

LMHA Annual General Meeting March 27, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Vollmer Recreational Complex

The following motion will be presented at the meeting on March 27:

LMHA Notice of Motion #: 2019-01

Title: Partnership Proposal of the Travel Programs of the LMHA and AMHA

Article: As listed below

Submitted By: LMHA Board Travel Directors

Signatures: Randy Levac 1st VP Travel/Kevin Armstrong Travel Director

ITEM 1

MOTION: That the LMHA pursue a partnership with the travel program of the Lasalle Minor Hockey Association (LMHA) and the travel program of the Amherstburg Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) for the 2020-2021 season.

BACKGROUND: As outlined at the Additional General Meeting of the LMHA on Monday, December 17, 2018, the LMHA met, at the request of the AMHA, to discuss a potential partnership of the two travel programs. Meetings were held between the parties on July 25, 2018 and November 4, 2018 to discuss the potential of the partnership. The Additional General Meeting of the LMHA was called to share information about the 2 meetings to give the membership an opportunity to present questions, clarifications and/or suggestions regarding the proposal. The LMHA Board of Directors reviewed the information collected from the Additional General Meeting at the monthly Board meeting of January 9, 2019. It was decided to arrange a meeting with the AMHA and the OMHA in order to obtain further information regarding partnerships. The meeting between the LMHA, AMHA and OMHA took place on February 12, 2019. Questions from the LMHA Additional General Meeting were presented and the responses are attached.

RATIONALE: A Travel Partnership between the LMHA and AHMA would allow our AA and A centers to be more competitive with other centers in the Bluewater league. As is happening across Ontario, centers in our area have or will begin to merge. This proactive move will allow more of our players that are released from AA to compete for spots at the A level. The A level plays the AA centers within our Bluewater Hockey League.

LMHA AMHA Proposed TRAVEL PARTNERSHIP

Questions and Answers as follow-up to the December 17 Additional General Meeting:

Will Lasalle remain the AA center?

This is agreed upon and will be made up of the best players overall from both centers.

AA will play in Lasalle unless ice is required?

agreed

AA will practice in Lasalle but preferred times would be key?

agreed

Will Amherstburg remain the A center?

This is agreed upon and would be made up of the best players overall from both centers.

Single A will play in Amherstburg unless ice is required?
agreed

Single A will practice in Amherstburg as much as possible but preferred times would be key?
Agreed

Will we have one new name or keep the Sabres and Stars?
AA will stay as the Sabres and single A will remain as the Stars. A new name would be more complex and will not be pursued at this time. It would require new bylaws and a new manual of operations, it would be as if it were a new entity.

LMHA AA releases will only try out in Amherstburg A?
Requires OMHA approval, pending

Amherstburg A players will only try out for AA with the LMHA?
Requires OMHA approval, pending

All players have to try out for Lasalle AA before Amherstburg A?
Requires OMHA approval, pending

Will players have to try out for LMHA AA then AMHA A before any AE?
Requires OMHA approval, pending

Who would host AE?
LMHA will host the AE team and the team would be a partnership as well made up of the overall best players from both centers.

Boards make up for Travel?
There will be one common board for travel made up of two members from Lasalle and two from Amherstburg.

Skill development?
Evaluate at later date

Who will be responsible for purchasing uniforms?
The LMHA would purchase AA and the AMHA would purchase A

Registration goes to wherever the player is playing, initial fee and travel fee.
agreed

Where do players register?
Players would register in their home center and registrars would have access to the Hockey Canada Registry for both centers in order to ease administrative movement. How registration dollars would be transferred administratively is to be discussed at a later date. Registrars would either keep a running total and cut a cheque to the other center after registration and tryouts are complete, or registration could be moved in the beginning like we do with NRPs currently.

Will coaches be able to come from Lasalle or Amherstburg for either center?

Yes individuals can apply for teams in either center.

Coach selection process

A panel of 2 LMHA representatives, 2 AMHA representatives and an independent evaluator will make up the coach selection committee.

How do we know if a player is good enough for parent to coach AA from AMHA and vice versa?

Both centers will share background info on players and potential coaches.

What association would players belong to?

Whatever team you are playing for is the association that you belong to for that current year and you would be able to attend that centers' Annual General Meeting.

Who would seek out corporate sponsorships and purchase items like year-end medals?

The LMHA would take care of sponsorship and purchasing of items for the AA (AE) teams and Amherstburg would take care of the same for the A teams.