



## Minutes of Executive Meeting

**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2009

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Attendees:** Yves Laliberte, Cindy Mousseau, Ray Michaud, Dawn Digby, Mary Ellen Parks, Liisa Huffman, Diane Beneteau, Scott Fahey, Mark Elliott, Steve Spadafore, Steve Atkins

**Regrets:** Phil Valiquette, Blair Holub, Jason Rietze, Brian MacGillivray, Jason Houle

Minutes from previous meeting were approved by Scott Fahey, seconded by Diane Beneteau. Carried.

### Registration:

A discussion was had as to whether registration fees should be increased by \$50 instead of \$20 to account for a fundraiser like the Dream Draw. It was suggested that the \$50 increase be referred to as a WMHA fundraising component instead of specifying a particular fundraiser since this could be different each year. There was a misconception last year that the Dream Draw was a Rep team fundraiser. Feedback from parents is that they would like money for fundraising to be charged up front at registration time. Instead of having parents sell raffle tickets prior to our tournaments, it was decided that raffle tickets will only be sold at the tournaments. Our tournaments don't have gate fees, so tournament attendees are more willing to buy raffle tickets, etc.

Mark indicated that we should set a goal like "WMHA has the lowest registration fees in all of [Ontario|Canada|...]". There should be a reward in the older divisions (i.e. Bantam, Midget) for a trip to a memorable hockey tournament (i.e. outside of the province or country). This would motivate kids to stay involved in hockey in the older divisions.

### Policy Changes:

**Regulation 3.c:** Change this to read that WMHA will have no body checking in all divisions where a division with no body checking exists.

Proposed by executive. Carried.

The registration form needs to be updated to indicate as such. The rationale behind this change is that too many house league players in the older divisions are getting hurt. Also, there is no need for house league players to include body checking in their games since they are not moving on to higher levels of competitive hockey.



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**Regulation 3.a:** Change this to indicate that if no coach has stepped forward for a house league team as of the end of September, then there will be no team.

Proposed by executive. Carried.

House league coaching applications need to be sent to house league convenors so that they can start working on getting coaches ASAP. We need to know as early as possible how many teams we can accommodate.

**WMHA Player Release Policy:** Item #4 of the existing policy is not correct so it is being removed. All player release situations are covered by items #1-#3. If a parent/player has any issues with items #1 to #3, they must appeal to the NOHA.

Proposed by executive. Carried.

**Players playing up a division:** The policy is being modified to indicate that a form titled “WMHA Movement of Player Between Divisions or Age Groups” must be submitted to the appropriate convenor (i.e house league or rep). Note that this process is more informal in house league whereas the process is more formal for a Rep player. For house league, the executive does not need to formally approve the movement of each individual player. The number of players involved is just reported back to the executive by the house league convenors. For Rep players, the executive is involved.

Proposed by executive. Carried.

One item mentioned during the discussion is that the NOHA is apparently considering the idea of having only Major teams in the future.

**Rep players equipment:** The policy will now state that hockey pants, helmets, and gloves must have BLACK as the primary colour. This is effective immediately for the upcoming season. Indicate that a damaged Rep jersey must be paid for by the player at the association’s cost.

Proposed by executive. Carried.

**Duties of Technical Director:** This is a new section being added. The responsibility for safety issues is included.

Proposed by executive. Carried.

**Duties of Fundraising Chairperson:** The title for this position will be changed to “Marketing and Promotion Chairperson”. The content will remain the same.

Proposed by executive. Carried.



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### From the technical director:

Scott talked about (1) a goalie program with Scott Murray to develop our goalies (2) a "Breakfast Club" (3) a coach mentorship program. The Breakfast Club would take place on a weekday morning. It is a station-based program where all ages (Novice to Midget) are on the ice at the same time. We would need to find a sponsor for this. Scott talked to NOHA District 2 director, Andrew MacDonald, about providing support for this. Andrew expressed interest. Scott needs to do some more work on the coach mentorship program with respect to content and budget.

### Registration FAQ:

Diane wants to include an FAQ page with the registration forms. Steve gave a reminder about the FAQ that was posted on the website last August. New items can be added to it.

### Used equipment swap:

A suggestion was made to have gently used equipment brought in at registration time. A swap will be organized with this equipment. A date needs to be determined for the swap. One night the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September was suggested. We could have Tim Horton's coffee and Timbits available. All executive members are to be in attendance. Steve Spadafore, the executive assistant, will spearhead this event.

### Parents' Pledge:

The Parents' Pledge has not been signed in the last 2 years. We should take a look at this again. It should be taken care of at registration time. Mark suggested that we have a "code of conduct" ---- zero tolerance for abusive behavior by parents towards coaches, referees, etc. WMHA could become known for this.

Steve to look into getting posters from Hockey Canada that can be rotated on the wall to get different messages across to players and parents.

### Next executive meeting:

Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm

\*\*\*Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm\*\*\*