

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Tuesday, August 22, 2023- 7pm**

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**BOARD AND INVITED STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dan Hildebrandt	AJ Wheaton
Nicole Holmes	Mike Murphy (late)
Jessica Briggs	Dave Pennington (Late)
Fred Axt	
Jenn Walker	
Stephanie Earley	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Megan Rochon, Ryan Tabobondung, Ron Harrison

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Chris Mahon- Community Member

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Dan Hildebrandt at 7:06pm.

**2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Resolution No. 2023- 22

Moved by: Jessica Briggs

Seconded by: Stephanie Earley

**THAT** the minutes of the June 15, 2023 and August 8th, 2023 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

i) Presentation from Chris Mahon

**6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**President (Dan Hildebrandt)**

- still lots of questions about teams & some transfers
- finalized upcoming D1 clinic for Sept 30- held in Humphrey
- reminder that registrants need to complete an online checking clinic prior to registering for D1

**Discussion:** D1 only trains you, does not certify you; need to ensure that others on the bench are following up and becoming certified, not just the coach- Hockey Canada becoming more strict about this U13+

- Ryan and Dan still working on attempting a meeting with the town to discuss a number of issues (over billing for ice time, finalist banners not being put up, tables for tournaments, parking tickets issued to families when parking is full, limited lottery licensing, cost of meeting rooms), request for a rate that reflects both being the largest community organization for kids, as well as the facility's largest customer
- Tim McWhirter coming back as Referee in Chief
- Tim Nicksy has offered to come back as Chief Timekeeper
- Cut off for registration

Discussion: After rep tryouts? LL starts October- We can't change our team numbers after 3rd week in September

- Registration Deadline September 15
- Late registrations will be reviewed on a case by case basis with rare exceptions considered (new people to community, limited by any available manageable space on teams, etc.)
- Need to break up 100th year celebration for people to work on (Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20- possibilities)
- Board present- voted on January 20th- will check with absent members
- Discussion around special commemorative 100th year jerseys ( which will be kept by players ) - who absorbs cost? Mike is trying to sort jersey's and socks out but with no teams made yet, it's challenging; Mike looking at straight black generic socks- still working on it
- For Mike to order jerseys, Club will need to put money forth ahead of time, but teams will buy jerseys
- Will vary from team to team, but some teams reporting about \$400 in parent fees for rep above and beyond the cost of registration, plus
- the cost of jerseys and socks ( estimated costs between \$100 to \$120 plus tax ), which could take fees up to as high as about ~\$550
- Discussion: would a different keepsake be better that can be put on a jersey and then removed so that cost is cut
- Mike can put order in after last night of tryouts (September 15th)
- Fundraising can/will be happening too- keep in mind; last year each team raised enough to cover these costs

#### **Resolution No. 2023- 23**

**Moved by:** Fred Axt

**Seconded by:** Stephanie Earley

**THAT** the club will cover the cost of commemorative 100 year jerseys up front, but parents will pay for their child's jersey, in parent fees, which may/may not be reimbursed by fundraising. Net tournament fees will be divided by number of Rep/LL teams

**CARRIED.**

(Excluded from vote due to conflict of interest- Mike Murphy)

- Question brought forward re: Money to coaches for tournaments- club gets a percentage, expenses come out and the rest goes back to the teams
- \$1000 to each team? Take rep net amount and divide by number of rep teams to cut costs of parent fees- amount may vary; same for LL teams

Keep on our radar- may be interest in select teams

#### **Vice President (Ryan Tabobondung)**

Nothing to report.

## Treasurer (Jessica Briggs)

-Bank Balance 183,129.02  
-Hockey Canada Invoice- \$18,000+  
240 registrations

U7- 24  
U7 Returning-22  
U8- 23  
U9- 20  
U11- 38 (27 rep)  
U13- 36 (23 rep)  
U15- 33 (21 rep)  
U18- 44 (22 rep)  
U21- 3

Discussion: Combining of U8/U9  
Need approval from to pull U8 for U9

How many teams per division will we have? Some logistical challenges- coaches & goalies

**Chris Mahon given the floor:** wondering why nobody was talking about a C team at the U18 level when he felt there should be enough kids to form 3 teams.

Discussion: It was clarified, the Board had talked at length about it's great interest in also again looking at the possibility of icing a U18c Team ( in addition to the 18b team ), but it was agreed it had to be done historically only under right conditions using the previously developed long standing established criteria. It was also noted U18 Rep was listed on the club website for anyone trying out for any U18 Rep Team, be it the primary U18b team or a possible U18c team.

Criteria included that if you don't sign up for our primary U18b team, then you will be unable to tryout for the second team. Which may mean if not enough players sign up for U18 Rep, there would be no second team with not enough players to have team. Currently only 22 signed up U18 Rep Tryouts. Not yet enough for 2 Rep Teams, more need to sign up to be considered as a possibility.

We need enough Coaches & Trainers and goalies for all U18 teams

U18c Rep team last year had a great year

U18 LL team last year - had a poor year, with among other potential challenges, some attendance issues.

It was noted for kids playing Rep in prior years that staying in contact play rather than playing LL, would be more beneficial for them.

Question about c team was not being an option a formal option on the website. It was explained just U18 Rep was listed on the club website, for anyone trying out for any U18 Rep Team. Whether it be the primary U18b team or a U18c team, should it be possible and available.

Based on registration numbers, there probably would be enough players for 3 teams( LL,Rep, C ), but unsure without knowing exact number the b team would take, how many a c team would then take and how many that would leave LL team and each would need, as well as how many goalies were available.

There was a suggestion some kids may not be trying out for rep because they feel they won't make it, based on history (small town).

There was a question about the number of interest, available and qualified coaches & trainers, for all teams to roster and then also skate. Would have to confirmed.

Coaching needs to be organized properly so that among other things the LL bench does not suffer.

Ron & Megan also need to assess

Should an email be sent out to parents that C team is a possibility and they need to pay rep fee; if team is a no go, fee is reimbursed. Can info go out to parents, just for awareness. And it was indicated yes one would be sent.

Jess will send out email to U18 families

### **OMHA Director (AJ Wheaton)**

#### **OMHA:**

Not much to report at this time. Things will likely pick up in the next couple of weeks as the season approaches. I continue to fill out travel permits for Rep teams attending tournaments. I have reached out to Alicia Lesperance to see if she is interested in being our Risk Management person again this season. I have also been fielding a lot of questions about the D1 clinic.

### **Ice Time Scheduler (Dave Pennington)**

Nothing to report

Morning ice time is available

### **Rep Director (Megan Rochon)**

-Coaches are getting prepared for upcoming open skates and tryouts.

-Jess has been great at sending updated registration for tryouts.

-mainly answering questions and figuring out how to navigate people thru the D1 clinic Information.

-checking clinic is happening this wknd with Chad Blundy

I have had a few coaches approach me on if the club will be giving teams allotted money again and if not are we going back to teams making money off their home tournaments like it used to be?

I hope to discuss this at our next meeting.

### **Local League Director (Ron Harrison)**

Absent

### **Equipment director (Fred Axt)**

-registered for equipment

-still working on game pucks- ordered

-regular practice pucks ordered

-lots of jerseys sitting in Dressing Room 1

-will create jersey policy for next meeting

### **Sponsorship & Awards (Stephanie Earley)**

- waiting to reach out to Jordan Buckland re: trophy case

### **Ways & Means Director (Nicole Holmes)**

Nothing to report

### **IP Director (Mike Murphy)**

- getting numbers in for registration
- coaches for U5, U7
- trying to navigate U8/U9 and making teams- in progress; working with Ron
- lots of responses in favour of U8/U9 combined- in progress- needs to figure out AP & other logistics
- many clubs moving to combining the 2 levels

### **Past President (Unfilled)**

### **Tournament Director (AJ Wheaton)**

#### **Tournaments:**

Our U11/U13 and U15 Rep tournaments are full or very close to being full. I have started a waitlist of teams at U11 Rep. One tournament I am starting to get concerned about is our U18 Rep tournament, particularly the B division. We have no teams yet at this point, which is very strange. I am going to give it a couple more weeks before I start reaching out to organizations/leagues to try and get some teams. The C division is almost full, however we may not have an entry at that level. Local League entries are still coming in slowly but that won't pick up likely until September/October. I am going to reach out next week to any teams who have registered but not paid yet. I had one team contact me to let me know that Grand Tappattoo and Parry Sound Inn and Suites are no longer going to take hockey teams. If this is true it could pose a problem in future tournaments having enough accommodations.

#### **7. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. U8/U9 combining- discussed in Mike's report
- b. position of Risk Management- waiting to hear back from Alicia

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, September 12th 2023, 7pm

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 2023-24**

**Moved by:** AJ Wheaton

**Seconded by:** Jenn Walker

That the Board meeting be adjourned at 9:20pm.

**CARRIED.**