

RAIDERS

Minutes to the Board Meeting Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Present: Jodi Parker, Helen Crawford, Terry Martin, Arlene Cameron, Patricia Steele, Wendy Tyman, Greg Clarke, Brenda Neumann

Guests: Warren MacDonald

1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to approve minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2019 by Terry Martin, seconded by Arlene Cameron

Carried.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- a. Motion to accept the minutes by Terry Martin, seconded by Helen Crawford.

Carried.

3. Business Arising

- a. Rate increase – the Board discussed at length whether we would need to increase registration fees this year. We reached a decision to increase registration by 5\$ for the following reasons:
 - I. We need to purchase another set of foam dividers in order to facilitate the Novice Half Ice mandated by Hockey Canada; and
 - II. The Association will be purchasing sweaters every year for the next 5 years with the new logo. Previously we used monies in our reserve as to not raise rates.

Motion to increase rates across the board by 5\$ made by Terry Martin, seconded by Patricia Steele

Carried.

4. Area Reports

a. District Chair – Greg Clarke

- I. The NMHA has completed over 500 (587 to date) referee supervisions, so we will be getting a \$1,000 cheque from HEO Minor for this. As the referee supervision costs are built into their billing to us, this will go into our general revenues.
- II. HEO Minor has posted updated policies for Dressing Room Conduct and Substance abuse. I suggest that they be reviewed towards updating our own policies. They're at <http://www.heominor.ca/documents>
- III. A draft policy on affiliation (attached) was presented for comment and responses are requested back to Minor Council for the March meeting.
- IV. There was a discussion regarding the degradation of parent behaviour that all Districts have noted. Hockey Quebec has prepared a 46-page book regarding parent behaviour and there was a television special on this book in Quebec. <https://globalnews.ca/news/4950539/quebec-government-creates-guidelines-to-control-problem-hockey-parents/>.
- V. There is approximately \$160K in HEO Minor's Legacy account. This is the money that was returned to each Branch after Hockey Canada terminated their self-insurance fund and went with an underwriter. HEO Minor's VP of Finance indicated that she wanted to disperse this back to the membership but there is a debate on the Executive on how best to do it. However, we should not be planning for this in our budgeting for next year and should treat it as a windfall if and when it does occur.
- VI. I gave a status update on the Peewee AAA provincials hosted by Myers AAA at Carleton University this April. The organization of the tournament is well underway and Myers has raised \$57K in sponsorships so I'm confident that they will not lose money hosting the event. There will be seven teams at the event; champions from the GTHL, OMHA, Alliance, HNO and Hockey Northwest along with the HEO champion and Myers AAA as the host.

b. President – Brenda Neumann

As an Association we need to make more of a commitment to decrease expenses and look for new ways to fundraise in order to support increasing costs such as referees, timekeepers, ice, sweaters etc. Brenda and Wendy agreed to go over our expenses to see where reductions can be made.

I would like to see more community involvement by our members. Currently we give 5 free registrations away at VAN and the AGM. As of the 2019/2020 season we will bring that down to 3. Teams will be encouraged to do community service/volunteer hours and have an opportunity to win one of two \$500 honorariums to use towards team fees.

Walter Baker has agreed to allow us to build racks inside the arenas to house the foam dividers that are required for Novice half ice.

c. VP Competitive – Arlene Cameron

- I. 14 competitive teams have made it to the second round of playoffs
- II. Coaching evaluations have gone out to the competitive parents.
- III. The coaching applications for the 2019/2020 season are online.
- IV. After many interviews, Gray Savoie has been hired as the new competitive ice scheduler.

d. **VP House – Helen Crawford**

- I. Helen will add reference to Hockey Canada regulations regarding affiliations.

e. **VP Operations – Terry Martin**

- I. We have ordered sweaters with the new logo for all HL and Competitive Midget teams. Midget jerseys with the old logo will be distributed amongst Juvenile and Bantam – replacing damaged jerseys. Goalie jerseys will be the goalie cut.
- II. Socks for HL have been ordered and will be delivered in March
- III. Sweater drop off times have been given to both Allison McBrine and Rebecca Shewfelt.

f. **VP Finance – Wendy Tyman**

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g. **Director At Large – Patricia Steele**

NTR.

h. **Director At Large – Jodi Parker**

NTR

5. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, March 18th, 2019 7:30pm.

6. **Motion to adjourn** at 8:30pm by Terry Martin, seconded by Wendy Tyman.

Motion carried.

Proposal for Affiliation Rules – HEO Minor

The purpose of affiliation, per Hockey Canada:

To provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to dress the maximum number of Players allowable for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules. (app F., Page 84).

Affiliation is a game-related process. Players do not need to be affiliated in order to practice with a higher Division or Category team, provided they are duly rostered at the lower Division or Category.

The following is a proposal for the rules governing affiliation within HEO Minor. The Branch will need to be consulted and to agree with the dates and proposals described herein. This document has been circulated to District Registrars for their input. Constructive suggestions always welcome.

All HC rules and regulations will apply, with the following local standards.

1. AAA -

- a. Midget AAA affiliation will be Branchwide and the Midget AAA Association will define their rules for affiliation areas of operation.
- b. Legacy AAA Zones will have first option to affiliate players on teams within their Zone of operation. Should Zone teams decline to affiliate any player, that player may affiliate to any other AAA team.

2. Competitive Levels below AAA -

- a. Competitive teams below AAA will affiliate within their appropriate District or Association, as defined by District policies and according to Hockey Canada Regulations. Players may not affiliate outside of their District below AAA.
- b. All Competitive teams in HEO Minor will use the 19-player special affiliation list.
- c. Once affiliated on the 19-player list, a player may not play as an affiliate with another team until such time as their affiliation rights have been formally released or transferred, according to the process defined in the team's District.

3. House League -

- a. House League teams will affiliate within the residential Association to which they belong.
- b. A District or Association may elect to affiliate all House League players on a Club-system basis, at their own discretion. Otherwise, those teams will use the 19-player special affiliation list.
- c. House teams entering tournaments shall add affiliates to their official roster. Affiliates may be released after the tournament is completed with an email from the affiliating coach to the association registrar requesting that the player be released. After the player has been released, an updated team list will have to be requested from the applicable district registrar.

Once a player has been placed on a roster as an affiliate, that player may not play as an affiliate with any other team unless their affiliation rights are transferred to that other team or the player's affiliation has been released.

- d. Each District and Association may determine the documentation necessary for affiliation for house league players, however, at the minimum, there would be a written agreement between the two coaches (an email would suffice), ensuring that the applicable home association registrar and the applicable association Convenor are in the list of addressees.

Further to the above, if an affiliated player needs to be released from an existing affiliation, the release approval should also be in the email string

4. Skaters may affiliate to a maximum of 15 games with each team. Only regular season and playoff games count towards this total.
5. Goalies have no limit on affiliated games. Should a limit be imposed by HEO Minor, the District or the Association, the only games that would count are regular season or playoff games in which the goalie participates (i.e. does not sit as backup for the whole game).
6. Should a player's affiliation rights be transferred to another team in the same division or category, the affiliation game count resets to zero. If the player's affiliation rights are returned to a prior affiliating team in the same season, then the game count will continue to increment from where it was reset.

For example, Player A is affiliated to Team X and plays 5 games. They are then affiliated to Team Y. The game count resets to zero and begins again. If Player A changes affiliation back to Team X, his game count restarts where it left off, at 5 games played.

It will be the affiliating team's responsibility to manage the player's affiliation game count

7. The deadline for adding affiliates to any roster is Feb. 15 of any given season, except for Midget AAA which has a deadline of Jan. 15 of any given season. Other key dates will still apply (Jan. 10 for releases, Feb. 10 for final player additions).