



**ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
75TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

MINUTES



**JUNE 13, 2009
SHERATON PARKWAY TORONTO NORTH
HOTEL, SUITES & CONVENTION CENTRE
RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO**



Ontario Minor Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, June 13, 2009
Sheraton Parkway North
Richmond Hill, ON

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Immediate Past President Tom Leathong.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND REPORT

President Ensoll welcomed everyone to the 75th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. She said another wonderful and successful season for the OMHA has gone by. The success of the OMHA can be directly attributed to the continuous support and dedication of the membership during the season. The OMHA was very fortunate to have some of the most knowledgeable people within its programming, assisting the Associations throughout the year while providing top quality programs. She thanked everyone for their help and support during her term as President. She said because of their dedication and willingness to work together, the OMHA was able to resolve issues and move ahead stronger than ever. If everyone continues to work together, it will assist the OMHA in ensuring better communications and ensuring that the needs of those within the organization remain a priority. She thanked the OMHA Board Members for their hard work and continuous support this past season. She also extended her thanks to the three Technical Directors who continuously educate the membership at clinics and seminars and who have worked with the Regional Executive Members in order to better achieve OMHA goals in the field. Affordable programming is a result of sponsors, advertisement and trade show participants who continue to support the OMHA year after year. She said it is extremely difficult to keep the costs of such high quality programming down and the OMHA greatly appreciates the assistance and President Ensoll thanked every one of the partners in this regard. President Ensoll thanked the OMHA staff, noting that Executive Director Richard Ropchan leads the staff that provides continuous support and assistance in dealing with OMHA matters. She noted that the office staff is very dedicated, supportive, caring and very knowledgeable in the fields that they each handle.

President Ensoll said she looked forward to working with membership as the OMHA President and sincerely thanked them for their dedication and support.

The President's Report which was self-explanatory was included in the meeting package (p. 64). President Ensoll asked the delegates to stand in a minute of silent tribute in honour of those who had passed away since the last Annual General Meeting. The President's Report was read into the minutes by President Ensoll.

<p>Motion: To accept the President's Report. Moved by Dean Lapierre (Windsor). Seconded by Justin Clark (Cannington). Carried.</p>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2008 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting minutes were provided to the delegates and included in the meeting package.

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting. Moved by Justin Clark (Cannington). Seconded by Sheila Campbell (Georgetown). Carried.

There being no errors or omissions, the meeting continued.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

There being no business arising out of the above-noted minutes, the meeting continued.

ACTS OF THE BOARD

The Acts of the Board were included in the meeting package (pp. 66-74). These were the motions passed at the 2008/2009 Board of Directors' meetings.

Motion: To confirm acceptance of the Acts of the Board for the 2008/2009 season [as allowed under OMHA By-Law One, Section 10.13]. Moved by Arlene Fritz (Acton). Seconded by Perry Silverman (Richmond Hill). Carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was included in the meeting package (pp. 75-81). The Executive Director's Report was read into the minutes by Richard Ropchan. The Executive Director's Report concluded with a short highlight video.

Motion: To accept the Executive Director's Report. Moved by Paul Reesor (Clarington). Seconded by Wayne Pries. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The year-end Audited Financial Statements with accompanying notes and the 2009/2010 Budget were provided to the meeting delegates. Treasurer Bill Rowney reported that the fiscal year of the OMHA was April 30, 2009. The audited financial statements were issued by EvansMartin LLP, Chartered Accountants, with an unqualified auditor's report dated May 29, 2009.

Mr. Rowney reported that the 2009 fiscal year was another operational and financial success with the General Fund producing a \$74,000 surplus. He noted that the OMHA is the largest minor hockey association in Ontario. In its efforts to ensure the OMHA is affordable for as many households as possible, the OMHA's share of the participant fees have not changed for



several years. As a result, the OMHA's player base remains healthy, however, there has been a slight decrease in participants this year for the first time since 2006.

Highlights from this year's results:

- The OMHA administered 7,300 teams and approximately 130,000 players and 6,600 team officials and volunteers.
- The OMHA development team continued to offer exemplary certification and education programs. The OMHA continues to focus on the quality of the skills that its referees, trainers, coaches and volunteers bring to the game.
- Executive Director Richard Ropchan and Finance Manager Jennifer Robinson have continued with their excellent work managing the OMHA financial resources. These resources are continually drawn upon during the year and Mr. Rowney thanked the entire team on behalf of the Board for helping the OMHA maintain a strong financial base.

Since last year, teams and players have been registering on-line. The OMHA has been working with the service provider to ensure the registration process is as seamless as possible and will continue working with the teams to ensure this goal is met.

The AGM marks the end of the Association's 75th Anniversary. The OMHA has enjoyed many events and commemorative merchandise was given away throughout the year to celebrate this special occasion.

The OMHA has established several sponsored programs which continue to grow and flourish. The Chrysler sponsorship program became national during the year and contributed to the surplus for the Marketing and Communications Department which was \$100,000 higher than the budgeted surplus. The OMHA hopes their sponsors are pleased with the stewardship of their contributions and that their relationships will continue for the future.

The Association also produced and financed Events Team functions during the year, which helped bring minor hockey awareness to the communities.

The clinics and programs were another great success this year. The Development team and Regional Executives were thanked for helping to ensure the 2009 camps and initiatives occurred in a smooth and timely manner.

Mr. Rowney on behalf of the Board recognized the OMHA administration team for their effective controls of office and administration expenses which came \$80,000 under budget.

The Balance Sheet remains strong with a manageable amount of cash, a guaranteed investment certificate, receivables and inventory. The Board is always looking at ways to effectively employ cash funds, however, a minimum amount of cash is necessary to help the OMHA through periods of high demand.



OMHA long-term investments are held in special funds. These funds provide for the future development and financial security of the Association.

The Association Trust funds development, marketing and communication programs, information and technology initiatives, additional capital expenditures and potential emergency needs.

The Contingency Reserve fund was established to provide for any potential unreported insurance claims for injuries that occurred during the period of time when the Association was not part of the Hockey Canada Insurance Program. The fund continues to be required by the Association as per the mandate of Hockey Canada.

The Maintenance Trust fund is a unique fund established through specific donations by interested individuals with a vision of being able to provide the Association with long-term resources for unusual and unpaid expenditures that may arise. The fund is managed by a separate Board.

The long-term viability of the OMHA requires that these special funds remain financially strong in order for the OMHA to continue its mandate of providing quality programs for minor hockey players. As such, the majority of these funds are invested in government bonds.

Many sponsors offer the OMHA financial support. The audited financial statements, however, do not reflect contributions of products and services. The OMHA estimates the value of these contributions at \$354,000 and is grateful for these contributions because without them many OMHA events would just not be affordable.

The Association strives to provide minor hockey team and player registration, training programs, publications and events that are fun, educational and inspiring. The OMHA does its best to raise funds for its programs and awareness of its sponsors. It is the responsibility of the OMHA to coordinate and manage those funds for the promotion, encouragement, governance, organization and development of minor hockey programs.

The size of the OMHA's membership, the quality of its coaches, trainers, referees and volunteers and the diligence of its staff is proof that the Association is at the forefront of minor sports in Ontario.

Mr. Rowney concluded by saying that the OMHA hopes to see the players it has served this past year return next year, whether as players, volunteers or officials to help ensure the Association continues to offer a fair, safe and enjoyable hockey experience for the players of tomorrow.

Motion: To receive the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Bill Rowney (OMHA Treasurer). Seconded by Tom Leathong (Chair, OMHA Finance Committee). Carried.



Motion: That the firm of EvansMartin LLP be appointed auditors for the year 2009/2010. Moved by Bill Rowney (OMHA Treasurer). Seconded by Tom Leathong (Chair, OMHA Finance Committee). Carried.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Development Report which was self-explanatory was included in the meeting package (pp. 80-81). Highlights from the Development Report were read into the minutes by Chairman Rob Ring.

MADE FOR ONTARIO REPORT

Wayne Pries as Chair of the OMHA Ad Hoc Committee on the Made for Ontario Plan provided a brief update.

In May 2008 Hockey Canada circulated the proposed Notices of Motion to be dealt with at their Semi Annual General. For the most part there was not much concern with the Notices of Motion with the exception of Motion #7¹ which addressed the issue of residency and increased player movement.

At the October meeting of the Ontario Hockey Federation, Minor Council discussed Motion #7 – two Minor Member Partners were in favour of the proposal and two Minor Member Partners were opposed. Minor Council did not resolve their position on the matter and deferred to the Board for final determination. The Board decided that the OHF would support Hockey Canada's motion. A motion was proposed and carried at the OHF Board that "Regardless of the outcome of Motion #7 at the Hockey Canada Semi Annual Meeting, OHF Minor Council will actively continue its review of Minor Hockey residency within the OHF". The Ontario Hockey Federation, as the Branch, tasked its Member Partners with the responsibility of developing a residency model that works for the entire OHF. It was recommended to the OHF Board that a mediator be appointed to negotiate a settlement. A mediator (Kevin Burkett) was subsequently appointed.

At the OMHA Board meeting of December 6th, President Ensoll appointed an Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Vice-President Wayne Pries to develop a "Made for Ontario Plan" for the OMHA by reviewing the OMHA structure, current levels of programming and player movement. Members of the Committee included Rob Ring, Pat Parlette, Bill Leask, Dave Saunders, Craig Lane, Cheryl Brown, and OMHA staff, Executive Director, Richard Ropchan and Manager of Membership Services, Martha Dickie.

¹ Hockey Canada Notice of Motion #7: It shall be the obligation/responsibility of all Branches under the authority of Hockey Canada, in their sole and unfettered discretion, to implement residency registration regulations for the formation of teams within their Branch. The residency registration regulation must allow for increased movement of players as the age of the player increases.

In January 2009, the Ad Hoc Committee created a Mission Statement², and defined the term “Hometown Hockey”³. At the February 2009 meeting of the OMHA Board, there was a request put to the Board that a Town Hall Meeting be held on May 2, 2009. Also at that time a questionnaire was distributed on-line for input in preparing for the Town Hall Meeting. There were 1,594 questionnaires completed: 85% were completed by parents, 396 respondents were involved in AAA hockey, 378 respondents were involved in house league hockey and 23% of the respondents had been involved with minor hockey for 15+ years. The important issues identified were (1) coaching, (2) residency regulations, (3) programming, (4) ice time, (5) zone structure, (6) amalgamation, (7) tryouts, (8) cost, (9) travel and (10) body checking.

The mediator will be meeting with each Member Partner individually. A meeting with the mediator and the OMHA is scheduled for June 25th. A meeting with the OHF “Made for Ontario Plan” Committee is scheduled for June 26th.

MINOR HOCKEY FOUNDATION ONTARIO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

John Archibald thanked the OMHA for the opportunity to talk to the delegates about the Foundation. He also thanked them for all that they do to help make the Foundation successful. He said the proceeds from the AGM golf tournament go to the Foundation. He also thanked the OMHA for their donations and the use of their boardroom.

The Minor Hockey Foundation was established in 2000. It is a separate entity from the OMHA assisting those in need right across Ontario. The Foundation is growing every year and as its existence becomes even better known so does the need for funds. The Let’s Learn Hockey Program that brings underprivileged children into organized hockey has helped over 300 players since the Program’s inception. The registration subsidy program every season has helped dozens of players whose parents have fallen upon hard times to stay enrolled in their local hockey organization. The Wally Scott Bursary was awarded this year to Adam McDowell and Dillon Parnell.

Mr. Archibald asked everyone to get involved in some small way as it costs money to run these Programs. He acknowledged donations from Acton Minor Hockey, Stouffville’s Atom AE team, Unionville Minor Hockey, New Tecumseth Minor Hockey, the Tom Moxam Family and Mark Brown (a former Wally Scott Bursary recipient). He said bereavement donations and personal donations all play a big part in financing what the Foundation does. All donations receive an official receipt for income tax purposes.

The Foundation Report concluded with a short video presentation.

² Mission Statement - The OMHA, working in concert with the OHF Member Partners will develop the methodology for greater player movement, while retaining the integrity of the Community based programs. To assess and review the current hockey landscape within the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and identify opportunities for potential change that will enhance the minor hockey experience of all members.

³ Definition of “Hometown Hockey” - “Hometown Hockey” has been the foundation for the Ontario Minor Hockey Association for seventy-five years. It is a philosophy based upon local players playing on local teams. Hometown Hockey is more than “hockey”, it is about the development of community pride, family, friendships and building a foundation for life.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominations Committee Report was included in the meeting package (p. 91). Tom Leathong noted that there would be an election held in Region 2. The candidates (Dominic Caluori and Frank Palmer) for election in Region 2 were provided the opportunity to address the delegates. Only members of Region 2 voted.

PRESENTATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Motion: To ratify the appointments of Bill Rowney as Treasurer; Ron Noonan as Coach Technical Director; Rick Morphew as Referee Technical Director; and Darryl Bossence as Trainer Technical Director. Moved by Rob Ring (OMHA Executive). Seconded by Sue Michalski (OMHA Executive). Carried.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

There were 34 Members, 323 Delegates, 33 Development, 60 Guests, 12 Nominations Committee and 24 Visitors, for a total of 482 in attendance.

ELECTION/ELECTION RESULTS

The timed item for the election for the Regional Executive Member for Region 2 was held at 10:15 a.m. The ballots were collected, tabulated and the successful candidate was announced later in the meeting. There were 62 registered Delegates eligible to vote. Tom Leathong subsequently announced Dominic Caluori to be the successful candidate.

Motion: To destroy the ballots. Moved by Piper Merritt (OMHA Executive). Seconded by Dean Lawrence (Windsor). Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

George Meek was introduced as the parliamentarian for the resolutions section of the Annual General Meeting. He briefly outlined the guidelines to be followed during this portion of the meeting.

Notice of Motion #: 2009-1

Amendment To: Various Items in Manual of Operations of a 'Housekeeping' nature.

By-Law One/Regulation No.: Various **Page#:** Various

Submitted By: OMHA Board

Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

ITEMS:

[a] By-Law One – Definitions



1.1 (e) “Area Convenor”- **a person** appointed by the Board **who has** the same authority and **assumes** the same responsibilities as Board members in disciplinary and administrative matters within **his** designated **area**. **He** will have the right to participate in all discussions but may not make motions or vote at Board meetings.

[b] By-Law One – Definitions

1.1 (n) Director” - individual who has been elected or appointed to the Board. “Board Members” may also be referred to as Executive Members.

[c] By-Law One – Definitions

1.1 (o) "District" shall refer to a grouping of Regions that have been established solely for the purpose of nominating candidates for Vice-President with responsibility for that specific district: **Western, Central and Eastern**. The OMHA shall have three electoral districts (Appendix A)

[d] By-Law One – Definitions

1.1 (ff) "Policies" - written statements governing issues affecting the affairs of the **OMHA which** have been considered and approved by the Board of the OMHA.

[e] By-Law One – Definitions

1.1 (jj)“Regional Executive Member” **a person who** is elected to the board to represent a region.

[f] By-Law One 2.1

2.1 The corporate seal of the OMHA shall be in the form as the Board may by resolution from time to time adopt and shall be entrusted to the Executive Director of the OMHA for its use and safekeeping.

[g] By-Law One 3.1 (c)

(c) Carrying out competition for championships **as deemed** appropriate **by the Board**.

[h] By-Law One 3.2

3.2 The aims of the OMHA are as follows:

(a) To encourage and promote certain ideals in all participants: to play fairly under all circumstances and all conditions; to give opponents a fair chance and

not take unfair advantage of any opponent; to *win graciously and accept defeat with dignity; to show respect to the game officials*
(b) To love the game above the prize
(c) To provide sport for the greatest number.

[i] By Law One 6.1 (a)

6.1 Terms and Eligibility

(a) Active Members

i) Active Members shall include the following:

- Elected Directors
- Immediate Past President
- Past Presidents (4 in number)
- Life Members

[j] By-Law One 6.1 a)

iv) Life Membership may be granted to any individual who has served a minimum of 15 years on the Board and who has rendered extraordinary and distinguished service to the OMHA. Individuals may only be nominated for Life Membership by a member of the Board, and the granting of Life Membership must be confirmed by a 75% majority vote of the Board, including Past Presidents, Life Members, Area Convenors and Technical Directors. There *shall* be a maximum of four (4) Life Members.

[k] By-Law One 6.1 a)

v) Life Members will have the right to attend all meetings of the Board *and its* committees and meetings of members, with full privileges, but may not make motions or vote at meetings of the Board, except where stated in 6.1a)iv) and 9.2c).

[l] By-Law One 6.1 (b)

(b) Restrictions

A Board member shall not be permitted to hold any salaried position *with* the OMHA during *his term of office*.

[m] By-Law One 6.1 (e)

e) One Class of Membership

Although it is possible for a member to be qualified for more than one (1) class of membership in the OMHA, no person may hold more than one (1) class of

membership. It is therefore mandatory that each member shall declare himself prior to the start of any meeting of the membership and advise the chairperson of the membership class he wishes to represent. Once the meeting is called to order, the member must remain in that class of membership and may not change to another category or class of membership.

[n] By-Law One 6.1 (f)

(f) Eligibility

A person shall not be considered eligible for nomination to the Board until such time as that person states in writing that he has no connection whatsoever with any professional hockey organization and that he qualifies for office under all OMHA, OHF, and HC regulations. The Executive Director shall advise all nominees, in writing, of the qualification requirements before the nomination is accepted. During his or her term of office a Board member shall not serve on the Executive of any local minor hockey association nor *shall he* be eligible to act as a team official of an OMHA team. This restriction does not apply to life membership in a local minor hockey organization.

[o] By-Law One 6.5

6.5 **Membership Fees**

Membership fees shall be established annually by the Finance Committee and be approved by the Board. Fees for any unexpired term of *membership are not refundable. However* the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant a request for such a refund in extenuating circumstances.

[p] By-Law One 7.3 (b)

(b) Each Association in good standing shall be entitled to send to each meeting of members one Delegate for each team eligible for an OMHA Championship. In addition, each Association which has House/Local League Teams, and each Affiliated Independent House/Local League organization, shall be entitled to one Delegate for every twenty (20) teams or part thereof. An *Association's* Delegate(s) must be of legal age (18) and must be a member of that Association. Each Delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

[q] By-Law One 7.6 (c)

(c) At the meetings of the members, every question shall be decided by a show of *hands unless* a specific count or unless a secret ballot is required by the Chair or requested by any member entitled to vote. Whenever a vote by show of hands has been taken upon a question, unless a specific count or secret ballot is requested or



required, a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been ‘carried’ or ‘lost’ and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.

[r] By-Law One 11.2 (a) (i)

(i) be the official representative of the OMHA *to* other amateur ruling bodies as ***permitted by that body and as*** directed by the OMHA.

[s] Regulations - Definitions (ddd) page 72

(ddd) “non sanctioned tournaments” are tournaments that are ***not sanctioned by*** Hockey Canada and its Members.

[t] Regulations - Definitions (ggg) page 72

(ggg) “OMHA Executive” means the Board of Directors (elected and appointed) of the OMHA which administers the activities of the OMHA (***This definition should also appear in By Law One after “dd” as “ee” and then all the other definitions should be renumbered accordingly.***)

[u] Regulations - Definitions (iii) page 72

(iii) “OMHA ***Participant*** Number” is the number that is given each player, coach, trainer, manager and referee upon registering with the OMHA

[v] Regulations - Definitions (yyy) page 74

(yyy) “sanction” - approval of ***activities by*** Hockey Canada and/or its Members.

[w] Regulations - Definitions (zzz) page 74

(zzz) “Sanction Permit” - permit that authorizes various activities as approved by the OMHA.

[x] Regulation 2.8 (c)

DIVISION	AAA-AA-A	Additional Entry Group 1 (AAA) Group 2 (AA & A)	BB to E	Additional Entry Group 3 (BB & B) Group 4 (CC & C) Group 5 (DD-E)
Juvenile	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$84.00	\$84.00
Midget	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$84.00	\$84.00



DIVISION	AAA-AA-A	Additional Entry Group 1 (AAA) Group 2 (AA & A)	BB to E	Additional Entry Group 3 (BB & B) Group 4 (CC & C) Group 5 (DD-E)
Minor Midget	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$84.00	\$84.00
Bantam	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$84.00	\$84.00
Minor Bantam	\$89.00	\$89.00	-	-
Peewee	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$84.00	\$84.00
Minor Peewee	\$89.00	\$89.00	-	-
Atom	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Minor Atom	\$85.00	\$85.00	-	-
Novice	\$83.00	\$83.00	\$78.00	\$78.00
Select League	\$50.00 per team			
Local League	\$20.00 per team			
House League	\$18.00 per team			
Rostered Select	\$15.00 per team			

[y] Regulation 8.2 (d)

NOTE: In this situation the affiliate player does not forfeit the right *to* play for the team to which he is registered for the balance of the current season.

[z] Regulation 10.3 (a) Note

NOTE: Penalty shots awarded at the expiry of regular playing time in any period/game of an OMHA regulation season, league, group playoff, or OMHA Playdown game will be taken as per Hockey Canada **Rule 4.9 (j)**, even if the game has ended, or is about to end by means of a prearranged curfew.

[aa] Regulation 18.5 Three Officials

Two Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15
Novice and below	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$23.00
Atom	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Peewee	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$27.00
Bantam	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
Midget	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$29.00
Juvenile	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$30.00

Three Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15	15/15/20	15/20/20	20/20/20
Referee	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00
Linesman	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$33.00

Note: OMHA Officials SHALL NOT officiate in a “one man” system



[bb] Regulation 19.1 (b)

- b) Teams applying to participate in tournaments outside the OMHA jurisdiction must request and get written permission from the OMHA Executive Director. Such request shall be accompanied by a fee of \$20.00.

[cc] Regulation 19.1 (h)

h) A sanction permit will be issued only to the Minor Hockey Association which is the recognized governing body in a Centre which is affiliated with the OMHA. All tournament registration fees must be made payable to the Minor Hockey Association obtaining the OMHA sanctioning. The OMHA reserves the right to request a profit and loss statement from any OMHA sanctioned tournament at the request of the OMHA Executive. All requests for tournament permits or special permission must be handled by the local association contact person. Sanction fees and a copy of the tournament Rules must accompany a letter of application which must be submitted to the Executive Director. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the tournament a list of the competing teams, a copy of the tournament Regulations, a copy of the invitation being sent out and a tournament schedule must be submitted to the Regional Executive Member. *(remove the word "and" in first sentence)*

[dd] Regulation 19.3 (b)

- b) All tournament game sheets are to be forwarded directly to the W.O.A.A. Executive Administrator (this is an exception to **Regulation 19.11**) by the Tournament Director within seven (7) days after completion of the tournament. A financial statement of income and disbursements must be forwarded to

[ee] Appendix C – Regulation page 144

Appendix C should read **Appendix B**

[ff] Appendix B – Regulation page 145

Appendix B should read **Appendix C**

RATIONALE

Housekeeping

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*



Recording Secretary's Note: Paragraphs [a]-[r] dealing with By-laws and paragraphs [s]-[ff] dealing with Regulations were voted on separately. Ultimately both motions were carried.

Notice of Motion #: 2009-2

Amendment To: Method of Giving Notice
By-Law One No.: 18.3 **Page#: 58**
Submitted By: OMHA Board
Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

Whenever notice is required to be given under the provisions of this By-law of the OMHA, such notice may be given either personally or by telephone or by depositing same in a post office or a public letter box, in a postage paid sealed envelope addressed to the Director, Officer or member at his or her address as the same appears in the records of the OMHA. Any notice or other documents so sent by mail shall be deemed to be sent at the time when the same was deposited in a post office or public letter box as aforesaid. For the purposes of sending any notice, the address of any member, Director or Officer shall be his or her last recorded address in the records of the OMHA.

PROPOSED WORDING

Whenever notice is required to be given under the provisions of this By-law of the OMHA, such notice may be given either personally or by telephone *or by electronic means* or by depositing same in a post office or a public letter box, in a postage paid sealed envelope addressed to the Director, Officer or member at his or her address as the same appears in the records of the OMHA. Any notice or other documents so sent by mail shall be deemed to be sent at the time when the same was deposited in a post office or public letter box as aforesaid. *Any electronic notice shall be deemed to have been sent when the sender transmits the information.* For the purposes of sending any notice, the address of any member, Director or Officer shall be his or her last recorded address in the records of the OMHA.

RATIONALE

Consistent with current practices with other sports bodies and legal practices.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-3

Amendment To: Player Eligibility
Regulation No.: 3.2 (a) **Page#: 82**
Submitted By: OMHA Board



Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

Representative/Additional Entry

All Players shall be Eligible by Residence (Regulation 3.3.) and be registered with the OMHA on an electronic roster. These players' names are to be submitted for approval by the Regional Executive Member.

PROPOSED WORDING

Representative/Additional Entry/Rostered Select/Select Leagues

All players shall be eligible by residence in accordance with related regulations and be registered with the OMHA on an electronic roster. These player's names are to be submitted for approval by the Regional Executive Members.

Note: If adopted Regulation 3.2 (d) and 3.2 (e) will be removed.

RATIONALE

Consistent with all residency compliant programs.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-4

Amendment To: Team Officials – Games/Responsibilities

Regulation No.: 6.1 (a)

Page#: 97

Submitted By: OMHA Board

Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

The coach in charge of any team must, before any game, PRINT AND SIGN his name and **RECORD HIS OMHA REGISTRATION NUMBER** on the official game report in the spaces provided for **the head coach** and he shall be regarded as the responsible officer of the team for that game. The individual will assume responsibility to the OMHA for the eligibility of all players of the team in that game, and for the conduct of their team officials and players during the game, and while traveling to and from that game. **FAILURE TO PRINT AND SIGN HIS NAME AND RECORD HIS OMHA REGISTRATION NUMBER ON THE OFFICIAL GAME REPORT SHALL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC TWO (2) GAME SUSPENSION TO THE PERSON(S) FAILING TO DO SO.**

PROPOSED WORDING



The coach in charge of any team must, before any game, PRINT AND SIGN his name on the official game report in the spaces provided for **the head coach** and he shall be regarded as the responsible officer of the team for that game. The individual will assume responsibility to the OMHA for the eligibility of all players of the team in that game, and for the conduct of their team officials and players during the game, and while traveling to and from that game. **FAILURE TO PRINT AND SIGN HIS NAME ON THE OFFICIAL GAME REPORT SHALL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC TWO (2) GAME SUSPENSION TO THE PERSON(S) FAILING TO DO SO.**

Note: If carried 6.1 d) iv will be deleted.

RATIONALE

Cannot be on the roster unless the number is approved.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-5

Amendment To: Team Officials – Games/Responsibilities

Regulation No.: 6.1 (b)

Page#: 97-98

Submitted By: OMHA Board

Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

Where an OMHA team has only one team official remaining on the bench and that team official leaves his position for any reason (e.g. ejection, sickness, injury to a player, unforeseen emergency) the referee shall enlist the supervisory services of a registered team official from that same Association, who is in attendance at the game. If an appropriate designate cannot be found, the game shall be suspended.

Note: Any new team official so enlisted shall print, sign and record his OMHA Registration Number on the official game report.

PROPOSED WORDING

Where an OMHA team has only one team official remaining on the bench and that team official leaves his position for any reason (e.g. ejection, sickness, injury to a player, unforeseen emergency) the referee shall enlist the supervisory services of a registered team official from that same Association, who is in attendance at the game. If an appropriate designate cannot be found, the game shall be suspended.

Note: Any new team official so enlisted shall print and sign his name on the official game report.



RATIONALE

Can not be on the roster unless the number is approved.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-6

Amendment To: Team Officials – Games/Responsibilities

Regulation No.: 6.1 (d)(ii)

Page#: 98

Submitted By: OMHA Board

Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

After the coach and trainer positions are filled, a third team official may be registered on the electronic roster as manager. If a team wishes to add additional persons they will be designated as an assistant coach on the fourth spot and assistant trainer or assistant coach on the fifth spot on the electronic roster.

PROPOSED WORDING

After the coach and trainer positions are filled, a third team official may be registered on the electronic roster as manager. **If a team wishes to add additional personnel they will be designated as either assistant coach or assistant trainer on the fourth and fifth spots on the electronic roster.**

RATIONALE

Allowing for greater flexibility.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-7

Amendment To: Suspensions – General Information

Regulation No.: 8.1 d)

Page#: 108-109

Submitted By: OMHA Board

Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

A player under suspension shall not play with his team, nor shall he participate in any other OMHA capacity for which he may be eligible during the term of his suspension.



PROPOSED WORDING

A player under suspension shall not play with his team, nor shall he participate in any other OMHA capacity for which he may be eligible during the term of his suspension. *The player's name shall be recorded on the game sheet as suspended until the appropriate number of games have been served.*

RATIONALE

Consistent with the regulation in place for team official.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-8

Amendment To: Serving Suspensions

Regulation No.: 8.2 c)

Page#: 111

Submitted By: OMHA Board

Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

Any team official or player assessed a one, two, or a multiple of automatic game(s) suspension, as a result of penalties incurred in a league game or league Playoff game, shall commence his suspension in the next scheduled league or league Playoff or OMHA Playdown game his team plays. He may play in OMHA Playdowns, exhibition, or tournament games his team plays before his next scheduled league, or league playoff game. If his team is eliminated from league and/or league Playoff games but is still eligible for OMHA Playdowns his suspension will be served in the first of such games his team plays.

PROPOSED WORDING

Any team official or player assessed a one, two, or a multiple of automatic game(s) suspension, as a result of penalties incurred in a league game or league Playoff game, shall commence his suspension in the next scheduled league or league Playoff ~~or OMHA Playdown~~ game his team plays. He may play in OMHA Playdowns, exhibition, or tournament games his team plays before his next scheduled league, or league playoff game. If his team is eliminated *or withdraws* from league and/or league Playoff games but is still eligible for OMHA Playdowns his suspension will be served in the first of such games his team plays.

RATIONALE

To clarify for those teams that voluntarily withdrawal from league playoffs as to the method in which suspensions are served.



RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Recording Secretary's Note: After discussion and clarification provided, Parliamentarian George Meek ultimately ruled that the words "or OMHA Playdown" be removed as an editorial amendment. The strikethrough on the Proposed Wording is that of the Recording Secretary.

Notice of Motion #: 2009-9

Amendment To: Playdowns - Series
Regulation No.: 13.4 i) (New)
Submitted By: OMHA Board
Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

Page#: 121

CURRENT WORDING

NEW

PROPOSED WORDING

All round robin play will follow the OHF Championship Regulation for tie breakers.

RATIONALE

To provide a guideline for round robin OMHA Playdowns as to the determination of standings with regards to team advancement.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-10

Amendment To: Playdowns - Series
Regulation No.: 13.4 i) (New)
Submitted By: Essex Minor Hockey Association
Signatures: Sean Carswell (Essex)/Dave Eagan (Acton)

Page#: 121

CURRENT WORDING

New

PROPOSED WORDING

13.4.1 Round Robin Preliminaries series



- a) Round robin games can only be used in a preliminary series for seeding or advancing one team to quarterfinals.
- b) Round Robin series will be a Home and Home series.
- c) Any round robin series shall be decided on a point system, two points for the win, one point for a tie.
- d) When the score in a round robin series is tied at the end of regulation time
 - i. There will be a rest period
 - ii. The teams will not change ends
 - iii. The teams will play one ten minute, stop time, sudden victory period.
- e) If at the conclusion of a round robin series there is not a defined winner an additional game will be played to determine the winner. The game shall be hosted by the center with
 - i. The winner of the round robin game between the two tied teams has Home Ice.
 - ii. The team with the most wins in Round Robin gains Home Ice.
 - iii. If any teams are still tied after i) and ii) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the Home Ice. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:
Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals (for and against).

NOTE: Only the tied teams' head to head scores will be used and if tied then all round robin games scores will be used.

Example For = 10
Against = 4
Percentage $10/(10+4) = .714$

NOTE: The higher percentage (1.0 being the highest attainable) gains Home Ice.

- iv. If three (3) teams or more are tied, the teams tied will use iii) to determine teams playing in a tie breaker game, the team with the best goal average will determine Home Ice and the team with the second highest goal average will be Visitors.

RATIONALE

Essex rationale to put this motion forward is as follows:

- To eliminate the need to run up a score against another team just to improve their chance to move on in round robin Playdown play. It would give coaches the better opportunity to teach sportsmanship and fair play.
- OMHA By-Law 3.2 – the aims of the OMHA are as follows:

- a) To encourage and promote certain ideals in all Participants: To play fairly under all circumstances and all conditions; to give opponents a fair chance to win graciously and accept defeat with dignity; to show respect to the game officials.
- b) To love the game above the prize.
- c) To provide sports for the greatest numbers.

There is no dignity winning a hockey game 21-1 or 11-1. Not only is it demoralizing to those players, EMHA feels that it contradicts the aim of the above.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-11

Amendment To: Game Officials - Rates

Regulation No.: 18.5

Page#: 131

Submitted By: Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association

Signatures: Peter Harmsen (Whitchurch-Stouffville)/Greg Baxter (York-Simcoe)

CURRENT WORDING

The following rates apply for all Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) representative, select and local league games in all series. Any overtime periods are included in the game lengths.

Two Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15
<u>Novice and below</u>	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$23.00
Atom	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Pee wee	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$27.00
Bantam	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
Midget	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$29.00
Juvenile	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$30.00

Three Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15	15/15/20	15/20/20	20/20/20
Referee	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00
Linesman	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$33.00

Note: OMHA Officials SHALL NOT officiate in a “one man” system

PROPOSED WORDING

The following rates apply for all Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) representative, select and local league games **in all series that are ‘BB’, ‘B’, ‘CC’, ‘C’, ‘DD’ and ‘D-E’ Centres**. Any overtime periods are included in the game lengths.



Two Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15
Novice and below	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$23.00
Atom	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Pee wee	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$27.00
Bantam	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
Midget	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$29.00
Juvenile	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$30.00

Three Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15	15/15/20	15/20/20	20/20/20
Referee	\$27.00	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00
Linesman	\$21.00	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$33.00

The following rates apply for all Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) representative, select and local league games **in all 'A', 'AA', 'AAA', Centres**. Any overtime periods are included in the game lengths.

Two Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15
Novice and below	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$27.00
Atom	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
Pee wee	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00
Bantam	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$32.00
Midget	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$33.00
Juvenile	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$34.00

Three Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15	15/15/20	15/20/20	20/20/20
Referee	\$31.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$41.00	\$43.00	\$47.00
		\$33.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$41.00	\$43.00
Linesman	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00
	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$37.00

Note: OMHA Officials SHALL NOT officiate in a “one man” system

RATIONALE

The rate of remuneration for Ontario Minor Hockey Association Officials was last reviewed during the 2007/2008 season. The rate of remuneration was increased by \$2.00 for all officials in the various divisions and length of games.

There were two proposals 'GAME OFFICIALS-RATES' presented at the Ontario Minor Hockey Association 2008 Annual General Meeting. It was evident that the member associations outside of the greater Toronto Area (GTA) were opposed to a significant increase in the referee pay



structure. At the conclusion of voting a \$2.00 increase in GAME OFFICIAL RATES was ratified.

It is recommended that the Ontario Minor Hockey Association ‘**BB**’, ‘**B**’, ‘**CC**’, ‘**C**’, ‘**DD**’, and ‘**D-E**’ centers continue to pay game officials at the current rate and it further proposed that all ‘**A**’, ‘**AA**’ and ‘**AAA**’ centers are recognized for the increased costs associated with the cost of living and transportation in the GTA.

Therefore it is recommended that the remuneration for the ‘**A**’, ‘**AA**’, and ‘**AAA**’ centers is increased \$4.00 for the 2009/2010 hockey season.

Further numerous other sports, including hockey branches have increased their referee fees, unsanctioned hockey has grown year-round and the minimum wage has taken a dramatic step forward. The Ontario Minor Hockey Association in the GTA is losing officials due to these changes and the enhanced competition for certified officials.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Recording Secretary’s Note: The Mover indicated that the rates provided in the Proposed Wording were incorrect. The strikethroughs are those of the Recording Secretary’s and indicate those rates to be corrected with the correct rate noted below. These modifications were accepted by Mr. Meek.

Notice of Motion #: 2009-12

Amendment To: Tournaments – Hosting Regulations

Regulation No.: 19.1 j)

Page#: 134

Submitted By: OMHA Board

Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

The Tournament Signature Sheets must be individually signed by each participant, who must produce the applicable approved registration document at the time of signing.

PROPOSED WORDING

Delete.

Note: If this motion is adopted we would be required to re-number each item from “j” and beyond. If adopted “i” is adjusted accordingly.

RATIONALE

To remove the need to have the signature sheets when all teams must have an approved electronic roster.



RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-13

Amendment To: Tournaments – Hosting Regulations

Regulation No.: 19.1 k)

Page#: 134-5

Submitted By: OMHA Board

Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

Tournament officials must insist that the signature sheets be individually signed, the approved Hockey Canada, OMHA, USA Hockey or IIHF recognized playing certificates/electronic rosters for the current playing season must be produced, and that an official be appointed to compare signatures and approve players for each game.

PROPOSED WORDING

The approved Hockey Canada, OMHA, USA Hockey or IIHF recognized playing certificates/***approved*** electronic rosters for the current playing season must be produced.

Note: if “j” is adopted we will be deleting “Tournament officials must insist that signature sheets be individually signed.” We also added the word ***approved*** and deleted “compare signatures and.”

RATIONALE

Housekeeping consistent with current practices with regards to the use of player cards and electronic rosters.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

Notice of Motion #: 2009-14

Amendment To: Tournaments – Participating Regulations

Regulation No.: 19.2 (k)

Page#: 138

Submitted By: OMHA Board

Signatures: Bill Neadles/Craig Lane

CURRENT WORDING

Team officials who fail to produce approved Player Certificates and allow players to participate shall be suspended for a minimum of eight (8) league games or thirty (30) days whichever comes first.



PROPOSED WORDING

Team officials who fail to produce *an* approved *electronic roster and* allow *a* player to participate shall be suspended for a minimum of eight (8) league games or thirty (30) days whichever comes first.

RATIONALE

We no longer use player certificates.

RESULT: *Carried* *Carried as amended* *Defeated*

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

Kevin Boston introduced Andy Frost, the voice of the Toronto Maple Leafs at the Air Canada Centre and host of Q-107's Psychedelic Psunday and Don Landry, of Fan 590 Morning Show, as co-hosts of the Parade of Champions, announcing the winners of the various championships.

Three of the six OMHA First Round Picks in the OHL Selection Priority were announced: In attendance were Daniel Catenacci, 1st overall, Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds – Hometown Team: York-Simcoe Express Minor Midget AAA; Ryan Murphy, 3rd overall, Kitchener Rangers – Hometown Team: York-Simcoe Express Minor Midget AAA; and Barclay Goodrow, 17th overall, Brampton Battalion – Hometown Team: York-Simcoe Express Minor Midget AAA.

The following teams were presented with OHF Championship Banners by OHF President Joe Drago:

Ajax Knights	Juvenile
York-Simcoe Express	Peewee AAA
Hespeler Shamrocks	Bantam A

The teams attending the Parade of Champions were:

Normanby Wildcats	Midget E
Ajax Knights	Midget AE Gr. 2
Waterford Wildcats	Midget AE Gr. 4&5
Burlington Eagles	Minor Midget AA
St. Catharines Warriors	Minor Midget DD
Brampton Battalion	Minor Midget AE Gr. 1&2& 3
Barrie Colts	Bantam A
Niagara-on-the-Lake Wolves	Bantam BB
Penetang Flames	Bantam B
Six Nations All-Stars	Bantam C
Manvers Mustangs	Bantam E

Georgetown Raiders	Bantam AE 1
Newmarket Redmen	Bantam AE 2
Dorchester Dragons	Bantam AE 3
St. Catharines Falcons	Minor Bantam AA
Newmarket Redmen	Minor Bantam AA
Aurora Tigers	Minor Bantam A
Whitby Wildcats	Minor Bantam AE 1&2&3
Barrie Colts	Pewee AA
Caledonia Thunder	Pewee BB
St. Catharines Warriors	Pewee DD
Grand Valley Twisters	Pewee D
Caledon Hawks	Pewee AE 1
Port Perry Predators	Pewee AE 3
Mariposa Lightning	Pewee AE 4&5
Oakville Rangers	Minor Pewee AE 1&2&3
Welland Tigers	Atom AAA
Barrie Colts	Atom AA
Belmont Rangers	Atom C
Creemore Valley Hawks	Atom D
Tweed Hawks	Atom DD
Whitby Wildcats	Atom AE 1
Collingwood Blackhawks	Atom AE 3
Peterborough Jr. Pete's	Minor Atom AAA
TNT Tornadoes	Minor Atom AA
Windsor Jr. Spitfires	Novice West AA
Orangeville Flyers	Novice Central AA
Kingston Canadians	Novice East AA
Dundas Blues Novice Central	BB-B
Dorchester Dragons	Novice West BB
Campbellford Colts	Novice East B-CC
Norwich Knighthawks	Novice D
Campbellford Colts	Novice East AE 3&4&5
Warton Wild	Novice W.O.A.A. DD "Jacobi"
Midland Centennials	Novice BB East
Otonabee Wolves	Bantam D
Wasaga Beach Stars	Bantam AE 4&5
Mariposa Lightning	Pewee C
Orangeville Flyers	Novice AE Central
NobleKing Knights	Midget A

[The Parade of Champions concluded at 12:00 noon]

The business portion of the meeting reconvened at the conclusion of the Luncheon Program at 3:30 p.m.



NEW BUSINESS

Arnie Swartzentruber (Tavistock) raised the issue of the harmonization tax suggesting that the OMHA lobby the government to have all minor sport participants exempt from the HST. President Ensoll indicated that the GTHL/OHF have launched an effort on behalf of the OHF Member Partners for an exemption and will keep the membership apprised of any new developments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn.

[WHEREUPON THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:35 P.M.]