

**WHITBY GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING
September 25th, 2007**

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

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

Present: President, 3rd VP/Admin. Assistant, Director PR Director, Equipment Director, Director of Coach and Player Development, Ice Scheduler, 2ndVP House League Director, Treasurer, Junior House League Director, Referee in Chief, GM Hockey Operations, Tournament Director.

Regrets: Sponsorship Director, Clothing Director, Past President

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

1. Acceptance of the minutes.

Motion by the President to accept the minutes from the August 28th, 2007 meeting, seconded by the Tournament Director, voted and carried.

2. Executive Updates

Tournament Director

100 teams registered and accepted, 30 teams in pending, plus a few inquires today. Bantam AA is short at this point. Midget is filling nicely. Committee is up and running. Things are going well.

3. Equipment Director

McDonald's jerseys are in for the Tyke division. The other jerseys are on the way earlier next week.

Late equipment returns from last years house league teams. Director is dealing with this, and hopes to have a system in place next season which would implement a penalty of some sort for coaches who don't return equipment on time.

4. Treasurer

Scott Prins our long time accountant has left his firm and returned to the financial district. Scott's partner cannot handle our account, so Scott recommended a new firm who has agreed to accept our account at the same fee as Prins and Rowlands.

Motion by the Treasurer to accept the firm of Ardene Van Der Horst as the new accountant for the WGHA, seconded by the President, voted and carried.

Treasurer has just paid our Directors Liability Insurance that is held as a Group Association insurance through the OWHA. Treasurer would like to investigate into us holding our own Directors Liability Insurance as a supplement to this OWHA coverage. Treasurer will investigate, and update at the next meeting.

5. House League Update

Draft went fairly well, some coaches are never happy. Some of the Bantam and Midget coaches have been complaining on a daily basis. Some complaining about the high numbers on each team. The games have started for Bantam and Midget. The games have gone fairly well; a few changes may have to be made on a few Midget teams due to large skill gaps and scores.

A few problems with the Oshawa Ice Scheduler is making it very difficult to get the schedules out, and the timekeepers and referees booked.

House League photographers have been looked into. 2 quotes have been obtained. Director will supply a hard copy for the minutes. Lungs \$5.95 per child, Hunters \$4.95 per child this includes individual, and team photos for every child.

Motion by the House League Director to accept the proposal from Hunters Photography, seconded by the Junior House League Director, voted and carried.

6. GM Hockey Operations

Scheduling meetings went well. Some of the coaches and managers still do not understand some of the rules and regulations involved in playing at the rep level. Coaches and managers must be attentive, and attend all meetings.

Referee problems all ready, this will need to be dealt with ASAP.

All faxes from the OWHA are going through GM at this time. We are pursuing having a fax line installed in the office ASAP.

Coach selection matrix is being worked on at this time with an outside source in preparation for next season.

7. Coach and Player Development

Spoke to the Junior Coach this weekend. They had a great weekend in the Stoney Creek Tournament. One player was offered a 4 year scholarship association would like to recognize this.

Registration for the development ice for the fall is filling up quickly.

38 coaches at the PRS clinic

35 at the trainer's clinic

Police checks are coming in. Some are still missing in rep, HL will be collected by the conveners and handed in as a group.

Director would like to have a hockey interest group for the interested moms in the WGHA. On and off ice sessions. Early stages of development at this point, and

Director will update regularly.

8. Ice Scheduler

Preliminary caps have been put on the divisions for the tournament. We will need to get ice in Oshawa for the Friday night.

Managers are offering up ice for swap. They have to understand that it is their responsibility and that the scheduler does not get involved. Scheduler needs to only know the changes for the town rink board updates.

Cost per player analysis must be looked at for next season. This needs to be discussed and understood by all.

We need to look at getting more weekday ice for the rep teams, we will have to outsource this outside of Whitby. We may need to look at other ways of ice management for the rep level as well like limiting the number of tournaments that teams can enter. This will need to be a priority that needs to be looked at for next season.

9. PR Update

Oshawa Generals game has been booked. We have also been booked by the Ridgebacks.

Novice A Christmas challenge at the Junior game, or the Ridgebacks. Dates to be looked at

Coach Appreciation night to be booked soon. Availability of the Sports Garden Café to be looked into.

10. President

OWHA has signed an agreement with IT Sportsnet for registration for next season. Meeting being held this week with the OWHA, and IT, we will have a rep go to the meeting.

Whitby will try to host 2 meetings in the eastern end, for the new league. Town will help accommodate, details to follow.

OWHA GM will be held in Sarnia. We need to look at booking rooms soon for those interested.

Motion by the President to adjourn the meeting, seconded by the PR Director, voted and carried.

Next meeting October 16th, 2007 in the WGHA Hockey Office.