

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, September 12, 2023- 7pm via Zoom

BOARD AND INVITED STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Hildebrandt	AJ Wheaton
Nicole Holmes	Mike Murphy
Jessica Briggs	Dave Pennington
Fred Axt	Ryan Tabobondung
Jenn Walker	Megan Rochon
Stephanie Earley	Ron Harrison

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Dan Hildebrandt at 7:05pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- a. Letters to the board from Rob and Riley Blower
 - i. many parents interested in U18 C team- we won't discuss this issue tonight and families can follow the procedure of submitting request to attend meeting
- b. Letter from Tim McWhirter
 - i. daughter is going to Johnnasburg to teach hockey in a school
 - ii. asked to donate some old jerseys- some to divide teams and some to give pieces of clothing to those who do not have something.

Discussion: we have a lot of old jerseys- Shamrocks ones prior to Bauers- in good shape- just need sizes.

3. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No. 2023- 25

Moved by: Jess Briggs

Seconded by: Nicole Holmes

THAT the minutes of the August 22, 2023 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a) Presentation forwarded by Amanda Hinksman

Discussion-

What do we think about future development programming?

Dan shared that he thinks this is a good idea

Do we use Amanda, or find other people?

Is it club paid or team paid?

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letters from U18 C Families (Tattrie Family, Blower Family, Mahon Family)

6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President (Dan Hildebrandt)

Dan has been attending MPS and MPS LL executive meetings.
Received schedule of what the year will look like- early this year.
Match ups are not on there yet- meeting for that October 1st, Local League October 3rd

Lots of talk about select teams U9 to U18

Notes to organizations that fines will be enforced beyond scheduling- applied to team, not club. Weather is the only reason for not

Mike shared that for Haliburton LL scheduling, it should maybe considered a U9/U11 in Baysville (halfway point), 2 games for the day, maybe lunch, in order to make more of a day for it for all.

MPS Georgian Bay for Rep is hoping to complete merger for next year- we will then be subject to their fines, which are higher

Still helping with some transfers- complex

Finalized D1 clinic for Humphrey

Ryan and Dan have had some correspondence with the town over the number of items needing addressed- good progress

Resolution No. 2023- 26

Moved by: Ryan Tabobondung

Seconded by: Jess Briggs

THAT we go in camera

CARRIED.

Out of Camera- 7:33pm

Discussion

Anniversary Day

January 20th

Dave asked if we wanted to plan a day of hockey that day- suggested that we maybe do a day of exhibition games

Could potentially block the day off with another club in our league and plan for that day

Need to come up with a plan for things to plan- Jenn and Dan to discuss

Vice President (Ryan Tabobondung)

Treasurer (Jessica Briggs)

Current bank balance is \$210,543.12, I do have a bunch of items to pay so balance is probably closer to \$200,000

Registration numbers are as follows:

U7 first - 43

U7 returning - 29

U8 - 28

U9 - 23

U11 - 41

U13 - 42

U15 - 43

U18 - 51

U21 - 4

AJ pointed out issue of kids who are only 3 in 2023 (born in 2020) have been registering. That number is now up to 4 kids - should I be letting them know that they aren't actually old enough yet? Why does Hockey Canada system let them register?

In corresponding with Rick Thomas- we can change this via OMHA next year. We are past the date of being able to do so.

I am following up on the few players that have yet to pay. Currently only about 3 or 4. We are still waiting on some payments from third parties but only for a few kids as well.

There have been a few people requesting refunds. I just want to confirm that my thoughts are okay with everyone. Refunds of rep tryout fees (people that changed mind and did not attend) - 100%, refunds of registration should be subject to an admin fee according to our policies but it doesn't state how much the admin fee is.

Discussion: \$50 is fair

OMHA Director (AJ Wheaton)

OMHA:

I have been busy the past week filling out travel permits for our Rep team's setting up exhibition games in the coming weeks.

I was in contact with Alicia Lesperance and unfortunately she is not interested in continuing as our Risk Management Officer this season. We will need to find a replacement ASAP. We also need to determine who is handling VSCs/Self-Disclosures this season on the board. We need to get this in motion soon, especially for any new volunteers we have because when we go to roster teams and they do not have a VSC they will not be able to be rostered.

I am currently in the process of charging and updating all of the iPads for the club. I need to distribute some to the Rep teams shortly for upcoming games. We were lucky enough to receive an iPad from the OMHA as part of their Gamesheet iPad Assist Program. This brings the total number of iPads in the club to 13. This will just be enough if we end up icing 1 U9, 3 U11, 3 U13, 3 U15 and 3 U18 teams. It was nice last season having a bonus iPad to run tournaments with, however we will have 1 extra until the middle of January when U9 moves to full ice. We may need

to look at some replacement charging cords and cases as we move forward this season for some of the older iPads.

I attended the MPS league meeting last week and the most important information from the meeting was regarding the seasonal structure for our region at a Rep level this season. I have attached, for your viewing pleasure, the proposed (I emphasize proposed) seasonal plan for our area regarding Rep seasonal structure and playoff scheduling/format. I am relieved as for the first time in a number of seasons the league seems out in front of this and we won't be sitting there in February wondering what is going on. I also think we will have some very happy families as there is no playoff hockey scheduled over the March Break.

Not directly from the OMHA, however I attend my officiating re-certification clinic over the weekend. I thought it would be worth mentioning that the OMHA wants officials to place emphasis on the following areas this upcoming season: Maltreatment, Checking From Behind and Head Contact. I know none of these areas are new, especially Maltreatment from last season. It is not a rules change year this season with Hockey Canada, so there are no major rules changes to be aware of.

Ice Time Scheduler (Dave Pennington)

Dave has some thinking about a plan for practice ice- just waiting on end of registration
Comments from Humphrey after tryouts- lots of kids upstairs and left messy

Ice going in later in Sept.

Note to LL and rep coaches- need to fill some ice times last weekend of Sept,
Thanksgiving and one additional weekend

In terms of development- zero available ice time in town and humphrey mid week- not even a 30 minute block.

Some IP to get some Humphrey ice time

Rep Director (Megan Rochon)

Hockey has begun! We are in full swing. I have been approving tournaments, answer many

questions from coaches, approving exhibitions games etc. So far everything is running smoothly.

Tryouts will be complete by the end of next weekend.

We have implemented a new approach to tryout cuts this year. Other than a few most seem to find the way faster and more enjoyable for the players and coaches and eliminates pressure from their peers in the parking lot.

We have had many request for the C team to develop this year. This will need to be a discussion for tonight's meeting as we are time sensitive on team approvals.

Discussion: no decision being made tonight- not until after registration is done

Decision needs to be quick, there are 55 kids registered which translates to a couple or three teams. Losing the contact and the level of play is hard to go between at U18.

A suggestion that maybe we could put U18 C team on notice that there will be a tryout- team will tryout and we can get a look and see.

Concern raised that notices had already been sent out to all U18 family's registered and only 10 players players (rest were taken by U18 B team) still expressed interest in playing Rep with 1 additional player had also recently expressed interest in playing Rep, so only 11 players total.

Suggested only kids who signed up for Rep should have chance of being on Rep team. All others on LL teams.

11 confirmed wanting to play C plus a goalie, we received 9 letters (some were multiples letters from same families), some paid tryout fees and didn't tryout for U18 rep B2 players. Need certified to coach and 1 willing to go out of town to get D1

Rep B took 17 kids

This leaves 38 kids

Taking into consideration 12 kids per team- that's 3 additional teams- 2 LL and 1C. With the 4 overage players, who are 1 year older at 18 year old already registered you can't have 4 on one team and they can't play Rep

Ran over some options (ballpark numbers based on registration not being complete)

55 kids total (u18 & 18 year olds) 17 - U18's will be on the rep B team

So that leaves 38 kids remaining

2 options

2 teams 19 kids each (1 C 1 LL) - noted it won't work because you again cannot have 4 - 18 year old players on 1 team.

3 teams averaging 12.5 kids each (one C and 2 LL)

Concern raised about this still being low numbers for LL teams, with many kids having outside commitments which are common for many LL games. Last year U18 LL team had really bad year with few able to always attend. It was too few kids on the LL team. So we cannot leave them too low this year either. Has to be a balance.

All teams including both U18c and LL teams need a chance to win, we want the U18c to have good year, but can't also have a year like last year for LL. So any additional players will have to go to LL teams to help and U18c will also have option to AP those as well

To try to be fair and make it work, U18C team will have to be capped at 11 players plus 1 goalie.

Team can AP kids from LL.

It was suggested based on players registered and suggested plan with making 3 teams (1 - U18c and 2 - U18 LL) with remaining kids, all should have a chance to win.

Rep kids who signed up and got cut and wanted C team- email them to let them know they are the C team

Megan will set up coaching interviews for C team

Resolution No. 2023- 27

Moved by: Mike Murphy

Seconded by: Ron Harrison

THAT we create a C team at a limited roster of 11+ goalie, leave LL teams with 13 each (based on current numbers)

CARRIED.

Local League Director (Ron Harrison)

looking for LL coach for U18

Equipment director (Fred Axt)

trainers kits and pucks went out to all coaches

Fred has inventory of who has what

in the midst of drafting jersey policy

has been in contact with Ron re: local league jerseys and equipment from locker

Sponsorship & Awards (Stephanie Earley)

I've reached out to the remaining sponsors from last year who haven't sent payment to confirm if they are going to continue their support. I likely will need a couple more team sponsors based on numbers.

Milk patches have arrived. Once they are attached to a jersey I send in a photo and dairy farmers of Canada will send a \$600 sponsorship.

Medals have been order for u11 u13 and u15 rep tournaments. I confirmed with AJ that all were a go. I ordered all 3 because they are a sale and I saved 15% on the medals! ;)

Banners have also been ordered for the champion and finalist.

Jordan Buckland is on board for his students tackling the custom trophy case we plan to meet at the arena soon to discuss the details.

Can we get some team names/TBD names up on the website to start scheduling process

Ways & Means Director (Nicole Holmes)

Submitting lottery license later this week for U15 and U18, holding a sweepstakes draw.

This licence will run from license approval date and will draw winners on October 25, 2023 at the BOCC.

Jesse, I will require a cheque in the coming days.

I've confirmed I still have signing privileges at the bank. I will need your signature on lottery licence as a witness.

Projected to raise \$20,000.00

1000 tickets for sale

1X \$1000.00

4X \$500.00

10X \$100.00

IP Director (Mike Murphy)

finalizing ice times with Dave

lots of registrations- growing every day

lots of sizing going on at 4Sports

start date is Sept. 23

Past President (Unfilled)

Tournament Director (AJ Wheaton)

Registration closes this week for our first tournament, U15 Rep. I will be getting to work on a schedule/rules for this tournament next week. All Rep tournaments are starting to have solid registration, even a lot of potential interest in our U18 B category as well. I still have a few of the rep teams that owe money and I am going to track them down this week. Local League is starting to get some registrations although it is quite early for those groups yet. Below are the tournament registrations as of this morning, including us as a host team:

U15 Rep: 10

U11 Rep: 8 plus waitlist

U13 Rep: 8

U18 B: 2 (however have had direct contact from 5 potential teams this week, just waiting until tryouts are over to register)

U18 C: 6 plus waitlist (not sure if we will have an entry)

U9 LL: 3

U11 LL: 4

U7 Jamboree: 0

U13 LL: 2

U15 LL: 1

U18 LL: 2

7. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

- a) Risk Management position- looking at options; Jenn will draft a letter and work with AJ to send out and collect VSC and self disclosure. Ron can help make letter include dropdown menus to be more specific

8. NEW BUSINESS.

Development Co-ordinator & Program- lack of ice is an issue

late in season- should make sure that for next year we are better planned and book in summer

leave it up to coaches this year if they want to reach out to Amanda on an 'on demand' basis, as they see fit and as works with Amanda

Do we incorporate development into a staff position? \$500/year help coaches who inquire, as well as create a pre-season plan and book it

Fred suggested perhaps using some of the open skates as development time, and early in season/pre-season

Resolution No. 2023-28

Moved by: Stephanie Earley

Seconded by: Mike Murphy

offer position to Amanda Hinksman at \$500 to develop players as coaches need and develop a pre season plan for 2024/25 pre-season development.

CARRIED.

c) MPS Hockey League's Bob Beaumont Bursary

Among other information reviewed for all applicants across the district, included the details of their Minor Hockey experience, outline of individual awards, volunteer activities and any other accomplishments directly related to hockey as well as volunteer or humanitarian activities outside of hockey, etc. And they must be enrolled in or have been offered acceptance by a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution. Along with many other criteria and items.

On behalf of the Parry Sound Hockey Club we wanted to provide a special acknowledgement and congratulations to this years winners of the MPS (Muskoka Parry Sound) Hockey League's Bob Beaumont Bursary, as selected by a committee of the MPS Board.

We are happy and proud to report this years MPS Hockey League's Bob Beaumont Bursary winners, were both from the Parry Sound Hockey Club.

The Recipients were Nathan Strachan & Dylan Tabobondung.

We wanted to give a big congratulations to both players.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - 7:00pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2023-29

Moved by: Mike Murphy

Seconded by: Jenn Walker

That the Board meeting be adjourned at 9:33pm.

CARRIED.

