

choose to do it this way there wouldn't be a popularity contests. Elizabeth said maybe a better way could be found to choose a director than the way we are doing it now.

These motions will be put to the membership at the AGM but not endorsed by the board.

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Vince stated that all the teams for the Tyke and Novice Tournament are paid in full. He handed in the Commission cheque from the hotels for the previous tournaments. He thanked all the volunteers for their help and 1 more tournament to go. Vince handed out financial reports for the 3 Rep tournaments and 2 H/L tournaments, figures still have to be scrutinized to come up with the final figures. The Annual Spring Break tournament will lose money this year but Vince felt that with opening ceremonies hopefully that would bring more teams next year, that's how they built up the Novice Rep tournament. Vince would like to talk about the number of tournaments for next year. With the 4 pad being built for next year maybe put tournaments together or cut down the number of tournaments.

HOUSELEAGUE OPERATIONS

Terry stated that the volunteer list for the Annual Spring Break tournament is coming along. Tyke ice hours, he is working on it. The Atom ice hours are fixed. There are still 5 coaches that haven't been reimbursed for their courses yet. The Bulldogs got 6 teams from Stoney Creek, he asked Anna about what they needed, and he wants to know what is going on. Championship day schedule is out, talked to Diane Dell about where to put Tyke Championship day. Mississauga has requested a schedule change for the tournament. The M/J complaint about the goalie playing a full game, this was agreed upon by the players, the one parent is complaining about how they are being played and disagrees with this arrangement and wants it changed, there is a meeting scheduled to talk about the complaint, between Elizabeth and Terry and parent.

REP OPERATIONS

Dianne Skirving advised that the coaching selection is complete. Coaching selection committee did the best they could, it was a very long and hard process this year. 8 teams are in the OMHA semi-finals and 3 are in the tri-county finals. Niagara district finals are just starting play offs. Motion to bring to the AGM about referees, they are not getting the best referees for the play offs, they need neutral referees and some referees can't keep up with the play on the ice. Body checking in the Atom division, they will find out in June the decision. Elizabeth commented on the Rep web sites and how good they were, and that they are good message boards for the teams. Spring try-outs will be \$55.00. They will be changing the format for cutting kids. It used to be AA, A, AE and the kid could get cut 2 or 3 times which isn't fair for the kid. This year time the kids will be evaluated and the coaches will pick the kids without the kid's knowing.

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REGISTRATION

Bob Reichert made a motion to have a Director removed from the board stating 9.5 (b) rule of our by-laws. *"Absenteeism – Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the absence of a Director from three (3) consecutive Board Meetings or the absence of a Director from four (4) out of any eight (8) consecutive Board Meetings shall be deemed to be a resignation of the said Director from the Board."*

Moved by: B. Reichert

Seconded by: M. Hogg

CARRIED

Discussion:

Terry feels bad to vote on this, because this Director used to be a great volunteer. We need all the board members at each meeting to conduct business and without all directors at each meeting it is hard to conduct business. Bob can't get his accounting done without information from each director and especially this Director doing Registration, he still hasn't got the information he needs to finish the books for this year. Without this information he can't get the financial statements ready for the AGM. Julie abstained from the vote.

Bob Reichert made a recommendation to have Elizabeth take over registration for the rest of 2004 year.

Motion by: B. Reichert

Seconded by: J. Volpini

CARRIED

BUDGET

The budget committee reported that it had met however, after the meeting the Treasurer and President met several more times in an effort to update the plans. Instead of convening a separate additional meeting of the budget committee to review proposed changes, and in order not to inconvenience the other directors, by consensus, a decision to have a full board budget meeting took place.

Motion: Registration fee for 2004-2005 season will be \$350.00 and Surcharge for Rep will be \$362.00
Pre-Hockey will be \$235.00

Motion by: T. Gudgeon

Seconded by: M. Hogg

CARRIED

Discussion:

Raising fees due to extra ice being obtained at Lakemount and the Quad pad in Hamilton. This will increase the ice for House League and Rep programs. There will also be an extra cost for on line registration this year. Dianne or Terry had no problem with the increase in cost. We can't rely on the extra money brought in by late registrants because of the on line registration. This year the City of Hamilton will not allow us to return unused ice, once the contract is signed we will have to use all ice allocated to Stoney Creek Minor Hockey. Bob feels we will lose some players with the on line registration.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Reichert feels all the outstanding Player registrations will be collected. He has written off the 2002-2003 unpaid sponsorship fees as per permission from the last board meeting. Bob indicated that Pre-hockey had 71 players, all paid. House League had 628 players, 624 paid and 4 hardship cases. Rep had 306 players, 305 paid 1 hardship case. There were a total of 1005 players in Stoney Creek Minor Hockey last year. Bob received \$1.350.00 from the Leaf Game. The tournament statements are basically the same as what Vince reported, they still have to fine-tune the totals. The tournaments this year have done

really well with around \$18,000.00 more this year than in the past. All the ice has been paid for as of the end of March. Bob said that there are only a few surcharges still to collect.

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ICE ALLOCATION

Nothing to report as Diane was not present, due to her father's death.

FUND RAISING

Julie Volpini reported that the guys (Joe Delschneider, Jason Furry, Michele & Rick Szmuilas, Ang Giglia and many, many more) fixing the trailer are almost finished, they will be painting a new logo on the outside of the trailer and painting it.

PARENT LIASION

Elizabeth Taylor reported that there are a few issues but nothing to report on at this time. Elizabeth handed out the budget for the Volunteer Appreciation day. She is trying to get the book "Who's puck is it anyway" but the best she can do is 40% off of the retail price, she may buy a few and raffle them off, and get the Author to sign them. She has ordered lanyards for give a ways and any left overs Dianne Skirving said the Rep will take them. No responses from the Sponsors for the Volunteer Appreciation Day as of yet. A few coaches have replied. Anna Chiarelli has sent out another e-mail reminder for the day for final numbers.

TECHNICAL

Cam Curran said the Rep coaching selection is complete and would like to thank all his committee for their time, which took 2 days to complete. They will build on the system for next year. Dianne Skirving has arranged for a intermediate coaching certificate program for April 3rd and 4th, 2004, this is a brand new program that is a 2-day course and will be held at the Chandelier on Barton Street. Cam has indicated that all the PRF numbers and police checks are complete. He would like to know what to do with the old police checks he has? Terry Gudgeon said that some coaches are still waiting for their refunds from clinics they have taken.

PURCHASING

Mike Hogg has ordered the bobble heads for championship day. They will be handing out pucks at the OMHA finals.

REFEREES AND OFFICIALS

Paul Moriarity did not attend so nothing to report.

AAA LIASON

Bob Reichert did not attend the last AAA meeting. He said that a number of directors are not returning for next year. The AAA AGM will be held March 31, 2004. Bob said the AAA has a new web site and the address is: www.hamiltonjr.bulldogs.ca

MARKETING

Doug Caldwell appreciates the efforts to change in the by-law so he can run for President again next year. The membership did support the increased term for directors but rejected the increased term for Officers. Since the position of President must be a unifying force in the Association and there is not general agreement that the term limit should be changed, the decision has been made to respect the current term limit and allow the term to end.

Adjournment : 10:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 14, 2004, AT 7:00 PM
VALLEY PARK ARENA MEETING ROOM