

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
7:00pm- Google Meet

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Hildebrandt	Jessica Briggs
Ryan Tabobondung	Kevin McIlwain
Jenn Walker	Mitch Hewson
Megan Rochon	
Fred Axt	
Shelley Blower	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Google Meet meeting was called to order and chaired by Dan Hildebrandt at 7:03 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Resolution 2024-47

Moved by: Megan Rochon

Seconded by: Mitch Hewson

THAT the minutes of the minutes of the December 18th 2024 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

3. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Email received from a member wondering about a club wide strategy for the upcoming Open Borders

Discussion:

- the club would like to form a committee to look at developing a strategy for retention of players.
- the general consensus is that the new policy likely won't have a large scale effect on the club
- a committee of various voices around how to approach the situation is needed and will be looked at in the coming months

5. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President (Dan Hildebrandt)

- attended both Local League and Rep league meetings, open borders discussed at both
- second season is coming and we are gearing up for that
- lots of teams seem to be doing well
- thank you to Shelley for accommodating ice scheduling changes in the event of cancellations due to weather

- Format of playoffs changing this year from double elimination

Vice President (Ryan Tabobondung)

- not a lot to report, this has been a much slower year in terms of disciplinary issues than in prior years

Treasurer (Jessica Briggs) - weak internet connection- was cut off mid meeting

- just getting back into the swing of things after being away on vacation
- do not currently have the up to date bank balance, but do have some ice invoices to pay and will have up to date info ASAP
- received an email from a member of the U18 group indicating that there was going to be a select team and now there is not and that some group members paid a non-refundable fee when booking a hotel for a tournament; fee was \$32.30, multiplied by a number of players, they are looking for the club to reimburse \$226.10, due to being given incorrect information about a U18 Select team going ahead.

Discussion:

- there were discussions with Local League Director and OMHA director about the team being approved, however it was not registered by Rick
- it was shared that the team was told they could go ahead with Select but opted not to do so; questions regarding whether the team had approval from someone to register for tournament in the first place
- based on email correspondence between coach and board members, and timelines, questions about why it falls on the board to pay fees back.
- left with too many unanswered questions, it was decided that Kevin would reach out and investigate the refund policy via the 3rd party website they used and go from there; tournament is not until April so there is still time to get a team going and make the tournament if they've already paid non-refundable fees, also unusual that this far out, the hotel wouldn't just cancel free of charge- will look into this more.

OMHA Director (Mitch Hewson)

- echoed the open borders discussion at MPSLL level
- discussed the idea of getting things moving sooner this year in terms of coaching announcements, tryouts, etc. and all of the new OHF rules around recruitment of players and the ethics that go with that when open borders begins- there will need to be caution around what is said, posted, emailed, etc., even outside the hockey arena, when it comes time for kids to register so that clubs are not seen as acquiring players in an unethical way
- Kevin suggested perhaps getting ahead of the game and having some policies/updated bylaws in place for dealing with situations that may arise, Mitch added in that maybe having a discussion with our closer centres would be beneficial so we are all on the same page about player movement
- otherwise busy with travel permits
- questions around tryout timelines with open borders coming into effect
- coaches are able to be announced as early as February 15, however it was discussed that announcing early can have pros and cons
- all things for a strategy committee to consider should one be formed

Ice Time Director (Shelley Blower)

- waiting for matchups to begin scheduling round robin playoffs
- Parry Sound will host the U13 LL playoffs

Rep Director (Megan Rochon)

- wondering about scheduling playoff games and being mindful of back to back long distance away games
- questions around period lengths

Local League Director (Kevin McIlwain)

- not much that hasn't already been covered
- U13 playoff schedule works well so we can go ahead and get that in the system
- questions about when the season will be over for IP players, officially
- Mitch will check with BOCC about room availability for IP kids

Resolution 2024-48

Moved by: Kevin McIlwain

Seconded by: Shelley Blower

THAT the IP program end on the weekend of March 1/2,2025, pending the availability of the Hart Room for closing ceremonies

CARRIED.

Equipment director (Fred Axt)

- missing practice pucks were located
- needed to purchase some additional ice packs for U15/U18
- need to move forward with installation of camera in equipment room- it is up but needs an extension cord
- Mitch asked about Timbits jerseys and if they came with medals and where they might be located; Fred has 3 big totes of past swag that we can also hand out- Atomic Hats, etc.

Sponsorships & Awards (Emma Rettie)

- Esso Medals have arrived
- rooms are booked for LL Awards- March 27th and Rep awards- April 16th
- will get packages out to coaches

Ways & Means Director (Nicole Holmes)

Absent

IP Director (unfilled)

Past President (Unfilled)

Tournament Director (AJ Wheaton/Shannon Gunnell)

Absent

7. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Upcoming AGM

- AP policy needs to be tweaked and posted

Resolution 2024-

Moved by:
Seconded by:
THAT
CARRIED.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2024-49

Moved by: Shelley Blower

Seconded by: Megan Rochon

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 pm

CARRIED.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - 7:00pm via Google Meet

