



## Minutes of Executive Meeting

Date: July 14 2008

Attendance: Clay Bertrand, Scott Fahey, Ann Barbeau, Ray Michaud, Liisa Huffman, Steve Atkins, Yves Laliberte and Steve Roy, Phil Valiquette, Ray Michaud

Regrets: Blair Holub, Cheryl Puro, Diane Beneteau and Bruce Therrien

Meeting commenced at 6:45

### OPENING REMARKS

Clay Bertrand introduced the new agenda and asked that the executive submit any topics for discussion prior to the meeting.

Clay noted that he would like to meet with Vice President, Phil Valiquette and discuss a policy for Bantam hockey with respect to body/non body contact.

A motion was made by Steve Atkins and seconded by Liisa Huffman to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 11Jun08.

Phil Valiquette – Houseleague update:

The Friendship Tournament will be held on March 5 – 8 and March 12 – 15, 2008. Last year's Friendship Tournament did not have a Midget Division, if enough teams register this year the Midget Division will be in the first weekend of the tournament. A decision has been made to make this year's tournament non body contact. Houseleague hockey will start on Saturday September 27th.

Evaluations for houseleague would have to take 2 weekends to run the new drills. 1 ½ hours are needed per group to complete the new evaluation process. Evaluations will take place on 20Sep08 and 27Sep08.

The WER league will commence the 1st or 2nd week of October.

The point was reiterated that you have to try out for a rep team before requesting a release. Rep releases will be signed by Yves Laliberte and Clay Bertrand. Houseleague releases will be signed by Clay and Phil.

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### **CLAY BERTRAND – Registration Update**

Child Tax Credit Receipts will be issued once and one time only. Rep teams with the additional fee for the \$250.00 will be issued later. If this receipt is lost a cancelled cheque could be used for income tax purposes.

Clay has asked that if we hear negative comments regarding the registration process to please bring them forward and we can discuss the issue.

Diane Beneteau has two dates scheduled for early bird registration.

Registration forms have been distributed through the schools and day care during the last week of June.

Houseleague applications for coaches could be filled out at the time of registration if someone is asking.

### **RAY MICHAUD AND SCOTT FAHEY:**

Ray and Scott are working on setup up the new Hockey Canada Program this year. They have asked to be able to pick their coaches for the Initiation Program earlier than the rest of the houseleague program in order to meet with their coaches and familiarize them with the program. Steve would like to have a more structured program with the Initiation group this year. Coaching staff should be picked by August 15th, 2008.

It was decided that Conveners will play a large part in the coaching selection. In past years a committee was never needed. If there is a situation where a committee is required then one will be established.

Past coaches may be sent a reminder of the coaching deadline and link to the application online. Phil will take care of this. Steve has stated that the application will be online this week.

Scott has picked some clinic dates:

September 12 – Development 1 and Speak Out;  
September 27 – Initiation and Speak Out;  
October 11 – Training Clinic.

The October 11 clinic will be changed as it is the long weekend.

Goalie clinics will be scheduled toward the end of October and 2 more in January;  
November 8 – Hockey Canada Skills Development



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Clay indicated that although these programs are important for our association, some ice time will have to be found elsewhere. Specialty clinics are needed but can't sacrifice our team's ice times for these programs.

Scheduling Rep team's ice was explained to Yves by Liisa. Liisa's role as scheduler was explained so that everyone is on the same page with what she does.

Clay suggesting reversing ice times whereas houseleague kids can play some weekday nights and rep kids may have practices on Saturday.

### **STEVE ATKINS – BY LAW CHANGE**

#### **Current Wording:**

WMHA Constitution, May 2008

By-Law 2 – Finance (Registration, Sponsorship & Fundraising)

*2g) W.H.M.A will offer a 50% discount off the basic registration cost to register any child after two within the same family*

#### **Change to read:**

WMHA Constitution, May 2008

Change to: By-Law 2 – Finance (Registration, Sponsorship & Fundraising)

*2g) W.H.M.A will offer Walden residents who are playing initiation, first year of organized hockey or youngest third child within the same family with a special registration fee.*

#### **Rationale:**

New 2008-2009 registration requires this change to support the new fees for initiation, first year of organized hockey or youngest third child.

This motion was brought forward by Steve Atkins and seconded by Scott Fahey. Motion was carried.



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### YEAR END FINANCIALS

Clay and former Treasurer, Craig Holub, have last year's books wrapped up and everything is ready to be handed over to MaryEllen Parks. MaryEllen has been provided with all the spread sheets and is ready to go with the upcoming season.

Last year's financial statements are available upon requests made to the President, Clay Bertrand.

### YVES LALIBERTE – REP TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Website has been updated. Tournament forms and rules have been updated.  
The tournament will be from Novice to Bantam.  
The tournament has been approved by the NOHA.

Some out of town teams have shown interest in the tournament.

Yves is going to pursue some other areas and make sure they are of the tournament.  
The tournament date is set for October 23 – 26, 2008.

NOHA website has another tournament listed in North Bay as well for that weekend. It is a PeeWee and Bantam Tournament.

By next meeting tryout dates will be available

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### OPEN DISCUSSION

Scott inquired as to whether or not Rayside will have a Novice rep team. Clay advised "No".

Scott also inquired as to a whether or not a decision has been made re: a Novice A/E team.

Clay advised that we are waiting for WER. This may happen in second half of the year. It all depends on numbers and caliber.

Regarding banners – it was decided that we have to think about what banners we want to display. Not every banner needs to go up.

Yves suggested that a Rep Tournament Committee needs to be set up. The Manager of every rep team is expected to sit on this committee.

Photography – Scott has another contact for photography. It was suggested that perhaps this contact could be contacted for the rep teams and houseleague and rep tournaments.

Steve has asked Clay to rewrite a new President's message for the website.

Steve Roy has prepared a questionnaire for businesses to do re: sponsorships. The questionnaire is geared for teams or associations. Steve will email it out so that the executive can review it before it goes to the public.

Next meeting August 18, 2008 6:30.

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