

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

Those present: Randy AuCoin, Jill Szilagyi, Derek Baker, Julie Hartwick, Jenn Puk, Scott McFadden, Melisande Neal, Lori Pigeau, Lynda Mallon, Maggie Benson, Roland Greber, Nancy McKie, Andy Horner (late) New observing executive members: Diane Heron, Glen Hunter  
Absent: Scott Vanschyndel, Ken Thomas

1. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved, seconded and approved that the agenda be approved as amended. (Pigeau, Greber)
2. **Approval of previous minutes:** tabled till circulated
3. **Financial Report:** Lynda reported that there will be about a \$2000 surplus after the final ice bill and banquet is paid for.
4. **Convener's Reports:**

### 4.1 **Public Relations Convener:**

Derek reported that the banquet is all set for April 25, at the Golden Wheel. There will be 3 sittings starting at 11am for the Mytes and Tykes, 1pm for the Novices and Atoms and 3pm for the Peewees, Bantams and Midgets. There will be 2 hockey school prizes drawn per sitting. Mel is donating a "Stick Rack" to be drawn as a coach prize. Parent surveys will be filled out at the Banquet. There was discussion about what food to serve the different age groups. (chicken strips and chips VS Chinese buffet - \$6.50 VS \$10.50) Parents should be encouraged to carpool because there is now only limited parking.

## 5. **Business Arising:**

5.1 **Registration & Gate Passes:** There was considerable discussion about gate fees and gate passes. They have been increasingly difficult to keep track of and many people are abusing the gatekeeper and bypassing paying the admission fees. It was decided that in anticipation of the Victoria Durham League abolishing gate fees altogether that we should hedge against this loss of income. Therefore it was decided to no longer charge admission fees for home games for Millbrook members. Instead we will include this in the registration fees. Away teams will still have to pay admission until we are notified otherwise. In summary: this year, so far we brought in @ \$3325 in door passes, @ \$7600 in gate fees, and paid out @ \$8300 for refs, @ \$2300 for the gatekeepers, and @ \$2300 for the timekeepers. It was moved, seconded and carried that the registration fees will be raised by \$75 per child next season to cover increased costs of the gate fees, the added hst and increased facility rental costs, but will include free admission for home games. (Neal, Pigeau) (one opposed)

5.2 **Early registration:** It was decided that registration will start in the spring. The payment schedule will be June 1, July 1, August 1 and September 1. Four payments will make easier budgeting for families, instead of the usual three payment schedule. Registration forms will be available on the website and at the banquet and can be mailed in. The first in-person registration will be held at the banquet and the second one will be held in the normal time frame in August. People can choose to pay in the payment schedule or all at once before September 1. No player will be allowed on the ice until all fees are paid in full. The registration forms will be available on the website. Lori will relay the info to the coaches to relay to the members. Lori would like to get a post office box for MDMHA instead

of having mail coming to her house mail box. Lori can get one for free because

MDMHA is a non-profit organization.

Lori projected the registration numbers of eligible returning players: Mytes: 3, Tykes: 31, Novices: 11, Atoms: 29, Peewees: 39, Bantams: 23, Midgets: 14 (plus possibly 2 girls) It was felt that because of the email contacts we now have that we can reach the vast majority of our members to let them know of this change.

- 5.3 **Amalgamation:** Centres are looking at joining with other centres. Beaverton and Cannington are considering doing this right now, mostly due to a large drop in registration. They had four town hall meetings to discuss this before they took a vote. Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls are amalgamating also. OMHA may very well decide to encourage house league teams under BB levels.(and not Rep) Good players will go to the best centres. They would like to see the caliber of play to be improved. Bewdley's numbers have dropped significantly. Randy will meet with the nearest centres presidents to open discussion about this. We will also consider forming a subcommittee to look at this.
- 5.4 **Parents vs. Coaches Exhibition Games:** Glen Hunter presented MDMHA with a large donation of \$572 as a result of the above games. Glen was given a big round of applause. It was noted that he arranges this himself because of insurance reasons and donates the proceeds. A big thank you to Glen. He would like to repeat this throughout next year too.
6. **New Business: Parent Surveys:** It was decided to update the survey forms and have them ready for distribution and completion at the banquet. Randy will update the forms and Julie will get them copied. Currently the website survey of members asking about spring registration has most favouring spring registration as opposed to late summer registration.
7. **Adjournment and Next Meeting:**  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm. The next meeting will be the banquet, April 25. The next executive meeting will be May 5.

Respectfully submitted by  
Melisande Neal