

**WHITBY GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
February 26th, 2008**

Time: 7:00pm – 9:30

Place: Whitby Girls Hockey Office, Iroquois Park Sports Complex, Whitby, Ontario

Present: President, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Admin Assistant, Treasurer, Equipment Director,  
1<sup>st</sup> VP GM Hockey Operations, PR Director, Junior House League Director, Ice  
Scheduler, Coach and Player Development, Clothing Director

Regrets: Referee in Chief, Sponsorship Director, Tournament Director, Past President,  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP House League Director

Vacant: Registrar

Special Guest: Tony Conforti - Supreme Sports Apparel

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm
2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

*Motion by the Treasurer to accept the minutes from the February 11th, 2008 meeting, seconded by the Equipment Director, voted and carried.*

#### Executive Updates

Tony – Supreme Sports Apparel presented the new jersey design, and possible logo options. Tony presented a new practice jersey, and other new products for the association. Pricing and more details will follow shortly. Supplier is looking to have a July sale for the Association for a trade in and sale on new helmets.

#### GM Hockey Operations

Exceptional Player Rule proposal was presented to the executive. (Hard copy to be attached to the minutes)

*Motion by the GM Hockey Operations that the Proposal for WGHA Exceptional Player Rule be added to the by-laws, seconded by the Director of Coach and Player Development, voted and carried.*

#### *Exceptional Player Rule*

*With the exception of Midget and Intermediate, all players registered within the WGHA will play in the following age groupings. All ages are as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*Tyke: 6 and under  
Novice: 7&8  
Atom: 9&10  
Peewee: 11&12  
Bantam: 13 & 14  
Midget: 15, 16, and 17  
Intermediate: 18, 19, 20 and 21*

*Exception to this rule may apply only if all of the criteria listed below are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the WGHA Executive.*

- Player must be entering into the senior year of any given group as defined by the list above before qualifying regardless of any previous movement permitted by the WGHA.*
- Player must be rated by no less than 3 qualified members of the WGHA Executive, or any qualified persons appointed by the WGHA Executive, and must be unanimously rated amongst the top 3 players of the top team of the next higher age group only.*
- Movement to any team other than the top team will not be allowed.*
- All requests for player movement to a higher age group must be submitted by the parents to the appointed Head Coach of the top team for the next season by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Requests from parents will not be received by any WGHA Executive Member.*

Scout Night, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The program is filling up; we have about 40 girls registered so far. Cut off date will be set, and final arrangements made with the Niagara College staff. Two other schools are being looked at for next season.

#### LLFHL

Problems arising on a regular basis. Information is not forthcoming, and nobody is answering emails. Coaches and managers have been reminded to be diligent with their faxing and tracking of scores and suspensions.

Intermediate A team. We have interest from players, and Director suggests that we have this team's tryouts at the same time as our regular tryout, not in September.

#### Clothing Director

Clothing bids are due tomorrow. Director will let us know what comes in. Director is thinking of having a sale before the end of the season to get rid of extra stock.

#### Ice Scheduler

Tryout ice. Tuesday will be shared by the Bantam and Midget age girls. Will be listed as a pre tryout conditioning skate. Ice Scheduler is in the process of developing the tryout schedule, and will update the executive shortly.

Novice BB - Director noticed that there were several extra on ice help on the ice, some of which are not working with the girls, and are only distractions. Discussion. GM will send an email to remind coaches that all on ice staff need to be there to develop the players, and not just firing pucks, and goofing off.

Director discussed the utilization of non parent coaches, and their commitment level. How does this affect our development of our own coaches? Discussion around running our own coaching development clinics. Association needs to focus on developing coaches from within its own ranks, and utilize non parent coaches are appropriate levels.

Treasurer

Rep team budgets. Discussion around setting minimum standard budgets for all levels of rep. Reaffirming the sponsorship and fundraising requirements is imperative for next season. Treasurer will work on developing a standardize age and level budget for presentation at a future meeting prior to tryouts.

*Motion by the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP to adjourn the meeting, seconded by the PR Director, voted and carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm, next meeting tentatively set for Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.