

January 5, 2011 Minutes - MDMHA Executive Meeting - Lion's Den 7 pm

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

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

2. Approval of previous minutes: It was moved, seconded and carried that the December minutes be approved as circulated. (Greber, Heron)

3. Financial Report:

Lynda reported that \$10 000 will need to be transferred from GICs to help cover the ice bill for December which was \$11 503 and includes the tournament. The township forgot to charge the association for two tournaments during the month of November which is \$ 2 800 in additional fees. The ice bill for December is \$ 10 000. Ice time was also paid to Bewdley. Lynda will work on the necessary paperwork for the Community Funding Grant from the township.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the financial report be accepted as circulated. (Heron, Greber)

4.0 Convener's Reports

4.1 House league - Diane reported that the schedule is completed up to February 20th and play offs would be completed by March 6th. Game sheets will be picked up by Diane as usual. She will phone in up to date scores to the Division's conveners . If any scores are not received from the home team, the visiting team will be awarded the win. She will email copies of the Leo Play-off Rules to the executive.

Norwood has made us aware that they have installed surveillance cameras in the arena for added security and prevention of vandalism.

The Bantam Leo coach has inquired regarding the 3 penalty rule. The rules are different for Leo and rep. In the Leo loop a player can be ejected from a game for any 3 penalties. In Rep, it is for 3 stick penalties. Diane emailed the information to the Referee in Chief and he will clarify this with all the referees.

4.2 Tournament Convener - The Tyke tournament has been reduced to 6 teams from 7. Unfortunately we could not attract an 8th team. One team had to be turned away. The tournament will be run on points. The Bantam tournament presently has 6 teams registered. Maggie has cancelled the tournament for March 5th , but we still have the ice time booked at a cost of \$1 100.00 + HST. Ideas for using the ice for fundraising purposes were discussed. The idea of using the time to offer coaching clinics was discussed. Roland will look into the possibility of this.

4.3 OMHA Contact - Roland discussed the player movement process. A meeting is being held on January 23rd at 2:00 pm in Toronto. Five representatives from MDMHA are eligible to attend and vote. Names of executive members attending need to be sent by January 14th. Roland has a nomination form for an OMHA regional executive position. If anybody is interested in running for any of these positions, the nominations are due April 29th. There is a meeting on January 9th

for the Eastern Ontario Minor Hockey League (Juvenile). The play down scheduling meeting for Victoria/Durham will be held on January 13th. Roland is preparing a residency boundary map to help explain residency rules.

4.4 Registrar - In the registrar's absence, Mel read the report provided. It was discussed and decided that MDMHA will hold registration earlier in order to offer a longer payment plan to our families and allow the executive to have a better handle on numbers of participants and thus plan for the upcoming season effectively. Registration will be available at the March AGM and at the end of year banquet in April. Also, an "in person" registration will be held on June 15th, 2011 from 6-9pm. Location will be determined. Late registrations will be subject to a \$50.00 fee. Only newcomers to the area will be allowed an exemption from the late fee. Registration will be considered late if it is not received, post-marked as of Saturday June 25, 2011. Families will have the option of making 6 monthly payments with the earliest being April 1st, 2011 and the latest being September 1st, 2011. In addition to this, registration received after the deadline may be placed on a waiting list, if numbers indicate. This will allow the executive to make decisions regarding the number and size of teams. Lori will begin to work on updating the registration form have them available online by mid to late February.

Emails will be sent to coaches to forward to families regarding the AGM meeting, the banquet and outlining the new registration process and guidelines. As well a notice will be posted on the bulletin board in the arena.

4.5 Equipment Manager - Jill received a new set of socks for the Midgets which will be funded by a sponsor. Mel brought up that teams are required to wear matching socks. A penalty can be given by the referees if a player wears socks that do not match his team mates. Brian McMillan has provided an invoice and has issued a \$200.00 rebate. Another rebate will be given in the second half of the season based on a percentage of sales. Thank you to McMillan Sports.

Jill has talked to Josh regarding having a lockable box on the player's bench to keep pucks cold for game times.

4.6 Vice President - Jen talked to Brian McMillan regarding providing a discount for purchasing socks and jerseys as well as a rebate from sales from the table as a courtesy for being able to set up in the arena during skills and tournaments. This is in fact the case. Rebate indicated in the invoice as per above.

4.7 Public Relations - Derek will be ordering the OMHA Championship banners. The location of the banquet will remain at the Golden Wheel in Fraserville. It was moved, seconded and carried that MDMHA pay for the meals at the banquet only for players, rostered coaching staff and executives, and invest more into the player's momentos. (Hartwick, Heron) The banquet will be April 3rd or the 10th. Derek will look into the prices and options for player's memento.

4.8 Referee in chief - Ben forwarded a written report in his absence. He noted that two referees that were no shows were given a warning and informed that if it occurs again, it will result in a suspension. Locals officials can be used for the first round of playoffs and out of town officials will be scheduled for all remaining rounds.

Ben also reported that the referee from the Midget Grafton - Millbrook game was issued a warning and reminded of proper conduct. No suspension was issued.

5. Business Arising - Jill attended the township community meeting regarding the proposed recreational facility. Basically, the committee was interested in what things would be required for a new community facility. Issues presented were: the need for 6 new and improved dressing rooms; better offerings at the canteen; mats for use of washrooms in the dressing rooms as well as the regular washrooms; dressing rooms for girls; twin pad; and accessibility issues.

MDMHA unfortunately was not aware of the application process to get funding back from the Atom Liftlock tournament. The executive was under the impression that it was automatically granted if Atom teams participated in the tournament. The deadline of November 15th has been missed and therefore the MDMHA will not receive any funds back this year. Next year the application process will be followed.

Mel asked that all executive members review their job description in the constitution to propose any changes to responsibilities to facilitate discussion at the February meeting for constitution revisions.

The Community Funding Grant application is due January 21st, 2011. Lynda is working on preparing the necessary information.

6. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Meeting was adjourned @ 10:05 pm. The next executive meeting will be Wednesday February 2, 2011 @ 7 pm at the Lion's Den.