



Minutes

October 26, 2009

6:30PM

OWHA Office

Attendees

Mark Robinson
Sonya Schram
Erik Ellis
Bill Hube
Michele Piccini
Doug Nicholls, OWHA

Gina Gibson
Bernice Grasley
Teresa Muto
Michelle Granger-Smith
Pat Nicholls, OWHA
Bill Williamson, OWHA

Regrets

Glenn Henry, Debbie Bland,
Jim Kennedy, Fran Rider

Meeting called to order at 6:40PM

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Disposition of Former NMGHL Funds

No action.

ITSports Update

Member provided a comprehensive report on ITSports from scheduling issues right through to access issues. There is not one single person to blame nor is ITSports to be blamed completely either. As of October 26, 6607 games are in the system, 988 have been played and 858 have been scored. FAQ being developed. If ITSports contracted next season, the group must work on the schedules (it is not a one-person job) and it is unrealistic for members to expect schedules to be in the system in a few days (7-10 days is reasonable).

Managers Access

ITSports does not have authority to put someone into the system. Problem at this time is name of 'manager' versus 'statistician' as many teams have a parent doing the inputting rather than the manager who is designated on the official OWHA roster. Member advised association registrars needed to do one more step in order to provide access for managers and indicated for next season, registrars need to be reminded of steps. 98% of the managers are in the system and all US teams will be in system by the end of the week. OWHA will be sending mass email re managers who shouldn't be charged the \$45 fee—ITSports will need to be contacted in order that they can be changed from manager to statistician.

Scheduling

Many team schedules were incorrect and head convenor and secretary were receiving many emails relating to same. What started as a small task, resulted in almost 2000 changes for members of the executive. A total of 540 emails were received relating to incorrect schedules on the website. Discussion ensued as to large number of changes and why.

Changes by Teams/Associations

Head convenor provided report which clearly shows associations are abusing the system with respect to game changes; One association has made 46 changes since the October 4 scheduling meeting; A total of 278 changes since the meeting.

Mileage

Discussion ensued regarding mileage expense for executive members to travel to meetings; Member indicated volunteers should never be out-of-pocket. Executive members, if they want, can be compensated for mileage to attend all meetings at a rate of \$0.35/km with the value to be reviewed as necessary.

Treasurers Report

Reports provided and reviewed.

New Business

Novice C Scheduling Meeting – November 15, 2009

Associations are advertising for Teddy Bear teams. Only a few teams left for league play.

League Liaison Meeting – November 16, 2009

Discussed number of LLs attending meetings; Report to be prepared for further discussion and presidents of associations should be advised of results.

Championship Weekend Tender

No action regarding RFP for 2010-2011 Championship Weekend. Annual awards tender was being updated and would be sent to committee for review prior to sending to businesses and website.

Postal Address

Discipline chair explained issues being experienced regarding cheques for protests; Indications are best to have mail sent to location that can be picked up daily; Group agreed mail should be sent to league secretary. Secretary to set up postal box.

Goalie Pads & Rule Enforcement

Member indicated he has received enquiries regarding this issue; OWHA Rep advised the new rule enforcement was covered in recertification clinics; OWHA directive to coaches is to not ask for the measurement but to send the OWHA an email and they will handle. If coach requests a measurement, the on-ice official must oblige and handle accordingly.

Date of Next Meeting

November 23, 2009 – Location TBD

Adjournment

Meeting concluded at 10:00PM