

**STONE CREEK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2005  
MOHAWK QUAD MEETING ROOM**

**REGRETS:** TOM GIORNOFELICE, SONYA PODREBARAC, GARY WILLIS

**PRESENT:** JULIE VOLPINI, STEVE NAGY, JASON FURRY, AL LEROUX, MICHELLE FOLEY, MICHELE MINKEN, FRANK MERCURI, DIANNE SKIRVING, DIANE DELL, DOUG PATEMAN, MICHAEL SZUMILAS, CAM CURRAN, BOB REICHERT, ANNA CHIARELLI

Meeting was called to order to 7:25pm.

There were no opening remarks from the President, Dianne Skirving.

*Motion to accept Novembers' minutes – Jason, seconded by Michele Minken.*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Al Leroux provided us with a snapshot look of revenues/expenses to track where we'll be at for our next AGM. Juvenile AA team has until Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> before players owing money will lose ice privileges. Al is tracking down 15 NSF cheques, mostly rep surcharges. Select fees are still needed, Cam will look after these. Michele Minken to look after outstanding sponsorship cheques and Jason will look after outstanding rental fees.

Stoney Creek Christmas tournament teams still need to pay entry fees, rep tournament entries paid up with the exception of a couple of teams, Select tournament entry fees going well. The phone line at Valley Park has been disconnected, and Al is looking at updating our insurance needs with Milmine Insurance. True profit of the Peach Festival 2005-2006 is \$17,931.47. After expenses, the Tiger-Cat Fundraiser profits are \$1,556.95.

Al believes we are on our way to a profit this season.

*Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Michelle Foley, seconded by Steve Nagy.*

### **REFEREES/OFFICIALS**

Written complaints regarding referees have been handled – parties on both sides seem somewhat satisfied. Houseleague referees are not showing up or just one referee will show for games. Steve asked if we have a say in who schedules the HL referees. Michelle replied that she initially asked Terry Gudgeon if they should reconsider using the existing scheduler, Terry felt there were no issues that would indicate a change to be necessary. Michelle has tried to co-ordinate a meeting with the Referee-in-Chief, Phil Sawchuk and the Referee Scheduler, Peter Maxymuik

and has had little co-operation. Michelle was directed by the Board to ask to receive a copy of the HL referees schedule and contact numbers. Qualified referees are a problem in HL, especially within the older divisions. Older divisions need to have a 3 man system implemented; perhaps using rep referees from the SCRA or outside centres will help control the Bantam, and Midget/Juvenile games. Referees need to start being scheduled on a “back-to-back” basis, and they should be at the rink 30 minutes before the game, and managers/coaches should be checking on them 30 minutes before the game. Michelle Foley is to set up a meeting with Phil Sawchuck, Peter Maxymuik, Cam Curran, Dianne Skirving., and Julie Volpini regarding the referee concerns.

### AAA LIASON

No report. The AAA meeting was being held the same night as ours. Dianne Skirving advised the Board that there was going to be a change within the Executive of the AAA Board.

### MARKETING

All team pictures will have been handed out by the end of the week. Tim-Bits Jamboree is at the end of January. Stoney Creek gets allotment of ice; kids do shoot the puck, and get in free to Bulldog game. Bulldog tickets for Feb. 27/28 are \$12.00, contact Michele Minken for tickets. One sponsor was unhappy with how his sponsorship bar looked and Michele and Jason will look after correcting it.

### FUNDRAISING

We are being charged a 2% late charge because our P&L statement was late going in, although they haven't cashed our cheque yet. 2 Tyke teams are committed for the game at Copps Coliseum for the 50/50 night on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. Waiting to hear from the minor Tykes to see if there are going to participate in the Tim-Bit challenge. Juvenile AA team is committed to selling the 500 tickets and running the 50/50 tickets on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> with the team keeping 20% of the 50/50 profits and 100% of the profit from the ticket sales.

### PARENT LIASION

Nothing to report.

### TECHNICAL REPORT

Steve had 46 registered for the Speak-Out Clinic, which was capped by the OMHA. Only 34 showed up. Steve has suggested that the guys that didn't show up, should not be paid for at other clinics, and Al has advised that none of those that did not show have not submitted anything for

reimbursement as of yet.

Steve recommended that SCMHA should not buy their own TV and VCR for these clinics but book all of their clinics at the Valley Park Community Centre where all of the audio visual equipment is available to rent at only a \$8.35 cost.

Steve has enlisted the help of other coaches and outside volunteers to evaluate teams.

HL evaluations are being done by the conveners, as they are less intense, due to less ice time/ fewer games.

## **PURCHASING & EQUIPMENT**

Selects now have their jerseys. Jason is looking at samples for the trophies for Championship Day. Bantam AE coach is paying for 2 extra jerseys. Dianne Skirving thanked Jason for the Goalie Plaque for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ace Bailey "A" and "AE" Tournament.

## **REGISTRATION REPORT**

Gary provided Dianne Skirving with his report. We are currently showing 1012 players registered, but will have a more accurate record for the January meeting, as the City of Hamilton required an accurate count to determine ice allocation for 2006-2007. Gary is waiting for the Tyke and Juvenile teams to be rostered and approved in order to produce the required documentation for the City. All teams with the exception of one Tyke team and the Juvenile HL players have been submitted and approved by the OMHA. Cam has been given a list of problems by Gary regarding missing certification/PRS numbers that have prevented a number of coaches/trainers/managers from being approved.

Gary needs to have the Select rosters at least one week before their first tournament in order for him to register them.

There are 11 players (9 HL, 2 reps) with unpaid registrations – they will lose their ice privileges unless they contact AI and make suitable arrangements.

2 Families were not contacted for pre-hockey and Cam will contact them. Gary will need to know when he has done this in order to invoice the families with a discounted registration fee, as this was our error.

The refund deadline was December 1<sup>st</sup>, no further refunds be forthcoming.

The Juvenile team will not be receiving their Approved Roster until all money owing is in.

## **ICE ALLOCATION**

Ice was returned to the City from the Christmas Classic today, a total of about \$20,000. Cam reported that there have been no problems with the 7:00am time slots that were implemented last month, with the exception of one coach. The core questionnaire that will determine allocated ice for next year has been completed and returned to the City.

## TOURNAMENTS

3 rep tournaments are now completed, volunteers thanked. Will be revisiting the rule we have the preventing players from playing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the tournament if they haven't played in the first 2 preliminary games. Some players are unable to attend during the day on Friday re: school. Dianne Skirving was asked to leave the room. Michele Minken brought up this issue of paying a person that does the tournament ice scheduling. Discussion was held and it was felt by some that a Board member should not be paid; others felt they could be paid if they were doing duties outside their own directorship. Argument was made that we have set a precedent already for paying ice schedulers. Bob advised that last year Dianne was paid only for the inputting of the tournaments. Others felt that we had to be careful of how many people are paid within the organization

*Motion made by Michele Minken: To review whether to pay future ice schedulers, with the amount to be determined before tournaments begin – seconded by D. Dell.* 2 for, 5 against, 4 abstentions, (2 BOD members left meeting before vote) motion DEFEATED.

Major Tyke division cancelled for HL Christmas tournament, games played at Quad, Stoney Creek Arena. Need to get volunteers arranged.

## JR. DEVELOPMENT

2 sessions left, last one January 7<sup>th</sup>. There have been positive feedback for the program, and parents would like to see it extended, however with playoffs coming up there just isn't the ice time to accommodate it. Tom is trying to develop something to make the last session special for the kids, and is planning to keep this program going next year. Tom estimates a profit of approximately \$1,600.00 this season this is due to being able to have all of the sessions run by SCMHA Volunteers and not having to go out and hire outside Instructors – i.e. Velenosi, etc..

## HOUSELEAGUE OPERATIONS

Cam will fax a copy of the Team Official certification cards to Gary this week. Some recommendations for next years draft included taking the goalies out of the draft. Lessening of the coaches role in the draft - coaches are able to protect only 2 players and are given the rest of their team after it is picked by an independent panel. Another suggestion was that the evaluation would done in the fall, players will be rated A, B, C etc. and this is how the teams will be picked. Equalization should be minimal or eliminated.

## REP OPERATIONS

Minor PeeWee AE team had to be escorted by police safely out of the rink. One of the parents

from our team has some of the night on videotape. Niagara Falls to be given report from Frank. Fred Hussey to be given a heads-up for when Niagara Falls comes to us on January 5<sup>th</sup>, as well as for the Midget AE team when Niagara Falls comes to us on January 4<sup>th</sup>, due to problems the Midget AE team had down there as well. Frank was asked by the AAA association when our tryouts will be in the spring – it should stay the same as this year, which is around April 16<sup>th</sup>. Frank has reports to give, but has to get them off his computer, that is out of service right now, reports to follow.

## NEW BUSINESS

Hockey Canada Rules policy on girls in changerooms is Atom and below the girls can change in the boy's room, but Atom and above they must have a separate room. If there is a concern raised about a male player (Atom or below) being uncomfortable with a female player changing in the same room – then alternate arrangements must be made.

Michelle Foley to approach Fred Hussey of the SCRA to consider taking on the scheduling of HL refs.

*Motion to adjourn at 10:53pm, Michelle Foley, seconded by Steve.*