

September 7th, 2010 Minutes - MDMHA Executive Meeting - Lion's Den 7 pm

Present: Melisande Neal; Sandy Towle; Glen Hunter; Diane Heron; Lori Pigeau; Kyle Dunn; Julie Hartwick; Maggie Benson; Roland Greber; Ken Thomas; Lynda Mallon; Jill Szilagyi; Derek Baker; Ben Kirkwood **Late:** Jenn Puk

Guests: Dale Tytler; Allan Richter

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

2. Approval of previous minutes: It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of Aug. ^{3rd}, 2010 (Hartwick; Heron) be accepted as circulated.

3. Financial Report:

Lynda reported that registration has brought in \$ 78 000 so far. The Investor's Account has a current balance of \$ 27 400. The current balance in the bank account is \$ 82 200. Brian McMillian sent MDMHA a cheque for \$100 from the table he had set up during skills night. It was moved, seconded and carried that the financial statement be accepted as circulated. (Thomas; Pigeau)

4. Guest Letter: In Camera

5. Coach Interview – in camera

6. Convener's Reports

6.1 Registrar - Lori reports registration numbers as of September 7th: Myte - 13; Tyke - 35 (2 to try out for the Novice Rep); Novice - 10 (7 to try out for the Novice Rep); Atom – 28 (19 to try out for the Atom Rep); Peewee – 34 (18 to try out for the Peewee Rep - of these 18, 5 only wanted to tryout for the AE team. Since an AE team will not be offered, Roland will contact these five players to inform them of their choice to either try out for the rep team or play on the leo team); Bantam - 24; Midget - 20; Juvenile - 17.

Discussions arose regarding the Novice Rep Team. Presently, only 7 of the ten registered are interested in trying out for the team. Since there will not be a leo team, the parents of these three players will be contacted and given the option of playing Tyke, or perhaps Atom Leo. A concerned was expressed by Glen about the number of

Tyke players if these three were to play in the Tyke division. Already 35 Tyke aged players have registered. A suggestion of combining the Tyke and Myte division was made considering that the Myte division only had 13 registered and therefore they would be three teams between the two divisions.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we have two Bantam teams, one rep and one leo. (Towle, Puk) This is a result of the large number of Bantam players wanting to play – 24, so far.

Lori reported that financial assistance was granted to five families in the community as per the criteria that executive set forth and that no families left MDMHA because of being denied financial assistance.

Lori also reported the numbers, so far, for the skills program and hockey school:

Division	Skills Program	Hockey School
Myte	7	2
Tyke	26	15
Novice	7	5
Atom	15	14
Peewee	16	18
Bantam	5	5

It was noted that the number of players in the skills program has dropped notably from last year, from 130 to 76.

6.2 Equipment Manager - Jill reported that there are enough hockey sweaters for all the teams.

6.3 Public Relations/Fundraising Convener - Derek shared that there is a sponsor (Brian

Cathcart) for the Juvenile team who is prepared to supply the team with helmets, sticks, bags and gloves. Derek wishes to approach Nexicom and other Millbrook businesses to sponsor sweaters for the Juveniles. For the last Juvenile team the players paid for their sweaters and kept them. Jill suggested that players put down deposits and return their sweaters at the end of the season. Julie added that sponsorship is not forever and that there should be a time frame for advertising on the sweaters. It was moved, seconded and carried that Derek approach Millbrook businesses for sponsorship for sweaters. (Towle, Puk)

Derek proposed an idea: that Derek would video players during the year and compile a DVD at the end of the year for each team as a fundraiser for the association. Glen suggested that Derek go to SSFC for assistance as students need practices with editing real footage.

6.4 Ice Scheduling Coordinator- Kyle has talked to Josh at the arena to get time arranged for try outs and hockey school. Ice will be in by September 18th. Hockey school will run from September 18 and 19 from 8-12 am and September 20 and 21 from 5:30 - 9:30 pm.

Try outs will commence on Thursday September 23 - Saturday September 25, except for Peewees which will run Wed. Sept 22 - 24.

6.5 Hockey Skills Development Convener: Glen will book Hockey Canada for first session to educate instructors at a cost of \$150. Canadian Hockey Enterprises also to come in for instructors for skills. Skills for goalies will be in Novice time slot on Thursday evenings. Glen also reported that there were five children on a waiting list for skills because they were under seven and not registered in Mytes. Glen will contact these parents to invite the children to participate because there is space in the skills program. One parent will be asked to support this group who may need extra support.

6.6 OMHA Contact Person - Roland reports that he received a letter from Bill Leask who has forwarded our request to the EOMHL. However, due to lower than anticipated Peewee numbers, an AE is not possible.

6.7 Tournament Convener - Maggie reminded the executive of the deadline for tournament application is September 15th. Kyle stated that the Novice leo tournament was cancelled. Julie indicated a interest in opening up the date to a REP team. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Peewee Rep team be offered the opportunity of hosting the Peewee Leo tournament. (Hartwick, Towle) Kyle also noted that when

coaches go to scheduling meetings that they should be aware of tournament dates when booking away dates.

8. New Business

Jill brought to our attention that the rubber matting that led from the dressing rooms into the ladies washroom has been removed due to cleaning difficulties by arena staff. She proposed that the executive send a letter to council to either redo it or provide skate guards for the players when using the washroom. Sandy will look after preparing this letter.

New Referee in Chief- Mel welcomed Ben Kirkwood to the executive as Referee in Chief. The Referee in Chief does not have a vote on the Executive as per MDMHA Annual General Meeting 2009/2010. Ben inquired about bringing in Referees from other areas. Mel responded that it is appropriate to seek out referees first from the immediate area due to budget restrictions. Derek recommended that younger referees be utilized not just for younger groups but also with older age groups under the direction/cooperation of a more senior/experienced referee. If bringing in outside referees is required, Ben will work to bring in referees that are closer in location to keep expenses down due to mileage considerations. It may be necessary to bring in referees from Peterborough for Juvenile but additional referees will be brought from the same area to alleviate double pay outs for mileage. Julie inquired about the three man referee system. Millbrook would like to start the three referee system in Bantam, not lower. Ben informed the exec about an online tool, called The Arbitor, for booking qualified referees. This would be an efficient way to book referees. Millbrook referees would be given preferential treatment. However, if we are to consider this option we would need to decide on an area (east or west of Millbrook) to select from. This service will cost approximately \$100. Lori suggested that Ben get together with all the qualified referees to check on numbers and eligibility of what level of games can be referred.

8. Other Business

Other issues were dealt with in camera.

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:15 pm. The next executive meeting will be Tuesday October 5th, 2010 @ 7 pm at the Lion's Den.