

August 4, 2009 MDMHA Executive Meeting Minutes – Millbrook Arena 7pm

Those present: Randy AuCoin, Nancy McKie, Lori Pigeau, Lynda Mallon, Maggie Benson, Scott McFadden, Roland Greber, Derek Baker, Ken Thomas, Andy Horner, Julie Hartwick. Late: Melisande Neal, Jenn Puk Absent: Jill Szilagyi, Scott Vanschynel.

1. Approval of Agenda: It was moved, seconded and approved that the agenda be accepted with additions from Randy. (Baker, Pigeau)

2. Approval of Previous Minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved that the minutes of July 8, 2009 be approved as circulated. (Baker, Neal)

3. Financial Report: It was moved, seconded and carried that the financial statement for June 1 to July 31, 2009 be accepted as circulated. (Pigeau, McFadden)

4. Business Arising:

5. Convener's Reports:

5.1 Registrar: Lori reported that she has already received 3 registrations by mail.

5.2 Ice Convener: There was some discussion about the amount of ice needing to be booked. The option of renting ice at Bewdley is gone because they are renovating. Andy will look at the proposed schedule and make some changes due to seven tournaments being on Saturdays.

5.3 Team Officials Coordinator: Ken reported that he has received coach applications from the following: Tyler Hunter (Tyke), Robert Young (Atom Rep), Chris Jones (Novice Rep), Ken Thomas (Peewee Leo), Scott McFadden (Tyke). It was moved, seconded and carried that MDMHA leave all Atom games at 1 ½ hours long with periods of 10 minutes, 15 and 15, as in the past, with one flood, and practices will remain at 1 hour long. (McKie, Pigeau) If the times were reduced MDMHA would have to consider the possibility of reducing fees.

5.4 OMHA Contact Person: Jenn reminded everybody that any coaches and trainers **MUST** be certified or recertified by August 31 and will not be allowed to be on the ice without this as per the OMHA.

6. New Business:

6.1 Juvenile Team: There may be a possibility of a Juvenile team, as Dwayne Dunlop has had a positive response from at least 8 youths. Bryan Cathcart is willing to sponsor the team's sweaters. Bewdley has a few players too, that may join ours.

6.2 Hockey School: Because Millbrook Figure Skating would also like to use ice the first week we have agreed to split up the hockey school to: two days during the week and the two days of the weekend and we will share the registration night.

6.3 Try-Outs: Any necessary try-outs will be held the week of September 14.

6.4 Banquet Winners: The winners of a place at our hockey school, as drawn at the banquet, are: Emmett Young, Alex Whittington, Jacy Galloway & Sage Vaughn.

6.5 Releases: Randy will handle a release for a player moving to BC. (Parker Meagher) Johnny Lynch has been given permission to skate and try-out for AAA. It was moved, seconded and carried that MDMHA will not have a Bantam Rep team this season and that all eligible players will be informed of this decision so that they can try-out elsewhere should they wish. They will be given a one year release. (Thomas, Baker) All the Bantams this season are minor players. This also means that Alex Polson, who asked for a release, will be able to try-out elsewhere.

It was moved, seconded and carried that MDMHA will wait till after registration to make a decision about the Peewee team, regarding the necessity of try-outs and Rep status. (McKie, Baker) There was considerable discussion about Peewee players returning or not returning and their reasons: as parents were polled by Randy. Some of the results of the polling are: the rep team needs to be lean and mean; not to simply divide the players down the middle for two teams; but to keep rep level players on a rep team; for a rep team we should pick 10 players and 1 goalie and AP any others needed; or split equally and have 2 house league teams.

6.6 Fundraising: A few suggestions were made regarding raising money. One was to participate in the Bobby Orr Day, Oct 2 or 3. The deadline for this is Sep. 5. It is for players aged 8 and under. There has been no response from the "Spirit in Hockey" organization to date.

7. Adjournment and next meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 9pm. The next meeting will be at the Lion's Den (Larmer and County Rd 10) September 15, 7pm to interview coaches.

Respectfully submitted by
Mel Neal