

## **July 6, 2010 Minutes of MDMHA Executive Meeting, Millbrook Arena 7pm**

Those present: Glen Hunter, Roland Greber, Kyle Dunn, Jenn Puk, Diane Heron, Julie Hartwick, Maggie Benson, Lynda Mallon, Derek Baker, Mel Neal

Regrets: Lori Pigeau, Ken Thomas, Jill Szilagyi

Guest: Mark Doucette

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Adhoc agenda
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of June 1 be accepted with the following correction: add Lori Pigeau to the list of attendees. (Baker, Puk)
3. **Financial Report:** Lynda presented her treasurer notes for two members of the Executive to review and approve. Lynda is happy to report that there is a small profit at the end of last season. The Skills Development Program brought in a profit of \$918. The calendar fundraiser lost \$20. The financial assistance program helped 16 youth, covering 25 – 75% of their fees and totalling \$2300. A cheque from OMHA has been received in the amount of \$1200 for refund fees. And Roland has presented an invoice from OMHA for play-downs, etc in the amount of \$1065. She feels that early registration is going well so far.
4. **Convener's Reports:**
  4. **Hockey Skills Development Convener:** A grant that had been applied for through the township was declined. This would have covered hockey expert's fees to run the hockey skills development program.

Glen reported that his investigations have gone successfully and he would like to recommend that Canadian Hockey Enterprises come and manage 4 or 5 sessions at MDMHA of the program at 4 week intervals. A coaches session would be one of these. The cost of this proposal is \$4 per kid each session and there may be discounts available in turn for allowing advertising on our website and to our members. It was moved, seconded and carried that Glen move forward with finalizing arrangements with Canadian Hockey Enterprises with a cap of \$4 per child per session as the cost. (Puk, Mallon) CHE is very interested in making this work.

Glen also felt that the number of weeks could be shortened from 20 weeks to 16. He would announce upcoming agendas of skills nights on the website. Mark Doucette, a parent and volunteer, agreed with the idea of shortening the program as burn-out will be reduced. He also has volunteered to help with the program. The Scary Mary Skating organization was rejected as a resource for MDMHA as it has a reputation of working the children too hard and is more of a power skating program rather than a hockey program. (\$150/hour)

Last season we had 116 skills students.

Glen will be posting articles on the website of interesting subjects to help parents understand different aspects of hockey. (ie: coaching, releases, right of choice)
  4. **OMHA Rep:** Roland reported that police checks are recommended by OMHA since 2001, to be done at least every four years and that they are to include the vulnerable sector screening. We can use checks that have been performed for

other organizations if not older than four months.

He also reported that the 2012 hockey season may be the first time that open zones may be initiated. This means that a player may try-out for a AAA team and if cut he may then try-out for a AA or A (not both) team. There would be a maximum of 3 players per team allowed to move from an outside team. (3 players per level)

Roland reported that there is an on-ice ref school coming up in Trenton September 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>.

4.3 **Public Relations Convener**: Derek has prepared an article to go in the Millbrook

Times to inform possible players for the Juvenile team. It will also go out to eligible players individually. It was decided that Derek will investigate tournament videographers. It was decided to table an idea for a building birdhouses fundraising activity at tournaments.

4.4 **Secretary**: Sandy Towle has put her name forward to become secretary. She was appointed such by the executive at this meeting. Mel will contact her and welcome her.

4.5 **Tournament Convener**: Maggie has forwarded the proposed tournament dates to Kyle, the ice scheduler. It was decided to make sure that no tournament would fall on a holiday weekend or on the Christmas parade weekend.

4.6 **Registrar**: Lori sent a written report which Mel read. Lori reported that she has received so far, 24 registrations. She is disappointed with this number but is encouraged that a trend will develop for next year. So far in the Bantam level 8 have registered for try-outs and 3 for house league. She is still chasing three families for registration fees. She will be sending them a letter advising them that their new registration will not be accepted until prior balances are cleared. 5. 5. 5

5. **New Business**:

5.1 **Letter to the Township**: There was quite a discussion about the new room rental rates for the arena community room. It was decided that MDMHA will write a letter asking for a discounted price for tournaments when renting the upstairs.

It is currently \$35 per hour or a \$50 per 4 hour rate = \$150 for a 12 hour tourney.

5.2 **Referee-in-Chief**: Scott Van Schyndel has resigned due to a move to Ottawa. We will search for a new one. (possibly Alan Lakas) MDMHA thanks Scott for his time with us.

5.3 **Emails**: Glen suggests that MDMHA change the executive emails to a google account to make things easier. He will look into this and make the necessary changes when he can.

6. **In – Camera**: The executive dealt with confidential issues in-camera.

7. **Adjournment and next Meeting**: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. The next meeting will be at the Lion's Den, Tuesday, August 3 at 7pm. (to be confirmed)