

GTHA House Committee Minutes
June 7, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Dianne Jurica at 7:00 pm.

Present: Dianne Jurica, Jennifer LaCharite, Mike Muzljakovich, Rich Noffsinger, and Nanette Peters

Introduction of New Members: Dianne introduced Jennifer LaCharite as the new House Treasurer.

Division Rep Reports:

Mite – No report available - Matt Gurthet not present. Discussion was had regarding the tournament for the Mite Division once the ADM model has been adopted by GTHA. It was decided by the DOH that the Mite tournament will follow the ADM model and will be marketed as such, as opposed to being a full-ice tournament.

Squirt – Currently, there is no Squirt Rep – Dianne is open to receiving any & all names of potential candidates - would like to have someone in place by the next meeting – she will also contact Amy Drake to potentially get a list of Squirt-aged families for names of those who might be interested in filling the position.

Pee Wee – Nothing to report.

Bantam – Nothing to report but Rich did have a question about DOH Dallas Drake's plans for the rating of House players during the draft skates – the plan was for the ratings to be done by a panel of hockey-minded third parties – coaches could also be raters but not for the age-group in which they were a coach – Rich asked Dianne if the Executive Board approved that plan and Dianne reported "yes".

Treasurer Report: Jen had nothing to report yet. A discussion was had regarding status of the GTHA Accounts Receivable account – currently, there is a significant amount of money owed to GTHA from players and their families as unpaid fees – at the Finance meeting, Dianne assured the Executive Board that the House Committee and Treasurer would make a concerted effort to contact those families with outstanding bills in order to procure payment . As agreed by the E-Board, families will be notified that when the new online payment software is in place & running (approximately) in June, players must be paid in total from the 2009-2010 season in order to register for the 2010-2011 season and/or to participate in draft skates. If they are not paid up but attempt to register using the new software, any money paid will go towards their outstanding balance until that balance is zero – it's only after they are paid up for the previous season will their money begin to be applied to their fees for the current season. The Accounts Receivable list was given to Jen for her to contact each family and notify them of their outstanding balance and to arrange for payment.

Skillympics Report: Nanette reported that she has organized the paperwork for the event by creating master copies for each form, formatting the 2011 forms and creating year-specific logos to cover the next ten years. She is in the process of developing and Gantt chart to map out an organizational timeline and will be contacting Dallas Drake to set up a meeting with him and Amy to determine scheduling and to discuss the budget. There was discussion regarding the date – Nanette will double check to see when "Hockey Day in Michigan" will be in 2011 to determine if that's the best day to hold the event. Mike asked if the next Skillympics will be at Centre Ice (vs. Howe) and was assured that holding the event at Centre Ice is a major priority since there were issues last year with the amount of space available at Howe. Dianne encouraged Nanette to be sure to discuss the date with Dallas and Amy before the end of August, as this is when the master schedule will be set – Nanette assured all that a date would be set long before then.

Old Business: Team Manager Book Update – Julie Ringwelski (House Secretary) is the lead person on that project but was not present. Nanette reported that she found 4 examples of manuals in use by other associations in the country and has passed those on to Julie for her to review for ideas on possible content.

Tournament Volunteer Update – Dianne reported when she brought up how difficult it's been to get parents to work at our GTHA House tournaments, the E-Board was surprised as they were not aware of any such problems. This season, GTHA families will be notified that they are responsible for filling at least 2 volunteer slots during their division's tournament. If non-compliance continues to be an issue, the E-Board will revisit this issue for next season with the possibility of those families who do not volunteer having to pay GTHA instead. This led to a discussion of the extra difficulty in filling Time Keeper slots – too few people are comfortable running the clock due to a total lack of knowledge or a lack of experience. It's hoped that a Team Manager manual will assist with Managers realizing the importance of teaching as many parents as possible how to run the clock & keep score – if they are taught to do it early in the season & do it on at least a semi-regular basis, it's hoped they will reach an acceptable level of comfort in time to work the tournaments so that there will be less trouble filling those volunteer slots.

New Business: 2010-2011 House Fees – Fees have increased in every age group – a major factor in the decision to raise fees is that Centre Ice is increasing the cost of ice from \$210/hr to \$220/hr.

The fees for the 2010-2011 are as follows:

Mites – not set yet – still need input from Matt Gurthet

Squirts - \$625 – increased from \$615

PeeWee - \$750 – increased from \$715

Bantam - \$840 – increased from \$795

The cost of the lottery tickets will increase from \$126 to \$138, with the opt out amount being increased from \$75 to \$85. To assist families with fee payment, fundraising ideas are being considered by the E-Board such as letting families sell more than their 6 lottery tickets & the proceeds being split between GTHA & the family and/or **voluntary** selling of North Stars tickets (there will be no mandatory selling of North Stars tickets this year). It was determined that it would take 13 players per team to break even – if there are less than 13 players per team this season, ice time would be decreased in the division in which that occurs in lieu of having GTHA run at a deficit.

Software Update – See Treasurer Report for update.

Fall Midget League – A Fall Midget League, which will replace the fall high school booster skates, will be a 6 week season, from September 1 to October 25, ending in time for high school hockey tryouts – it will be for all 1995's & older (high school level players), with a strict "no play up" policy - players will be drafted & play regular games, quarter finals, semi finals & a championship game - cost will be \$300 & in lieu of the money that would have been received at the booster skates, profits will be split between the Trojans, Titans, Bay Area Reps, Northwest Warriors, JV AA & JV A teams

Girls Hockey Update – Going forward, Keith Gillis will be the Director of Girls Hockey at GTHA – also, there is the potential for a 3-4 team Girls U-12 House League this season.

Sponsorships – Jerry Jenkins (Executive VP) and Dallas Drake are working together to arrange sponsorship agreements with area hotels.

Polka Fest – Dianne & Julie are planning a polka dance outing – everyone is welcome - time & date TBD.

Adjournment: Motion for meeting to adjourn made by Rich Noffsinger, seconded by Mike Muzljakovich – all voted in favour. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm. Date of next meeting to be confirmed by Dianne after checking with Executive Board meeting schedule but time will be 7:00 pm at Red Ginger restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Peters

Skillympics Coordinator (acting Secretary at June 2010 meeting)