

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
[Wednesday January 11, 2006](#)

Attendance: Frank Mercuri, Michele Minken, Dianne Skirving, Tom Giornofilice, Michael Szumilas, Julie Volpini, Michelle Foley, Al Leroux, Cam Curran, Steve Nagy, Diane Dell, Bob Reichert, Anna Chiarelli, Doug Pateman, Gary Willis

Regrets: Jason Furry, Sonya Podrebarac

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Meeting was called to order at 7:50pm.

Diane Dell took minutes, as Sonya had to leave the meeting.

[Review of December Minutes](#) – correction under Houseleague Operations. “It was Bob Reichert’s opinion that ... not receive a team in the future”.

Addition under Tournaments – “the Tournament Director makes the decision of whether to pay the tournament scheduler/web updater. Michael Szumilas decided not to this year and next year’s tournament scheduler should beware of non-payment. Rick and Michael Szumilas gave Dianne a gift certificate for a day spa in lieu of payment”.

Motion to accept minutes – Michelle Foley, seconded by Michael Szumilas. CARRIED.

[Secretary's Report](#) – The Board endorsed a request from Mark Brown of Brock University, that wants to recruit participants for a study that seeks to find the relationship between coach and player’s attrition and drop out. Dianne will forward the request to the PeeWee teams and it will be optional to the teams if they’d like to participate.

Sonya received a written complaint regarding an incident involving the Jr. Development programme. Tom and Frank explained the situation – one participant was disrupting a session by shooting pucks as instruction was being given. Tom had the player skate a lap as a form of discipline. The participants’ mother came to the ice surface and informed Tom that her child did not have to listen to him. The Board is satisfied that proper procedure was used and in the future disruptive children will be asked to leave the ice as a safety measure.

There is a Porto Memorial Game planned on Thursday Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at Copps Coliseum. There was discussion regarding Steve Benson’s Tyke team being denied the chance to participate in the Tyke game at Copps preceding the Bulldogs Game.

A recounting of events was given leading up to the removal of this team from participation. Dianne advised that the Bruins Tyke team was taken out of the equation due to a 3-time offence with non-compliance of wearing their SCMHA issued jerseys by Coach Benson. Coach Benson challenged that he could find nothing written in the by-laws or policies and unless he could find it written that his team must wear their Stoney Creek jerseys, and then he doesn’t think that he is breaking any rules. Discussion was held and it was decided that the two teams (Sharks and Senators) that were complying

with our rules would be the teams to go to Copps. Steve Benson's team will be offered the chance to participate in a mini game during a Jr. B. Warrior game, and could participate in the Tim Horton's Jamboree.

### [Treasurer's Report](#)

AI handed out a P&L statement for revenue and expenses. From the present figures - HL is generating a surplus where Rep is breaking even. Basically HL registration (base registration) is a little high and rep fees need to be raised slightly. We have \$50,000 in surplus, 2/3 HL, 1/3 Rep - expenses/surplus is according to registration divisions. There are 14 unpaid registrations. Cam was re-given a list of HL players that would have to be suspended unless funds are paid immediately. Some rep fees are still being collected. Gate fees this year will be minimal. AI to contact Ti-Cats regarding funds they owe us. Tournaments are paid up, there's one team left to pay from TOC, and 11 Select cheques to collect. AI has a pretty good idea of costs of referees and timekeeper for both house and rep. No further changes to Schedule G ice until March. AI will pay the Quad upon request, and has one payment left to the City for \$82,000.00. Auditors have finally received 2004-05 financial records and in 2-3 weeks they should have a draft prepared for AI and Bob. After that we'll have a financial statement ready for next Board meeting. AI feels he can project a budget based on the preliminary financial statement that will be provided by the auditors. Financially, AI feels that we are very strong right now. It's AI's recommendation that tournaments need to curb spending and should be more profitable, acknowledged by Michael Szumilas. Three rep tournaments made money, Christmas Houseleague tournament lost money, and Select will probably lose money as well.

Dianne advised that there is a freeze on ice rates of \$90.00 plus taxes for schedule "g" ice with the City and \$100.00 plus taxes for subsidized ice with the Quad, unless the City can prove the expenses warrant an increase. The city must contact the user groups, make their presentation (of the increasing expenses, etc.) and the user groups must be agreeable and accept the City's explanation of the increase in order for the rates to go up.

### [Rep Tournaments](#)

Nothing to report - no P/L statements, as Michael couldn't access the family computer.

[HL Tournaments](#) - Still looking for volunteers for the Select Winterfest - no input from Christmas tournament - as Doug was too busy organizing the Select tournament - a schedule was handed out with people slotted in.

### [Referees and Officials](#) -

January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with Peter Maximuk, Phil Sawchuk, Dianne Skirving, Michelle Foley and Cam Curran. The Board endorsed a 3-man system, this will happen this year for all playoff games for the Midget/Juvenile Division, the elimination playoff games and Championship Day for the Bantams, and Championship Day only for the PeeWee

Division. Next year for the regular season, the 3-man system will be implemented for the Midget/Juvenile Division and we will strongly look into whether to stay with the 2-man system in the Bantam Division or go with the 3-man system. Managers have to check for referees 30 minutes before game times, and should call Peter or Phil if no referees are seen. First offence for a no show for referees is a warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offence is a suspension and 3<sup>rd</sup> offence is no further game assignments. Some referees will be kept away from certain teams to avoid a negative climate.

Julie will look after getting the game sheet for Midget game that was full of suspensions. As of now there will be no referee merge between SCMHA HL Referees and the (Rep referees) SCRA. Rep referees are assigned to games based on their personal availability.

[Marketing](#) – last sponsor cheque is in, plaques ordered, and thank you letters being drafted. 3 Teams need picture retakes. Joe Sladic will be asked to run a banner on our web page thanking and naming our sponsors. There was one sponsor unhappy with his sponsor bar, as it is too late this season to fix the error, Michele will offer him either a half-page or full-page ad in our 2006-07 Tournament Programs or offer him ½ price sponsorship next season.

[AAA](#) – Next year's tournament date is Nov.30-Dec.2<sup>nd</sup> at the Quad. Tryouts are April 10-17<sup>th</sup>. Coaches' selection committee formed and policies/procedures discussed. Coaching applications are out, deadline is Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Special AGM set for Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> to address name change. AGM set for last weekend in April at Morgan Firestone C.C. Frank Casale named as interim President for balance of year.

[Parent Liaison](#) – one complaint from a family from the Atom AA team. Meeting was held with Coaching Staff, Team Parent Liaison, Bob Reichert, and the family. Frank Mercuri was unable to attend the meeting at last minute due to illness. The meeting had a positive conclusion.

Frank expressed concern with Dianne Skirving questioning his approach over handling the matter. Anna was asked to read the sequence of events provided by the family in question.

Frank felt he had handled the situation through email, by indicating that he would address the issue after the holidays, and expressed his hopefulness that the family would reconsider leaving the team. Dianne advised that the family contacted her and said that they were not satisfied with Frank's e-mail answer. Dianne felt that the situation could have been handled in a timelier manner, had Frank placed a call to the family. It was Frank's opinion that Dianne and Cam had let too many personal issues consume problems with the Atom AA team and subsequently, previous Board meetings.

[Ice Allocation](#) – Ice booked for April Tryouts – April 17-30<sup>th</sup>, 5-10pm weeknights, 8:00am-10:00pm for weekends.

[Registration](#) – 1003 players registered in SCMHA. Gary forwarded registration

information to Bob Morley who had requested it in conjunction with the Core Questionnaire.

[Jr. Development](#) - Had a total of 10 very successful sessions. Tom Giornofilice was congratulated on running a great programme for SCMHA. If there is no Novice AE next year, Jr. Development will be offered in its place.

[Technical](#) - Coaches' evaluations are done, and the group will now meet to brainstorm and get feedback in time for the Coaches Selections. Steve Nagy passed around the 2006-07 Rep "AA" and "AE" Coaching Application for approval. A consensus was reached that interviews would be conducted for the same teams that we iced this past season and that we would not be icing a Novice AE Team unless there was an overabundance of players at the Novice AA Tryouts.

[Rep Operations](#) - Frank brought forth an email that he received from XXXXXXXXXXXX that they were pursuing their complaint by submitting a letter to the OMHA Abuse and Harassment Director. Frank advised the Board that he addressed this issue in writing and submitted it to the Parent Liaison to read in his absence at the October Board Meeting. Anna had left the meeting and could not verify this. Dianne stated that she had not seen anything in writing and would call Anna the next day to verify. A few Directors stated that since Anna was not here and there were no minutes to verify what was read aloud in the October meeting that we should not discuss this further. Bob Reichert wanted to pursue the "risk management" end and any repercussions that may come from the ... contacting the OMHA. Dianne advised Bob that since this matter has gone to the OMHA that SCMHA's position is to wait until they hear back from the OMHA. Bob suggested that perhaps a special meeting should be called to discuss this matter further. Dianne advised Bob that should he wish to request a special meeting that this request must be in writing and signed by three Directors and sent to the Secretary, and specify of why the meeting is being called and the applicable motion to be brought forward must be included.

[HL Operations](#) - Approaching playoffs - Cam will be meeting with the various divisions to set up playoff schedules. Cam to contact Jason regarding trophies for Championship Day.

### [New Business](#)

Julie to attend Peach Festival to object to Peach Festival executives taking away vendor's exclusive rights.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and our April AGM booked for Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at Chandelier Place - Buffet at 11:30am followed by AGM at 1:30pm in meeting room. The cost has only gone up by \$1.00 per person for the luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35pm - motion by Steve Nagy, seconded by Michele Minken.

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