

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, October 24- 7pm via Zoom

BOARD AND INVITED STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Hildebrandt	Megan Rochon
Jessica Briggs	Nicole Holmes
Mitch Hewson	Mike Murphy: Late
Jenn Walker	
Dave Pennington	
Stephanie Earley	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Tabobondung, Ron Harrison, Fred Axt
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Dan Hildebrandt at 7:07pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No. 2023- 39

Moved by: Stephanie Earley

Seconded by: Jessica Briggs

THAT the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Lyle McNay

- i) OMHA is clear in their rules about kids playing up
- ii) looking at the big picture- are they the best players on the ice on both teams on the ice- in terms of skills, etc.
- iii) sets a dangerous precedent for the future of the club
- iv) no overwhelming evidence that they should be moving up- can AP as of January- will continue to get ice time- can develop leadership skills and some aspects of their game at U9 level
- v) the board's hands are tied if it's an OMHA

Discussion: AP rule- the program has not changed. The ability to have a kid play that isn't on a roster has never been an option. Things were different in covid year. Ultimately the AP program is the same as it has always been

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President (Dan Hildebrandt)

- Helping with last minute registrations of young players- odd exceptions made for IP program and for divisions with fewer players, like U18 Local League.

Resolution No. 2023-40

Moved by: Stephanie Earley

Seconded by: Jessica Briggs

That the Board go in camera

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2023-41

Moved by: Stephanie Earley

Seconded by: Jessica Briggs

That the Board go out of camera

CARRIED.

Did work on a number of items to help with Tournaments and most recently U15 Tournament. I want to thank all the others who also helped including Megan, Dave, Stephanie, Ron, as well as the U15 Team Manager Tiffanie and Jessica who helped on the money. Additionally Tim Nicksy who additionally helped by organizing more Time Keepers to help with managing and running the Tablets during the tournament.

U15 tournament ran well with the help of the team manager, additional timekeepers, Tim Nicksy

One recommendation was to have additional timekeepers for future tournament because it went very well

Chris Dumont applied to be tournament director and Stephanie also expressed interest.

Chris and Stephanie Earley will do this role for the season

Resolution No. 2023-42

Moved by: Jenn Walker

Seconded by: Jessica Briggs

That the Chris Dumont and Stephanie Earley be appointed to the Tournament Director positions

CARRIED.

Other categories to be added to the 100 Year Celebration- Dan will send out list tonight after meeting last minute registrations of young players- odd exceptions made for IP program and for divisions with fewer players, like U18

Vice President (Ryan Tabobondung)

- Ryan has been involved in some of the transfers and some disciplinary items

Treasurer (Jessica Briggs)

- Current bank balance \$223,597.64- will reduce about \$23,000 with the payment of ice
- a few last minute registration fees are outstanding- next email sent will be that their player will not be allowed on the ice due to unpaid registration
- Jess will touch base with older rep teams to collect rep fees

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OMHA Contact (Mitch Hewson)

- not a lot new to report
- Dave has been doing a lot of the travel permits, but with access to OMHA portal now, Mitch can help or take over
- has been dealing with some questions regarding suspensions
- Mitch has been helping Rick Thomas with some registrations/rostering

Discussion around defining the AP rules a bit more clearly

Ice Time Scheduler (Dave Pennington)

- ice scheduling should all be done barring any last minute moves of games until 2nd season of rep schedule comes out
- schedule for U11/U13 rep tournament is up now- need to look at some tournament iPads for this tournament due to games being split between BOCC and Humphrey
- Steph purchased 2 tournament iPads
- Early Friday games might be a bit of a challenge to get time keepers

Rep Director (Megan Rochon)

- Thank you everyone for U15 tournament
- almost everyone from the board there to watch or help out
- Been working with U11/U13 managers but will be passing that along to Chris Dumont now that he is in tournament role
- major raffle is done this week for some of the rep teams

Local League Director (Ron Harrison)

Absent

Equipment director (Fred Axt)

Absent

Sponsorship & Awards (Stephanie Earley)

- fielded a question from U11 Rep team- a sponsor offered to pay for the third jersey
- this was promised to league sponsors (Rotary), Steph offered options of other ways to sponsor or having both Rotary name and sponsor name on game worn jerseys
- waiting on 3 sponsorship cheques to arrive

Discussion: don't want to turn away sponsors - Steph explained what sponsorship opportunities there are aside from jerseys- retractable banner with additional/individual sponsors- set up in lobby for tournaments & games. But it was also pointed out there are other jerseys such as the orange jerseys, that also don't include current sponsor names. Both of the regular jerseys (green & White) will carry the main sponsor. The 3rd jersey will only be used a few times during the year and does not change the actual team sponsor, which in the case of the U11's, would still be the Rotary. Which it could be offered to the current sponsor for them and any of the other teams - if they want to pay for 3rd jersey, great. And if not as a 3rd jersey that will only be used few times during year, we could still be able to have a 3rd Jersey paid for by another sponsor and we could look at adding a patch for the main sponsor as well. We hate to turn away any sponsor willing to pay for them as one off, saving family's from having to purchase them. Especially when it already costs so much for parents throughout the season for so many other things.

Ways & Means Director (Nicole Holmes)

- nothing to report

IP Director (Mike Murphy)

Absent

Past President (Unfilled)

Tournament Director (Chris Dumont & Stephanie Earley)

- all good for this weekend
- Steph sent out emails asking for rosters and travel permits
- working on U18
- waiting for 3 team payments

Outstanding Issues

New Business

- a) Letter to board from Lyle McNay re: Exceptional Player Status

Outstanding Issues

Discussion

- Move ups not recommended by the OMHA. Has to meet certain criteria, other clubs follow same rules. It is almost never done. Moving players up often has many other negative affects, not all good for players in both short and long term. Someone is always the best player in all age divisions. While players may be very good in some areas for their age, typically still lacking in others. Lots to learn. Players on a number of other teams in current division equally good and some maybe even better. Players best to develop and play in their own age groups, to among other things learn and develop leadership skills and all skills in Hockey Canada Player Pathways. Also a team sport and better to also help other players to develop. Fully able and highly encouraged to AP to upper teams as they are able for additional development, following of course required rules.

- b) Amount to be paid toward U8 Jamborees

- i) U8 does not have a home tournament with which to raise money
- ii) they did do some fundraising and raised just over \$2000 selling jam
- iii) still a little bit short of paying for jamboree registrations (2 teams for each jamboree x 3 jamborees)
- iv) in looking at it as 2 teams- gave each team \$500 to total \$1000

Resolution No. 2023-43

Moved by: Mitch Hewson

Seconded by: Meg Rochon

That the Board pay the difference of the U8 tournament fees

CARRIED.

Jenn Walker declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in vote

- c) development of a Spring Development program
- i) concerns around not being able to use reserves in hockey club to run development- would have to be self funded
 - ii) would need to look into insurance
 - iii) who would organize and run the programs
 - iv) ice time and development staff to pay for is another consideration

- v) our board in this term may end up making decisions that leave a future board with potential issues to resolve
- Discussion: great idea- would have to be self funded and over and above registration fees; club would have to facilitate program but parent and player funded
- Do we take it on as a club function or do we support someone outside the club who takes it on?
- Option of doing spring tryouts - that would be an AGM change to club policies/practice
- Spring tryouts and beginning to put together a team can open up fundraising options for teams during the summer months
- Spring tryouts would also open up time for scheduling and beginning of the year things, name bars, etc.
- We need to have some more discussion around this and put some thought into it
- Idea about development committee suggested

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - 7:30pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2023-44

Moved by: Mike Murphy

Seconded by: Jenn Walker

That the Board meeting be adjourned at 8:36pm.

CARRIED.

