

August 3, 2010 Minutes - MDMHA Executive Meeting - Lion's Den 7 pm

Present: Melisande Neal; Sandy Towle; Glen Hunter; Diane Heron; Lori Pigeau; Jen Puk; Kyle Dunn; Julie Hartwick; Maggie Benson; Roland Greber; Ken Thomas **Regrets:** Lynda Mallon; Jill Szilagyi; Derek Baker **Guests:** Dale Tytler; Shaun Hunter

1. Approval of agenda: It was moved, seconded and carried that the adhoc agenda be accepted as circulated. (Pigeau; Puk)

2. Approval of previous minutes: It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of July 6th, 2010 (Benson; Pigeau) as well as May 4th minutes be accepted as circulated. (Heron, Puk)

3. Financial Report: Lynda forwarded financial report to Mel. The balance in the current bank account is \$11 941. The investor's account has \$27 400. The 2010 pre-registration funds so far are \$7 351. \$1 065.76 paid to Ontario Minor Hockey Association for play downs and \$250 paid to Brain McMillan for lanyards.

4. Convener's Reports

4.1 Registrar – Lori reported that registration will be Sunday August 22, 6-9pm upstairs at the Millbrook Arena. Lori conducted a survey of interested players for the Bantam Rep tryouts and still there are only 8 registered players interested at this time. Lori inquired about an updated financial assistance form for registration. Kyle volunteered to contact Tammy AuCoin regarding getting an updated form. Lori is still chasing three families for past due funds. Emails and phone messages have been left. It was decided that a registered letter will be sent out to these families. Anyone in arrears of fees will not be able to register for the 2010-2011 until payment from last year's season is received. At present, Mel reported that \$2 500.00 is available for financial assistance from money received from the Community Funding Grants. It was moved, seconded and carried that players will not be allowed on the ice if their 2010/2011 registration fees are not paid in full by September 13 or the first day of hockey school.(Puk, Thomas) Financial assistance applications will only be accepted by the early registration date for 2011/2012 season to allow adequate time for families to be notified prior to the season starting.

4.2 Tournament Convener

Maggie reports that applications for tournaments are due September 15 to OMHA.

4.3 President

Mel has attempted to contact the president of the Manvers Hockey Association to set up discussions for amalgamation. No reply has been received at this time.

4.4 Ice Scheduler

Kyle reports that the ice is due to go in by Labour Day, and barring that by September 13 at the latest. It is hoped that hockey school can run the first week after Labour Day, with try-outs running the second week and the regular season starts the third week.

4.5 OMHA Contact

Roland reports that he received a response from Bill Needles regarding having a Peewee AE team play in an AE loop. A formal request needs to be sent to Bill Needles prior to August 20. Roland will forward mailing address and Sandy will compose the letter/application. Roland also brought forward an email from a parent regarding two separate issues. The first inquiry discussed was the possibility of a child playing up a level. Roland reported that according to OMHA regulations, a child can try out for a rep team a level above their age group. A written request needs to be submitted to MDMHA. If the child is unsuccessful and still wants to be eligible for their age appropriate rep team, they will still need to try-out for their age appropriate division and thus will need to pay both try out fees. In terms of allowing a child to play a level above their age group in the Leo league, again written request is required and decisions are made by the executive based on numbers, skill level, etc. Lori pointed out that it is impossible to grant permission for children playing on teams with older siblings based on convenience alone. However, decisions will be made on an individual basis. The second inquiry was the allowance of children to participate in the Hockey Skills Development program when that child is not registered to play hockey, but other siblings are registered to play for MDMHA. Glen indicated the availability of the Myte program which consists of instructional ice time until January and that when there are younger children on the ice who are not independent skaters, the on ice volunteers are burdened by having to provide one to one assistance. It was suggested that non skaters must have an adult accompany them. However, Glen indicated that numbers on the ice may become a concern. Again, the Mytes program was recommended.

4.6 Skills Development Convener

Glen reports that the Hockey Skills Development program will consist of four of the sixteen sessions being provided by Canadian Hockey Enterprises. The proposed dates will be confirmed at a later date. Since Canadian Hockey Enterprises does not offer goalie skills, Glen and Kyle has worked out a plan to offer separate skills for goalies. At present, the plan is to have 8 out of the 16 weeks of skills to be separate goalie instruction. Therefore each week the goalies would alternate between goalie skills and the regular skills (8 weeks of

each for a total of 16 weeks). In addition to this, because of the rotating nature of Tyke goalies, the player would be invited to a session(s) that coincided with when they would be taking their turn in net. Glen also reports that a clinic for coaches and volunteers will be provided. Dates will be confirmed and Glen is to meet with those involved. In terms of hockey school, Glen indicated that there will be four sessions as in previous years. Dates will be determined based on when the ice is ready. Volunteers will be needed.

4.7 Team Officials Convener

Ken stated that so far he had only received about 5 coaching applications. Coaching applications will be put on the website by Glen and applicants will be contacted to come in for an interview. Coaching applicants can also contact Ken directly by email. The deadline for applications is August 22. Ken will be emailing last year's coaches who have not put in an application as a reminder. Proposed date for coaching interviews is Wednesday September 1st @ 7 pm , location to be announced. Mel will look after booking a location. Ken reports that he is using the parent surveys to grade coaches in preparation for this year's selection of coaches. Roland is going to inform Ken regarding expiry dates of certification for coaches and trainers and Ken will email coaches. It was noted that police checks can be accepted from other volunteer organizations (ie: schools) if it is less than four months old.

5. New Business

Fundraising Reports

Fundraising ideas can be brought forward for discussion at any time. The idea of sweater sponsorship was revisited.

6. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:15 pm. The next executive meeting will be Tuesday September 7th, 2010 @ 7 pm at the Lion's Den. Coach Selection will take place on Wed. Sept. 1st, 7pm, location TBA.