



Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2017  
6:30 pm Lake and Shore Rec Center

**In Attendance:**

Joey Albelleira, Natalie Stevens, Lynn Humphreys, Mike Humphrey, Janie Conrad, Doug Gallant, Lori Bartkiw, Jason St. Hilaire, Lorri Arnold, Chelsea Burgess, Anne Bennet, Andrew Lowery, Gina Dunn, Melissa Arnold

**Regrets:**

Calvin O'Driscoll, Danny Faulkner

**Business:**

- 1) Joey welcomed Tracey Avery to the association.
- 2) Walk-in registration was moved to August 17 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
- 3) Robert Knox discussed the officiating for the upcoming season. He has had several inquires for new refs and has directed them on how to go about taking the required courses. The number of confirmed new refs will cancel out the refs who are leaving. There will be enough officials for the season.
- 4) All young officials will be given opportunities this season and all efforts will be made to pair them with a seasoned official.
- 5) Doug has put a request into HNS for them to come out to Eastern Shore to put on a clinic for officials.
- 6) It was requested that a discussion be had with the coaches this year about the treatment of referees. Young refs must feel comfortable on the ice in order to learn and will also be encouraged to make penalty calls at the lower levels so players can learn.
- 7) It was agreed that ESMHA will pay for a maximum of 3 refs to attend a weekend development clinic next summer. If more refs are interested, the association will discuss possible funding for them at that time
- 8) There has been a slight increase in officiating fees for the upcoming season.
- 9) Teams for each level were decided in accordance with HNS policies.

- IP numbers will be determined after final registration.
  - Novice (projected 56 players) will have 4 teams; tentatively advance, intermediate, 2 development depending on placement of the female team.
  - Atom (projected 70 players) will have 5 teams; AA, A, B, 2 C's.
  - Pee Wee (projected 43 players) will have 3 teams; A, B, C. Concern was voiced over the small teams 2 years ago. It was decided that the A team will have a full roster with players divided evenly between the B and C teams.
  - Bantam (projected 51 players) will have 3 teams; A, B, C.
  - Midget (projected 58 players) will have 3 teams; AA, A, C.
- 10) Questions regarding teams, placement, etc. will be directed to the division coordinators.
  - 11) Natalie discussed the financial policy update, specifically that each team will only be allowed to have a maximum team budget of \$18 000, with association approval needed if budget exceeds that amount.
  - 12) MD360 will be coordinating the conditioning camp. Players will get 5 hours of ice time with 3 instructors plus local coaches for novice, atom, and peewee. Bantam and midget will have 2 instructors plus local coaches delivering the camp. It was expressed to MD360 that it will be expected that they correct the techniques of players as needed.
  - 13) Tom Duffy is tentatively booked to help with tryouts but Joey will discuss with MD360 if they are interested and available.
  - 14) The results of the survey sent to members regarding that new jersey logo showed that the majority of members preferred the logo with the text on it. The sample jerseys will be available at the walk-in registration for members to see.
  - 15) The new jerseys will cost \$65/jersey. Joey, Anne, and Lynn will look at financials to determine how many jerseys will be replaced this season.
  - 16) Gina will update aspects of Goalline to make it more user friendly. Gina also agreed to be available for the managers' meeting to show them how to use the program.
  - 17) Andrew requested to have the association pay for refs for the scrimmages during tryouts as well as having paramedics available for the contact tryouts in bantam and midget. Members agreed to both so Andrew will find out the prices for both.
  - 18) It was discussed on how to handle situations when players and/or parents get suspended. It was suggested that a discipline team be convened to handle each situation as it arises. The policy will be updated to be more specific in these situations.

19) The season could potentially start on October 5 but the opportunity to reschedule games if tryouts are not complete. Jason will attend the Central Minor meeting next week and find out more information.

20) Troy Nickerson has agreed to be the Novice Coordinator for the 2017-18 season.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**Next meeting TBA.**