

# February 3, 2009 MDMHA Executive Meeting Minutes

## Millbrook Arena, 7pm

Those present: Marg McGee, Julie Hartwick, Jenn Puk, Christine Van Beek, Lynda Mallon, Maggie Benson, Lori Pigeau, Scott McFadden, Dennes Szilagyi, Melisande Neal Late: Andy Horner Regrets: Scott VanSchyndel, Nancy McKie, Randy AuCoin, Derek Baker

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

It was moved, seconded and approved that the agenda be accepted as circulated. (Puk, Pigeau)

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved, seconded and approved that the minutes be accepted as circulated. (Neal, Hartwick)

### **3. Financial Report**

Lynda distributed an income statement from June 1, 2008 to February 2, 2009. It was noted that the gate income is not in a positive financial position. It was moved, seconded and carried that the income statement be accepted as circulated. (Hartwick, Pigeau)

### **4. Business Arising**

#### **4.1 Constitution**

The following changes were suggested as revisions to the Constitution to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting, March 31, 2009:

Under Section V, Article II, Executive Positions:

to add: the position of Hockey Skills Development Convener.

Under Section V, Article VI, Duties of Officers:

to add: the position of Hockey Skills Development Convener; Shall organize and manage the Hockey Skills Development program.

Under Article I – Responsibilities:

to add : Hockey Skills Development Convener to: For the even years it will be: The Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Tournament Convener, Team Officials Convener, Public Relations Convener, and the Hockey Skills Development Convener.

Under General Rules: Number 4:

Delete: The manager and treasurer positions within a team must be two (2) different people.

Change: Spouses of coaches must not hold an official position on the team to: The spouse of a head coach shall not hold a position on a team

### **5. Convener's Reports**

#### **5.1 Tournament Convener**

Maggie reported that she had not been comfortable with the recent prizes for the tournaments (skate towels) and that there had been complaints about this. A letter to this effect has been sent to Maggie and to the former convener, Nancy McKie from a Novice team parent from Oshawa. She felt that there had been quite a lot of disappointment from the younger teams and that they were expecting some kind of trophy/medallion as is implied when using the word tournament to describe the event. There was some discussion about the skate towels as prizes. It was decided that we must follow through for this season (Tyke tournament remaining) and continue to give the towels for this season. Jenn offered to hand out the towels for Maggie. It was suggested to hand the towels out at the beginning of the tournament day with the lunch tickets instead of at the end of the day. It was also suggested to post (if possible) what the prize would be on the tournament website listing. (ie: trophy or medallion, etc awarded) For the other remaining tournament this season (Bantams) we will be awarding one team trophy, as already decided earlier this year. It was noted that some centres' tournaments for the older teams do not even have any prizes at all. It was decided that MDMHA still does want to issue prizes in the future and that we should charge fees accordingly.

#### **5.2 Equipment Convener**

Dennes reported that the savings for buying in bulk jerseys may not be worth the effort as it is only @ \$1.30 per

jersey if buying 150 jerseys. When considering buying jerseys that need replacing at this time, we should have jerseys for all the rep teams as a priority. This would mean obtaining jerseys for the peewee and novice teams. This would represent a cost of @ \$3200. (@ 20 home and 20 away jerseys)

### **5.3 Timekeeper and Gatekeeper Convener**

Julie reported that there has been quite a bit of difficulty with keeping staff in the time box. She needs to recruit some new people. There has been scheduling problems and quite a lot of apathy in this group.

### **5.4 OMHA Convener**

Jenn reported that for the second season, different OMHA centres will be running different arrangements of second seasons. It was moved, seconded and carried that Jenn buy a trophy on behalf of MDMHA for the Novice Teams second season. This is traditionally a trophy that is kept by the team. She has left a message with the OMHA inquiring about obtaining charitable status for MDMHA. The peewee coach was fined because he cancelled a game while en route to the Newcastle due to a flash freeze. The coach is normally responsible for any fines. It was moved, seconded and carried that MDMHA pay the fines on behalf of the peewee rep team that were incurred because of a weather cancellation. (Puk, Neal)

Jenn will find out if there is a suggestion from OMHA about game suspensions. (ie: how many OMHA suspensions are allowed before MDMHA also suspends a player or a coach ) There is a policy about penalty minutes and suspending a coach.

### **5.5 Referee-In-Chief**

Julie reported that her emails to Scott VanSchyndel have gone unanswered. It is important to have the phone numbers of the refs, in case of no shows. It seems that some refs have not been showing up for scheduled games. Scott needs to reinforce this with the refs.

### **5.6 Fundraising Convener**

Christine reported the the NHL dream date fundraiser sold @ 240 tickets. We haven't been able to sell all the tickets, but will still make a profit. Scott informed the executive that there are T-shirts available that say, "Property of the Millbrook Stars" for @ \$6 each. They could be used for the year end gift.

## **6. New Business**

### **Liftlock Atom Tournament**

Mel will write a letter to thank the Liftlock Atom Tournament committee for their financial aid program. The letter will go to Wayne Blaby.

### **7. In-Camera**

The executive had an in-camera meeting at this time to discuss confidential matters.

### **8. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the arena.