

MOORETOWN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

Monday January 22nd 2024 @ 7:30 PM via Zoom. Called to order at 7:33pm by Geoff Dale.

ATTENDEES:

Geoff Dale, Marty Passmore, Chantal Dale, Jay Vandenburg, Jay Passingham, Brian Daamen, Asa Stokes, Angela Gibbs, Derek Gibbs, Stacey Skeates, Brad Ouellette, Kaylen Burgess Derek Gibbs, Bailey Tremblay

Regrets: Hugh McCowan, Mark Perrin

New Business

Geoff Dale:

- **Motion to accept minutes from December 6th 2023 meeting.** Motioned by Kaylen and second by Brian to accept meeting minutes.

- **An email I received:**

Hi Geoff

I wanted to bring an item to your attention that occurred late last week. As you likely know, a few of us use the audio room in the northwest corner of Rink 1 at the MSC for streaming games live on Facebook.

(REDACTED), (REDACTED) and I all have used it without any issue as a place to sit and video the games. Upon request, the MSC front attendant will have the door unlocked for me. Many citizens of St Clair Township look forward to watching these games in this new format.

Friday afternoon, I asked for the room to be unlocked ahead of the U (REDACTED) Silver Stick game at (REDACTED). I was asked whether it was for Silver Stick or Mooretown Hockey. I stated that it was for the Mooretown team but I had talked to (REDACTED) the day before to see if their organizers had any problem with it to which he replied in the negative. The MSC attendant (REDACTED) told me that she couldn't because someone had recently unhooked a bunch of wires and only the Flags could use it now. I was surprised and responded that I had been in there before many times without any issue. She understood and instructed me to wait as she would call maintenance to have it unlocked. She picked

up the phone and I waited. She then came out and told me that someone would go up and unlock it. I left the lobby area and went upstairs to the door. Quite a few minutes later, (REDACTED) came up the stairs and told me that no one will unlock the door and explained again that wires had been unhooked so in the future only the Flags JR C staff are allowed in the room. I asked who I should contact to sort it out. She said it was the Co-ordinator who wasn't in today. I asked who that was to which she replied that it was (REDACTED) , (REDACTED) . I told her that I wouldn't bother then ((REDACTED)). I then proceeded to the ice level of Rink 1 to video the game. A few spectators asked me why I was there and I told them. I also stated as such live during the game that "that the township wouldn't allow me access to the room due to security issues". Prior to (REDACTED) , I was in that room the day before (REDACTED) at (REDACTED) to prepare for Mooretown's U (REDACTED) game at (REDACTED) following the opening ceremonies. I wanted to ensure that everything in the room was in order and that game music could be played without any problems. There was a microphone, another wireless type box on the desk and empty boxes above a cabinet. It was all new to that area. While I was up there, the tournament emcee arrived and stated to me that he had been told I had the room open already. He was also up there to learn the microphone system. I chatted with him for a bit and then left the room. I returned at around (REDACTED) and the door was open. Perhaps it was the (REDACTED) 'allegedly' adjusted the wires? Regardless, it wasn't me and I don't believe MTMHA should be punished for it.

When I told my wife about it, she thought that the audio equipment in that room was purchased by the MTMHA or the Mooretown Skating Club. I have been unable to verify that information but if that is indeed the case, the township staff shouldn't have the ability to deny MTMHA access to it. Even so, that room is part of a public domain (MSC) and should be available for those that want to use it at any time or by rental, should it not? I will leave this matter for you to address, discuss, or forward it on to whoever you see fit.

Will forward complaints to our Liaison, Mark Perrin.

- **Photo and ongoing arena issues** - Mark Perrin will be our Liaison between MTMHA and the Arena to help mend the relationship and work better together.
- **Request for a U16A team**
- **Bring forward a motion for Hugh McCowan's volunteer hours for the next 2 seasons be waived in recognition of the 14 years on MTMHA board.**
Motioned by Brian and second by Jay Passingham, voted unanimously.
- **AGM is coming up, time to start thinking about if you'll be seeking re-election. tentative date ?**
- **Ownership of kitchen equipment and audio equipment** -It has been brought forward that the kitchen equipment might of been purchased by "Hockey Mom's" years ago. Will forward to Marty and Mark to take over.

Marty Passmore: Vice President Hockey Operations

- **Happy New Year**
- **Hockey Committee and next steps** - Hockey Committee meeting January 31st @ 7:30pm

- **Meeting with the township** - Historical feelings between MTMHA and the Arena, bottomline we need eachother. We need to move forward on a positive note. Would like to move forward with Liaison, Mark Perrin.

Chantal Dale: Treasure

- **-Financial update**
- **-U21 outstanding team fees and loan: \$5,027**
- **-Teams owing for travel permits: U11 B \$20 plus \$36 for socks**

Jay Passingham: Director of Risk Management/Director of Fundamental Hockey

- **Risk Management** - Disciplinary Strategy almost complete, will email it tomorrow morning to the board but it will be brought to the hockey committee to be approved at the AGM.

Derek Gibbs: Director of OMHA

- **AP deadlines and requests** -All teams approved, coaches at large list updated on the website
- **OMHA updates** - OMHA dressing room policy has been forwarded to Kayen to add to the website, In effect February 1st 2024.
- **New dressing room policy**
- **Coaching applications screening**

Jay Vandenberg: Director of Tournaments

- **This weekend , Mooretown welcomed 25 teams to our Taggart tournament. It was the largest tournament Mooretown has hosted in years. It was a successful weekend and had many many positive comments from teams, bench staff, and many families. The tournament ran very smoothly and was on time or even ahead of time for pretty much the whole weekend. It was a fantastic weekend of hockey with 5 of our semi/consolation/final games on Sunday going into overtime....4 of which went to a shootout! Very exciting! 5 divisions and 70 games**

- **I do not have any financials yet as we are still waiting on many invoices.**

- **Congratulations to the U9 Tier 2 team and the U15 AE team for winning championships and giving us more banners to hang in Mooretown! Congrats to the U11 AE team for being finalists!**
- **Special thanks to some of our board members that helped make this happen. It could not have been done without them. Melissa Atyeo, Geoff and Chantal Dale, Greg Armstrong, Marty Passmore, Derek and Angela Gibbs, my wife Kendra, and Ron Atyeo... As well as any volunteers that graciously stepped up (many who already had hours but were just happy to help). I hope that I didn't forget anyone!**
- **Also special shout out to Kendall, Sue and the staff at the arena. They kept everything on time and were super helpful all weekend! I have always said how helpful and cooperative the arena staff are and they showed it once again! Geoff requests we forward a thank you to the Arena from all board member staff.**
- **The Arena waived the hall rental for the weekend - very much appreciated!**

Brian Daamen: Director of Four County Teams

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Brad Ouellette: Shamrock League Representative.

- No Updates

Mark Perrin: Community Support and Engagement Lead

- **Looking forward to following up with Marty more on the Township meeting and next steps. Glad to be a liaison between Township and MTMHA and enhance our image and relationship together moving forward.**

Asa Stokes: Director of Development

- **Development camp parent feedback**
- **Looking at a U13/U15 clinic in the spring**

Greg Armstrong: Ice Scheduler

- No Updates

Hugh McCowan: Travel Teams

- **No Updates**

Melissa Atyeo: Sponsorship

- Will create a year end report for February meeting on sponsorship
- **Volunteer hours**- has been very difficult getting individuals to get hours in and when contacting them getting a lot of resistance from parents on fulfilling those hours. Recommending that next year running the score clock won't result in getting volunteer hours. Would like coaches to get more involved in getting parents to do volunteer hours. Would like it that 4 hours of the total volunteer hours have to be done at a tournament.

Dustin McEvoy: Registra

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Angela Gibbs: Director of Resources

- **Atomic jerseys have been ordered for next season** - 2 sets (ordered early to ensure we get home whites this year) please advise ASAP if there are plans for more than two U11LL teams next year so the order can be adjusted.

Kaylen Burgess: Director of Communication

- **Minutes are updated on the website**

Stacey Skeates: Director of Fundraising

- **Cash Calendars**- Terrible compared to previous years, raised around \$2,000.00. Thinking we need to go back to selling them in February, March or April. Also had feedback from parents that they thought these were already included in registration like it has been in previous years, is this an option to do again? Will also review if team fundraising is also interfering with fundraising for the organization and will need to

be reviewed for the March meeting. Melissa and Stacey will come up with some ideas for the next two months and come up with a plan.

Meeting Adjourned by: Chantal and second by

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 7th at 7:30 pm at the Courtright Fire Hall.