

January 12, 2010 Minutes of the MDMHA Executive Meeting Minutes, Lion's Den

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

1. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda be approved as circulated. (Puk, Pigeau)
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of December 1, 2009 be approved as circulated. (Pigeau, Greber)
3. **Financial Report:** Lynda reported that the on-ice volunteers insurance fees have been paid at @ \$157. She will have to move some monies from the Investment account back into the chequing so that the ice bill can be paid. It was moved, seconded and carried that the financial report from June 6 to December 31, 2009 be accepted as circulated. (Baker, McKie) We will end in a surplus position. There was some discussion as to what a "break even point" for teams is. This season we are in a positive position, generally having at least one more player on each team past the "break even point". Next season we will likely need one more player than in this season because of the anticipated harmonized sales tax (HST), to reach the "break even point".
4. **Convener's Reports:**
 - 4.1 **Registrar:** Lori reported that only four families are still owing money to MDMHA, however, all are making payments.
 - 4.2 **Public Relations Convener:** Derek reported that the new bulletin board is about to be built, for the costs of the materials, thanks to Scott Mitchell. The safety glass will be about \$300 alone, but is required because of safety and accessibility rules required by the township. It was moved, seconded and carried that MDMHA will pay @ \$275 for its half of the bulletin board costs to be shared with the Millbrook Figure Skating Club. (Baker, Puk)
 - 4.3 **OMHA Contact Convener:** It was approved by our OMHA Contact Jenn Puk that a Bantam team from Haliburton is allowed to enter our tournament, even though they are in an "All Star" category. Jenn also reported that it is expected that MDMHA must pay for out of town referees for any quarter final play-offs and that there will be play-down fees to be paid to OMHA for each round of @ \$175.
 - 4.4 **Team Officials Convener:** Ken reported that for one of their recent games, the referees did not arrive. Unfortunately, our referee in chief was away at that time and was checking for game changes via email while away from home at the same time that the web server, Nexicom was down. So he was unaware of a time change. Some of the parents were upset. Luckily Lori managed to reach Scott and got the game covered.
 - 4.5 **LEO Contact Convener:** Roland attended the LEO League scheduling meeting last week. There are to be no curfews during LEO play-offs. The Tri-County League also had their scheduling meeting last week. Unfortunately the Tri-County League has decided to disallow our Peewee team to enter play-offs. It was moved, seconded and carried that MDMHA will cover the Peewee Tri-County team for one exhibition game per week till the end of the season, February 28, due to the special circumstance of having their season ended by the Tri-County League. (McFadden, Pigeau)
 - 4.6 **Equipment Convener:** Jill delivered her written report, but could not attend.

She outlined the delivery dates for the socks to the teams and explained that due to some email mix-ups the order was delayed. Also, some stock was short shipped. Due to overestimation, we now have quite a few socks in stock, for next season. She suggests having the socks on the registration forms again with some size adjustments and having some samples available at registration. There is some discrepancy with different sock colours being privately ordered by some of the teams. We should ensure that all the socks worn by MDMHA players be the same.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Home Bench Wall: Randy reported that the Township will be putting a door/gate in the wall west of the home team bench. There was some discussion about volunteers going over the ice to get to the benches and/or the time box.

5.2 Off Ice Fighting: Brian Millet clarified to Randy that the Township policy for off ice fighting is for staff to call the police, and not to intervene or make comments. It decided, for now, to allow coaches to punish appropriately players who fight off ice and if need be, MDMHA, can add further punishment.

5.3 On Ice Volunteer Insurance: We are covered on this matter.

5.4 Trophy Cases: Tracy Welch and Mel Neal drafted a letter that was sent to the Township and are awaiting a response.

5.5 Calendars: There are still some calendars yet to be sold. It was decided that we will try to sell them at the Skill Development nights.

5.6 Directors and Officers Insurance: Jenn assured us that the Executive is covered for liability, as outlined on the OMHA website, under Risk Management.

5.7 Home Refs: Randy checked several game sheets to see if there seemed to be an imbalance of penalties for home teams. He did not see an imbalance. Scott V. assured MDMHA that there is a check system in place for evaluation of reffing.

5.8 Skills Development Program: Scott M. reported that he asked for more help on ice with this vital program, and is pleased to say that he received it.

5.9 Website Idea: Derek reported that his idea of a positive spot on our website will be initiated and he is in discussion with our web master.

6. New Business:

6.1 Community Funding: The deadline for the Township Community Funding Grant application is January 22. Randy and Lynda will be working on this. It was decided to ask for money for bursaries and assistance with meeting room rentals.

6.2 Parents VS Coaches Game: It was moved, seconded and carried that the fund raiser game for coaches vs parents requested by Glen Hunter be approved, provided that he make the arrangements under his own name. (Neal, Baker) This is because MDMHA and OMHA can not insure the parents. Randy will let Glen know.

6.3 Letter Requesting a Release: Jenn explained to the MDMHA that we can not release any player, ever, when they live in the residency boundaries. Sometimes a release is given to a player in the right-of-choice area but not otherwise. A family can appeal this ruling to the OMHA, but MDMHA can not attempt to write a release.

6.4 Emergency Plans: The trainers will be reminded by Ken that they are to have a documented emergency plan in place, with a code/signal for someone to call 911 when necessary.

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting: Mel adjourned the meeting at 9pm. Next meeting: February 2, 7 pm, Millbrook Arena.