Parry Sound Hockey Club Inc.

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**MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday November 23, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Dan Hildebrandt | Christie-Lynn Constable |
| Mike Kearns | Dave Pennington |
| AJ Wheaton | Stephanie Earley |
| Ryan McKeown | Krista St. Amant |
| Jennifer Harris | Megan Rochon |
| Mike Murphy |  |

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**: Adam Moyles

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The zoom meeting was called to order and chaired by Dan Hildebrandt at 7:08 pm.

**2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution 2021– 34**

**Moved by: Jennifer Harris**

**Seconded by: Ryan McKeown**

**THAT** the minutes of the November 9, 2021 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**President (Dan Hildebrandt)**

1 ) Happy we now have 2 Rep Tournaments now completed and both seemed like they went very well overall. Both players and family's seem to have had a good time and the games were very good.  
  
2 ) Happy to see we have the full Local Schedule up. I want to thank Dave Penning for all his work in also getting our games re-scheduled where needed, which has been challenging with limited Ice availability especially with our many tournaments and others also renting ice.  
  
3 ) I have attended a good number of the games for our club teams and am planning on attending quite a few more, so looking forward to that.  
  
4 ) I continue to engage with our Referee In Chief to both monitor and/or help with any challenges with it of course being another challenging year.  
   
5 ) Along with others on Board, I continue to respond to email and/or other correspondence as I am able, or again do refer them to others to answer questions.

**Vice President (A.J. Wheaton)**

Not a whole lot to report on the vice-president front. I was able to meet up with Alicia Lesperance this past week to hand over the Risk Management Files I received from Lisa Moore as well as any self-disclosure forms, I have got at this point. We also went over the details of the position and the next steps. We both agreed that the biggest thing we are trying to accomplish this season is to figure out all of the Vulnerable Sector Checks and organize them in a fashion so that we are not sitting with a disaster on our hands come next September. This includes figuring out how to get them uploaded to the Spordal. There are many people within the club who will need an up-to-date check done, I am planning to email out this week to notify them. It is going to be quite an undertaking. We also will need to update the Risk Management section of our website to include Alicia's contact info as well as update the Volunteer Letter needed to obtain the criminal record check. I would like to thank Mike Kearns for referring Alicia to me.

On a side note, I would like to apologize as I have not been engaged as much as I would like to be recently in my role with the board. Life has been very busy lately with both school and my personal life. I am hoping to get the criminal record check piece sorted out ASAP.

**Treasurer (Christie-Lynn Constable)**

Mostly just the usual to report from me. I continue to keep invoices paid as I receive them, and to pay for tournaments that are in other areas on behalf of our teams. I'm still processing payments for our own LL tournaments, as well as other completely random things that pop up like offering proof of payment to the family responsibilities office. (I only throw that in there because there are so many random things that pop up, that being one of many.)

Most notably since our last meeting, our U15 and U18 rep home tournaments have happened. Although there was initially some fear that the tournaments would cost the club money due to smaller tournaments and higher officiating costs, this is completely not the case.

After reconciling the U18 tournament, that tournament made $5113, and our U15 tournament made $4357 This is after all expenses relating to it (ice rentals, banners, referees and timekeepers, a pizza lunch for the refs, etc) are paid, and only includes what the tournament brought in with registrations and ice sponsorships. It doesn't include the other things the teams may have done such as raffles, draws, BBQ, etc. Of course, the club still takes a $100/team club portion of those funds, but even at that, both of those tournaments did very well for our teams.

**OMHA Director (Adam Moyles)**

There have been lots of questions about the "second" season. I haven't been provided anything specific yet, but we did get this information a couple days ago.

Round Robin Tournament - Feb 5 - March 6 - 4 weeks (6 games)

March 25-27 Championship Weekend Tier 1, Tier 2 and 3- Quarter and Semi Finals will be played Saturday. Consolation and Finals will be played Sunday.

Been working through some game sheet issues and I think we have it all sorted. If there are any game day issues, please let me know.

All teams have access to the website for managing scores and are working through it at the LL level. I have created logins and a cheat sheet for anyone who needs it.

This can be included in my report or left out:

I fully support Ryan's report and Mike K's email. Our referee shortage won't get any better with abusive spectators, parents and coaches. I know for a fact that not one of us would tolerate someone coming into our workplace and yelling at us on how to do our job or jobs, and I don't see how the official's job should be any different. Our local officials, regardless of one's personal opinion of them or how they do their job; have been there for us, taken every weekend away from their family to allow our members and children to have a season. We have officials commuting for over two hours one way to be there for our club. Abusing them has already had a negative impact on our club, in both retaining and attracting new officials.

We as executive all know how thankless our positions can be at times, yet when push comes to shove, we all find a way to work together and support one another to get the job done. As an executive we have to do everything in our power to support everyone in our club and now more than ever it's time to step up and show our support to our officials.

They are humans, making split second judgement decisions. Are they wrong sometimes - of course. Do we always like it - nope; but I am sure not one of them would have a problem having a discussion about what they saw, how they interpreted something over a couple of bevy's to help us understand what they see and how they see it. Yelling, screaming, abusing just closes that door shut.

I would like to post something along these lines onto our website - <https://elmvaleminorhockey.ca/Articles/5683/Read_the_Sign_(Respect_the_Game)/>

**Ice Time Director (Dave Pennington)**

* Saturday Feb 19th:  I have 2 games to move from BOCC to Humphrey to make room for U8 Jamboree.  Humphrey has ice available, just waiting to confirm times with Kara before updating the calendar
* Asked Humphrey about ice availability on March 26th for Championship Weekend.   Ice is available, Kara is just confirming with ops to ensure they had planned on pulling the ice out by that weekend. I’m confident they will keep ice in to accommodate the tournament
* I need some details on ice requirements for U11 and U18 select teams…..happy to find some additional practice ice if they would like it.
* I am working on assumption that practice schedule will resume on Monday January 3rd.

I maybe a little late joining meeting tonight, as usual, I will be at the rink.

**Rep Director (Megan Rochon)**

I have requested that rep managers send out there monthly reports I will forward them along for the board to review.   
As you will read in there reports our teams are progressing. Some at a different pace than others but progression is the key word.   
  
We have hosted 2 out of our 4 home tournaments. So far, they have been successful  
for our club. Both our U18 and U15 made it to the championship game. Both teams played hard and both came out as finalist. U18 had a suspension and U15 received 3 in their home tournament.   
  
-Which brings me to my 1st request.  U15 team is requesting if the board would organize a refresher checking clinic for their team. They are happy to host it during one of their practice times if necessary. Jimmy feels this will help the players decipher proper checks and proper times to do them. This is an irregular year as this is the first for U15 that neither age groups have experienced checking before.

Discussion – Board approved the checking clinic to the U15 group. Using their ice time to have Tim out to teach the checking clinic.   
  
-U18 and U15 would like to know if the flood in between the 3rd could return since more restrictions have been lifted since this was put into place. I have witnessed the dangers this is causing in the 3rd period with players falling a lot more, pucks slowing, and a player falling just before they were getting checked is very concerning. The amount of snow on the edges and in front of the net can be a game changer as well. So far, we are the only centre not doing a flood and other centres are voicing their opinions about it.   
  
-U18, U15 & U11 all entered the silver stick tournament in Wasaga Beach. Teams are wondering if they should progress to international silver stick tournament will cost be covered by the club or will this fall under their own expenses? Unfortunately, U11 didn’t have the success we were hoping for so this will not pertain to them anymore.  
  
-Im wondering what we can do for all our goalies this season. At the moment they have had no direct goalie coaching for this year. I would love to see a weekly goalie clinic happen. There used to me one every Thursday morning (not run by the club) but now our goalies I feel have very little guidance at the moment and most are needing some.   
  
-I also am not sure on if we should write a letter to the town or a simple phone call but I witnessed during the U15 tournament an older gentleman fall and hurt his hip coming out the exit door. I will elaborate more at our meeting to the events, but it seemed very dangerous for certain people to exit that door.  
  
I believe that’s all for now. See you all later tonight.

**Local League Director (Ryan McKeown)**

Good afternoon on all, so we have teams up and playing in full speed, we have had some hiccups with games being cancelled in other centres and a game that was missed with no ref’s .  There have been many game changes to new dates or venues, but our coaches are on that.

As most know I also and very concerned with the Referee situation as it’s getting worse and because of these some teams are have their local tourney effect or team that we can allow to come cut up to possible 50% which in turn costs the teams money losses, club money losses and therefore parents out more money as they will not make any money off the tourneys and have to do more creative fundraising.

We have created a u11 select team which now will allow they player who wish to go to a tourney the opportunity to do so. As with our u11 teams have lower number and some not interested it was tough to do so.

U9 team has played a couple 1/2 “organized practices“ with Huntsville and a couple coming up with Muskoka rock and the kids loved it .

I Personally have witness and also I have been spoken to about a few issues some both on ice and in the stand issues that concern me as yelling at the officials, calling them out by their name , spectators slipping out the side doors and taping the doors or placing rocks in the door jams  so they cannot lock or close  which allows  the spectators can just come back in the side doors  opposed to following proper protocol.

I feel this behaviour has to stop, if one was to yell Like that at a restaurant or a store they would be asked to leave. We need to step up and do the same. We have a code of conduct that when a player is registered, they must agree to. So, let step to the plate and back our officials we have before they are gone. We have lost some and we have some that will not ref certain teams because of the behaviours. Previously when I was on the board, we did have people we asked to leave, we did have people that lost access to the arena. It’s sad but we have this issue again.

This is a board issue that we all need to deal with, Does the club have a disciplinary committee in place?

**Equipment director (Mike Kearns)**

Continued to source and acquire some needed replacement goalie equipment. A couple of jersey issues have been resolved. Socks were received and deliver to the teams that had not previously received them. Thanks to Mike Murphy and 4Sports for all of the work.

**Sponsorship & Awards (Jennifer Harris)**

Not much to report other than the Dairy Farmers of Ontario will be sponsoring the U11 Select team.

**Ways & Means Director (Krista St. Amant)**

Recently closed and currently running fundraising initiatives:

* U18 Rep 50/50 raffle was held Nov. 6th, raising $2,500 for their team. They are also running a Movember gofundme page, currently at $675 of $3,000 goal (link on our website). They also ran an online auction on Nov. 4th raising $1,677 for their team.
* U15 Rep team held a BBQ on Nov. 13th during their home tournament outside of BOCC.
* U13 Rep team selling Crofters Jam is going well, lots of community support. Food bank donations will be collected during their home tourney.
* U11 Rep team selling Bradford Greenhouse poinsettias is coming to an end next week, sales have been great. Delivery to BOCC on Dec. 8th for distribution.
* U11/U13/U15 Rep raffle tickets on sale, draw date Dec. 20th, 1,200 tickets printed, $10 ea. Monetary prizes awarded.
* U9 LL - 50/50 tickets on sale until Dec. 8th, 200 tickets printed, $5ea
* U11 LL-1 - 50/50 tickets on sales until Dec. 11th, 500 tickets printed, $10 ea
* U13 LL - running a 50/50 on the Saturday of their home tourney at the BOCC.

**IP Director (Mike Murphy)**

Not much to report.  2 new registrants.  Outfitted with equipment and got on the ice this past weekend. Discussions have taken place about combining groups in the ip program.  i.e. moving all the Mite 1’s into one group for the first hour.

With several inquiries about the tournament, planning for the U8 Jamboree on the weekend of Feb 19th is continuing. Games for U7 have been discussed with Muskoka Rock.

**Past President (Unfilled)**

Unfilled – No Report

**Tournament Director (Adam Moyles)**

Nothing to report

**7. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Kyle Arnold & Kelly Draycott came in to discuss the referee shortage and protocol for when a parent is removed from the arena during the game.

Discussion – a club wide letter will be sent out to remind parents this is a game, and the referees are human and we will take a zero tolerance stance on abuse or bullying towards the refs, players or coaches!

**Next meeting**

**December 7**, 2021 at 7pm. Location Zoom Call.

**9. ADJOURNMENT   
Resolution No. 2021- 35**

**Moved by: Ryan Mckeown**

**Seconded by: Megan Rochon**

That the Board meeting be adjourned at 8:58 pm.

**CARRIED.**