

Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association Meeting Minutes November 3, 2016 6:30 p.m. Mezz. @ ES Arena

In Attendance:

Joey Albelleira, Lorri Arnold, Lynn Humphreys, Mike Gallagher, Janie Conrod, Chelsea Burgess, Anne Bennett, Ken Drapeau, Danny Faulkner, Lori Bartkiw, Melissa Arnold

Regrets:

Andrew Lowery, Doug Gallant, Gina Dunn, Calvin O'Driscoll, Jason St. Hilaire, Mike Humphrey

Business:

- 1) Members welcomed the new budget co-ordinator, Natalie Stevens. Gina D. will update the website with Natalie's information.
- 2) It was confirmed with NS Gaming Corporation does not allow alcohol to be used as prizes when fundraising.
- 3) Concerns have been raised regarding which businesses, companies, etc. should be allowed on player sponsor bars. Joey A. will check with RCMP, Hockey NS, and other associations to gain more information. It was suggested that Tanya Penney be consulted on wording if any policy change occurs.
- 4) The Novice Development team, the Vipers, had placed sponsor bars on their original budget, and it was brought to the executive for feedback and approval. The Novice Development teams have traditionally used Tim Horton jerseys which made them unable to get sponsor bars to offset team costs. A parent has offered to purchase one set of jerseys for the Vipers but concerns were raised about the Icebreakers not having Mariner jerseys as well. It was indicated that the Icebreakers were approached about also getting new jerseys for this year, but declined, opting to put the money towards their budget. A vote was taken on whether or not to allow the Vipers to purchase the Mariner jerseys for this year. It passed on the condition that next year ALL novice team jerseys will be standardized; Mariners if the budget allows, or Timbits if the money is not available.

- 5) The association is in need of goalie gear. Gina D. will post on the association website that donations are welcomed and that ESMHA is interested in purchasing gently used goalie gear. Going forward, the association will provide one set of gear for each Novice team and 2 sets for each Timbit team.
- 6) The issue of setting up a jersey replacement fund was discussed. 20% of jerseys need to be replaced each year. Anne B. stated that the white jerseys are hard to maintain and an alternate colour should be looked at. Two options discussed to start the fund were:
 - a) Asking each team to fundraise \$200 for the fund
 - b) Raising the costs of registration fees

Concerns were raised about teams having to fundraise even more than they currently do to attain their budget. Fees will also have to be raised to cover the increase in ice costs. It was not communicated until after registration that the cost of ice per hour had increased for this season. ESMHA is covering the extra cost this year. The decision will be discussed further at future meetings.

- 7) Dale has committed to redoing the old female change room into the refs room in the spring. Since they have to take space from the jersey room to install a shower and a toilet, it would be out of commission for at least 6 weeks. The work, therefore, cannot be done during the hockey season.
- 8) Lee Theriault and Dale have agreed to renovate the jersey room. Lee is volunteering his time and materials to customize shelving for the room.
- 9) Location of mailboxes and access to them was confirmed. Janie C. volunteered to relable them for this season.
- 10) Cleves will be present during the development weekend (November 5 & 6). It will be posted on the website but coordinators are asked to send an e-mail out to managers.
- 11) There have been complaints regarding pricing and service with Cleves. Joey will talk to Chris about each issue and will ask Chris to address the executive regarding them.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.