with team names inserted once final standings are known; Tiebreakers are listed in the Rules & Regs; Top 8 teams in each loop make the playoffs; No reseeding of teams will occur; No March Break blackout in place.

League President explained a survey was completed by the LLs last season and 47% wanted the top 8 teams to advance to playoffs; 23% wanted the top 4 only; 70% wanted regular season to mean something.

Whitby LL asked for clarification for 9 team loop; 8 teams participate in playoffs and the 9<sup>th</sup> team does not.

Markham-Stouffville enquired re Int A/BB/B; League President advised as per arrangements in September, the 3 BB and 1 B teams will have their own playoffs and championships.

With respect to Atom B and Peewee C, it will be a round robin, 1<sup>st</sup> place in the round robin gets a bye to the final, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams play each other with the loser obtaining the bronze medal and the winner moving to the final game.

League President reviewed Playoff Rules; Durham West enquired if 3-minute warm up still in place for playoffs: Yes; League does not schedule playoffs, team managers must work together and agree; Opt out to travel to US still applies but it does not preclude a team from playing a US team on ice in Ontario purchased by the US team; Double headers can be played but teams must adhere to rule relating to time between games; Best of 3 games, first team to 4 points is declared the winner and will advance to next round; All three games are regulation games-series is over at the end of regulation time-if series points are tied, then OT will take place; All games can end in a tie.

If LLFHL playoff game is being used as OWHA play down as well, please contact your Regional Director.

Discussion ensued regarding recategorized teams; League President provided list to the LLs.

St Catharines LL motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:30PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mississauga LL; All in favour; Carried.