

July 8, 2009 MDMHA Executive Meeting Minutes – Millbrook Arena 7pm

Those present: Randy AuCoin, Derek Baker, Ken Thomas, Lynda Mallon, Maggie Benson, Julie Hartwick, Scott McFadden. Late: Mel Neal, Andy Horner, Roland Greber, Nancy McKie.

Regrets: Lori Pigeau, Jenn Puk Absent: Jill Szilagyi, Scott Vanschyndel.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda be accepted as circulated. (Baker, Thomas)
2. **Approval of Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of May 6, 2009 be accepted as circulated. (Baker, Hartwick) It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of June 2, 2009 be accepted as circulated. (Baker, Benson)
3. **Financial Report:** Lynda reported that she has moved the accounting system to the "Simply Accounting" program. The year end report has been prepared and is ready for printing for the audit. We will need to find the revised OMHA insurance fees before the new budget can be made. It was moved, seconded and carried that the financial statement from June 1, 2008 to May 30, 2009 be accepted as circulated. (Baker, Hartwick) Lynda reported that there may be a chance of recovering 50% of the GST that MDMHA pays by qualifying under the public service sector. Registration fees are not counted as revenue. If we can have over 40% of our revenue coming from government funding then we can qualify. Lynda will investigate further to see if we are eligible.
4. **Business Arising:**
 - 4.1 **New Arena:** Scott has been monitoring the progress towards a new arena/community centre for Cavan Monaghan township. Huge government grants have been available recently, but the township has not applied for one this year. Scott attended a 'growth of the community' meeting recently and personally made councillor Chaplin aware of the need for a new arena/community centre. The township staff is working towards this same result and has received permission to conduct a needs assessment study to be completed so that the township can move forward on this. Scott asked if anyone is available to attend a Trillium grant meeting at the law offices of Bill Lockington on July 16, 4-6pm.
5. **Convener's Reports:**
 - 5.1 **Registrar:** The registration form will be updated to include an email address for the parents and a statement that MDMHA is governed by OMHA. The registration form will go up on the website and the in-person registration will be on August 20, 6 – 9pm at the arena. The hockey school will hopefully run Tuesday Sept. 8 to Friday Sept. 11 and the cost will be \$50.00 The hockey season starts September 11. Registration fees will be accepted in two cheques dated August 20 (registration night) and September 11. There was some discussion regarding the Hockey Skills Development Program fees and eligibility. It was decided to have a tiered system. Members of MDMHA will have priority and the cost will be \$75. When numbers permit, others will be allowed to join. Tier two will be for Myte-aged players who live within the Millbrook residency boundaries but who are not members of MDMHA. Their fee will be \$75 plus insurance costs. Tier three will be for players who are eligible to play for MDMHA but can't play because MDMHA doesn't offer a program for them. (ie: Girl's hockey or AAA) Tier three costs will be \$75 plus insurance costs. Tier four will be for anybody else regardless of their residency or eligibility and the costs will be \$200 plus insurance costs.
 - 5.2 **Secretary:** Mel reported that township has denied MDMHA's application for fee waivers for meeting rooms, all except for one per month. The township has tightened all rentals for all community groups, increasing the fees hugely in some cases (ie; soccer) and denying fee reductions. The atmosphere between the township and several non-profit community groups has become difficult as a result.

The children of the township will be suffering more and more as a result of these policies because community groups are less likely to be able to afford increased fees. MDMHA has decided not to appeal this decision because the Executive meetings can be held in someone's home when necessary.

5.3 Public Relations Convener: Derek wanted to know if we wanted to investigate having the banquet on the arena ice pad floor in the future, as this has been suggested to him by a few MDMHA members. The consensus on this was 'no', as the rental fee for the ice pad for a one time event would be more than @ \$250, an unnecessary expense plus there would be catering expenses at the arena of at least \$11 each person. At the Golden Wheel we don't pay rent and the costs are quite reasonable and less than \$11 for adults and much less for children.

Derek reported that the interest for a Eurostars team was approximately 10 families. This is not enough and he will try again at registration to increase interest.

Derek has received @ \$170 in gift cards from National Sports from the points program. He will give these to the Equipment Convener. We will take advantage of this program again this year and will hand out the National Sports points cards at registration.

He has taken pictures of the bulletin board in Norwood as we would like to have a similar one. We have a volunteer carpenter that will make one for us, hopefully in time for the new season.

Randy received different fund raising plans and he has forwarded these on to Derek for further investigation. (ie: t-shirts, 'Spirit of Hockey' calendars)

6. New Business:

6.1 Novice Rep Tournament: Scott would like to host a Novice Rep tournament in November. This would be a two day event with an Olympics theme, with each team receiving themed jerseys. Each team would be guaranteed 4 games and the cost would be \$750 per team, which would just cover costs. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Novice Rep team be allowed to run a tournament. (Baker, Greber)

6.2 Coach Mentoring: Scott reported that Brian Purdy will be coming to help with this. New coaches really can benefit from this program.

6.3 Coach Clinic: Scott attended an excellent coach clinic in early June in Kingston and is recommending that coaches take advantage of these clinics. There were various speakers that are NHL, OHL and college coaching staff.

6.4 Silver Stick Tournament: Scott looked into MDMHA hosting a Silver Stick tournament for the Novice/Atom level. The deadline has passed to apply for this year and so we will try for next year. This would be a regional tournament and we would partner with other associations.

6.5 Police Checks: It was decided that all adults needing police checks should do this on their own as it would be quicker that doing it as a group.

6.6 The Marlies: Ken reported that he is arranging a trip to the Toronto Marlies.

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm. The next meeting will be at the arena Tuesday August 4, at 7pm. Registration August 20, 6-9, arena.