

Ottawa Centre Minor Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2010

Opening:

The Annual General Meeting of the OCMHA was called to order at 7:10pm on April 28/2010 at the Glebe Community Centre by Eric Lay.

Present:

Eric Lay, Peter Smith, Dan Burden, Sylvie Lalande, Stephanie Copeland Dinan, Liam Copeland Dinan (non-Member), Susan Moore, Dan Gunther, Peter Egener, Andrew Frank, Jonathan Angel, Joe Boughner (non-Member), David Wylynko, David Baar, Steve Denison and Doug Heintz-Grove

A Quorum was met.

Agenda:

Was prepared and distributed by previous secretary Eric Lay.

Approval of Minutes:

No previous minutes.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Item #1 Midget Scholarship awarded:

- scholarship awarded to Liam Copeland Dinan, who was warmly congratulated and recognized as an worthy recipient
- Eric Lay presented Liam with certificate and a hand shake
- appreciation was expressed for all the excellent candidates for the scholarship, and for the efforts of the selection committee

Item #2 Review of 2009/10 hockey season:

- it was reported the year was successful with most teams doing very well
- it was reported teams comparatively were very equal

Item #3 Financial Report for 2009/10:

- a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues and Expenses current to April 27, 2010 were presented
- during 2009-10 OCMHA has to date run a slight (approximately \$1,000) deficit, below the budgeted deficit of \$6,900; it is not anticipated that this deficit will increase significantly between now and the June 30 year-end
- OCHMA continues to have accumulated cash assets of approximately \$50,000, based on budget surpluses from several past years
- discussion ensued re use of the accumulated surplus: it was suggested that part be held as a reserve against future contingencies, and part spent on capital-type projects which would have a lasting value for Ottawa Centre families; the Executive will examine options over the coming season
- there was a suggestion that a prudent reserve be 10% of the annual budget or \$25,000-\$30,000, and it was further suggested that plans be made to increase the reserve in lockstep with annual budgets
- there was a suggestion that careful attention to demographic data concerning our registration base might assist in preparing more accurate budgets
- year end for 2009/10 budget will be June 30, 2010, and it is anticipated that financial statements for the year will be ready in Sept 2010.

Item #4 Approval of Budget and Fees for 2010/11:

- Peter Smith discussed the cost and use of Carleton ice; Thurs. time slots should continue, there will be a decision on Sun. morning block of ice it will be partially up to what Carleton will allow us as a package; Peter Smith is tasked to explore further; Peter Smith also said that the Carleton ice was not used as productively as possible with only one team being iced on the large surface quite often last season; it is suggested convenors address this better next season
- proposed budget will be dependent on final registration numbers; there will be an increase over last season's budget
- the budget increase is primarily ice cost – City of Ottawa ice cost will increase both because of a straight rate increase, and because of implementation of the HST
- to offset this increase Eric Lay made the motion to increase registration fees by \$40 to \$590
- there was discussion opened by David Baar on rolling in the 67's ticket sale Fundraiser cost to the registration fees; Eric Lay said it has been considered but that he was leery of sticker shock; David Baar wondered if it would be more transparent if the cost were built in up front; Peter Smith said registration is trying to be kept below \$600; Susan Moore who coordinated the Fundraiser last season commented there may be less collected with extra tickets not being sold; it was left open to be revisited; for now it was agreed to be up front about this cost in

registration materials, and we will continue to encourage team managers to include this cost in their team budgets

- there was a vote on the motion to approve the budget and increase the fees; the motion was carried unanimously
- there was open discussion re whether there would be Juvenile division in 2010-11; Peter Smith said that we didn't have a team at this level in 2009-10 because we could not identify a coach, and that the players in Ottawa Centre who wished to play at this level played for other Associations;
- Jonathan Angel suggested Don Davies be recruited as the Juvenile coach for 2010/11; Jonathan is tasked with approaching Don Davies for next season

Item #5 Amendment to Constitution:

- the Constitution presently states that only persons with children in the association may hold an executive position
- long time coach and OCMHA supporter Joe Boughner is prepared to accept an executive position but would not qualify according to current Constitution since he has no child registered in OCMHA
- Eric Lay made a motion to amend the constitution to allow supporters of minor hockey and the association to be able to hold executive positions regardless of having a child playing hockey in OCMHA
- David Wylynko opened discussion the amendment should include that these persons should complete, 'Speak Out' and acquire a PRC; points were made that if they are in contact with players they are already required to do so; managers are to insure all team staff meet qualifications; it was felt unnecessary to include in the amendment and will be dealt with at the policy level – there was no motion made
- there was a vote on the amendment it was carried unanimously; a copy of the amendment is appended to these Minutes as a Schedule

Item #6 Election of Executives for 2010/11:

- there is no nomination for OCMHA Ice Convenor for next season it remains vacant
- all positions were uncontested - all nominated candidates were acclaimed:

<u>President:</u>	Eric Lay	<u>Director Coaching:</u>	Dan Gunther
<u>Vice President:</u>	Peter Smith	<u>Director Risk/Safety:</u>	Jackie Naida
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dan Burden	<u>Director Equipment:</u>	Shane Williamson
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Sylvie Lalande	<u>Director Goalie Dev't:</u>	Peter Egener
<u>Registrar:</u>	Remi Bourlon	<u>Director Sponsorship:</u>	Steve Denison
<u>Ice Scheduler:</u>	vacant	<u>Director at Large:</u>	Susan Moore

Communications: David Wylynko Director at Large: Joe Boughner
Outdoor Ice: Craig Piche

- In addition, a full slate of Division Conveners for 2010/11 (these are non-elected positions) has been lined up:

IP – David O’Brien

Novice- Peter Egener & Valerie Egener

Atom – Michael Burke

Peewee – Dan Gunther

Bantam – Jonathan Angel

Midget – Peter Smith

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm by Eric Lay.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Burden

Schedule: Amendments to the OCMHA Constitution

Article 5

Formerly:

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2. *A Member shall:*
 - a. *Be entitled to receive notice of, and to be eligible to attend General Meetings of the Association;*
 - b. *Be entitled to vote on issues raised at the General Meetings; and*
 - c. *Be eligible to be nominated and to serve as an Executive of the Association.*

As Amended:

2. *A Member shall:*

- a. *Be entitled to receive notice of, and to be eligible to attend General Meetings of the Association;*
- b. *Be entitled to vote on issues raised at the General Meetings.;~~and~~*
- c. *[Deleted]*

Article 8

Formerly

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3. *Eligibility – Only Members are eligible to be nominated for election or to be appointed as Executives of the Association.*

As Amended:

3. *Eligibility – Any person with a demonstrated interest in house league hockey is eligible to be nominated for election or to be appointed as Executives of the Association.*

[And consequent renumbering to subsequent paragraphs of Article 8.]