



MTMHA GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday October 16, 2024

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Courtright Firehall

Board members present marked with an 'X'					
Marty Passmore	X	Brad Ouelette	X	Mike Thompson	X
Jay Vandenberg	X			Stacey Skeates	X
Derek Gibbs	X	Angela Gibbs	X	Brent MacDonald	
Dustin McEvoy		Kaylen Burgess		Brad Ysebeart	
Jay Passingham	X	Asa Stokes	X		
Stacey Mullen	X	Jamie Bailey	X		
Tonya Lahey	X	Randy Pauling	X	Macy Gauvin	
Nadine Powers	X	<i>Greg Armstrong</i>		<i>Jason Bourdage</i>	
<i>Bob Gladwish</i>		<i>Rick Harris</i>			

1. **Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Marty Passmore at 7:09 p.m.

2. **Approval of agenda/conflict of interest**

Approval of the agenda motioned by: Jay V.

Seconded by: Jay P,

CARRIED

No conflicts of interest declared.

3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the September 25th meeting minutes motioned by: Jay V. Pending the change to a motion that had Jay B. instead of V.

Seconded by: Randy P.

CARRIED

4. **Director Reports**

a) President – Marty Passmore

Marty P. recognizes that everyone has been busy with rosters, tournaments etc. Appears to be all going well, thank you to everyone.

b) VP of Hockey Operations – Jay Vandenberg

Season is off to a good start

Sting out of town practice tentative date set (February 4, 5:00-7:00 pm), The Sting suggest a U13 team to join for 30 minutes of their practice. Jay P. has penciled us in for 30 minutes - the U13 team will do their drills, they figured this age group could handle the caliber of their drills. We'll figure out which team later.

Coach and Manager handbooks have been updated and were sent to Kaylen to be loaded to website

Board voted on U21 jersey cheques; jerseys are handed out and collected after every game. Speaking with Greg A., e-transferring the refund at the end of the season. This was decided at the last Hockey Committee Meeting.

Game Sheet accounts have been merged so all games show under one login
AP policy has been adjusted, will highlight changes in Hockey Committee sect

Special Guest - Derek Fitzmorris - a regional OMHA Rep from Chatham

Derek G and Jay P. have been in conversation about Derek F. coming to one of our executive meetings. He is who things are funneled through and he took over for Colleen who has retired. He has been learning a lot about OWSA and OMHA. He came today to go over some things, and answer any questions. If he does not know the answer he will reach out and get back to us.

From the OHF:

U9 - there is a pilot program running through OHF of half ice vs. full ice to evaluate the two options. It appears that some associations feel that they can do what they want. There are a few issues in the west- and there will be discipline for teams doing this, for example they will not be able to participate in tournaments. This is not a reflection of us.

There are 2 focus groups: a Tri-County League in the East doing full ice, and an Alliance MD team in Woodstock/London doing half ice. They will not know the results until the summer.

Rosters - maximums have increased to 20, with Juveniles to 25 (dress 20 only at a time, with 18 players and 2 goalies.)

Player Movement - there is a comprehensive review taking place over the next 4 months as there are kids moving to other centers. It appears that players are wanting to move everywhere.

Manual apps will be up and running shortly, allowing coaches to download game sheets to their phones.

League Championships - The weekends have been announced. Teams can now do a series in your semi-finals.

Safety Bullentin - Coaches and trainers are responsible to ensure that equipment such as; masks, neck guards and mouth guards are being worn properly.

Rosters - Need to be submitted for approval. Sometimes coaches have their training done and put on rosters, but they need to get their Vulnerable Sector Checks done as well. The convenor will get them online but could take a day or two.

Suspensions - The head coaches are always responsible for checking the Game Sheet. Make sure that what was called on the ice is marked accordingly on the game sheet. If a player or coach is suspended and it is not marked on the game sheet prior to the game then it is not recorded and will not count. Marty P. indicated that we need a protocol for away games as other team managers will submit without seeing us first. This needs to be brought up to Dean from Shamrock and include Derek G. in the communication, later that night or next day. This was to be acted upon immediately.

Derek G. talked about the OHF process and how there can be some hiccups. It is easy to get a roster approved but people were uploading them into the wrong spot. Next season they will make sure to send the following key messages during coaches selection; once selected get your VSC done immediately and certifications. We need to do this in the middle of the summer.

Discussion took place that there might be an expectation in the upcoming seasons that assistants would also be required to do the certification. Moving forward we should encourage them to do the D1 & C2 now and have them complete the workbook.

Look at developing a Committee to support coaches, inform them that they are good this season but would have to do certification for next season.

Mike T. commented that most centers are not like ours, they don't find out their coaches until mid September. OMHA put this in place to develop "best in class".

Derek G., stated that when dealing with children it is important that coaches get the correct training.

c) Risk Management – Derek Gibbs

The VSS recap and update- contacted OHF - did people upload the new policy and program information?

Major suspensions have been dealt with and a player has been placed on a behavioural contract.

It is important that everyone is in the know - but not necessary to do each other's jobs. Marty P., stated that if it is not in "your lane" ask the other person for help - we are here to support and rely on each other.

Jay V. stated that with the game sheets, it happens so often, pick a penalty. Coaches need to be reviewing. Marty P., stated that managers need to be reminded not to be in a hurry. It might be useful to have training for the game sheet. In an email to coaches tell people in the box to stop the referees. It is better to stop and check before moving forward. Maybe have a laminated copy of the codes in the box.

d) Registrar – Dustin McEvoy

Not Present

e) Director of Communications – Kaylen B.

Not Present

f) Director of Travel Teams – Brad Ouelette

Not Present - was at a Shamrock Meeting

g) Director of Resources – Angela Gibbs

Third jersey order submitted on October 1st and 50% payment made on October 2nd - 6 week turn around, no firm delivery date at this time. 220 jerseys purchased and 12 teams participating.

Jersey forms starting to come in, one reminder email sent to all coaches and managers, will send another on October 21st.

U9MD2 team requesting to place name bars on organization owned jerseys instead of a sponsor bar, request denied by resources.

Forge Hockey quote presentation - Shooter tutor replacement

Forge is the original design, Brad Y fixes. Spoke to Jay from Forge and it is \$800.00 a piece, a logo and a net put in.

Marty P is asking if we were looking to purchase one? Angela said that we could have a discussion but we do need to replace.

Stacey S. noted that Sting funds are allocated specifically for equipment.

Marty mentioned that a substantial amount has already been spent. We need to consult with Jamie to confirm alignment with our budget, as we want to ensure we're maintaining a surplus. Let's get updated reports and revisit this issue afterward. Ideally, we'd like to release the budget to the membership soon.

Jay V. asked if two units would suffice, as we had budgeted for two that were provided at the end of the year.

Jay P. suggested reviewing the budget before making any motions.

Nadine inquired if other options were considered, but it was clarified that only a local vendor had been sourced.

The discussion has been tabled for now.

h) Director of Development – Asa Stokes

Regrets sent as he was at the arena.

i) Director of Fundamentals – Jamie Bailey

j) Director of Tournaments – Randy Pauling

U13 has 8 teams

U11 we are hopeful for 5 but currently only 2

Currently working with the schedule with help from Jay V. and Jay P.

Taggart tournament we have 30 teams and will be using Walpole ice as well for the Friday. We still have teams on the waitlist (34 teams total) until the end of the month - we can't be holding up other teams. Jamie has a lot of deposits and we are currently trying to connect with Walpole.

Rise Up Cup: Next year might try to open up to rep. teams as long as it does not conflict with Silverstick.

Nadine will set up the volunteer shifts as needed, starting with the kitchen.

Mike T - for programs, Riverside Printing does excellent work, and you could sell them for \$5.00 each.

There should be leftover pucks for the Player of the Game award, will head to the arena after the meeting to double-check.

k) Director of Fundraising – Stacey Skeates

Fund parents – I only have about 5 teams that have fund parents. Brent/Brad can you please reach out to coaches again?

Stacey S. asked if we can say that teams can't do their own fundraising unless they have a Fund parent?

Motion brought forward by Randy P. that teams cannot participate in team fundraising without a designated Fund parent in place.

Seconded by Jay P.

CARRIED

U7 teams – I have emailed coaches regarding the 1st intermission skate at the Sting game association night and have not heard back from any. Stacey asked for manager emails. Jamie stated that he would get it sorted.

Association Night team schedule was sent out via email to the board. Can we offer an incentive for Chuck a Puck sales and ticket sales? Randy P. suggested providing an incentive, perhaps whoever sells the most gross sales (4) 13 teams, can we offer a set amount for a year end party?

Team fundraisers are in full force with many teams already asking about adding a second fundraiser. Are we okay with one team running multiple fundraisers at the same time? Derek G. asked if they have a fund parent and Marty followed up with wondering if team budgets were submitted.

Patches from planet stitch for blankets - bulk order. Stacey would like to bring back the Mooretown Flags lap blankets. Dynamix doesn't do them, Stacey has done them in the past - reasonably priced with the logo from Planet Stitch.

Motion made by Stacey to purchase 30 patches from Planet Stitch and fabric to make the blankets.

seconded by Jay V.

CARRIED

Lottery account update? Has a cheque been written from the cash calendar account? Stacey asked if she could have a print out to confirm cheques have been cashed?

l) Director of Sponsorship – Mike Thompson

Working with Jamie, overall sponsorships are \$16,000. There are two teams-U15 B , U11-FC1 (have donations). The U11-FC 2 and U11 rep have expressed interest in team sponsorships. Need to figure out sponsor name bars . Jay P. said that a few teams are away for most of Nov. Fitzpatrick who has sewn, ran a hockey league. Randy P.stated that he could have access to 10 industrial sewing machines and that he could sew the sponsor bars on, he just needs thread.

m) Director of Four Counties – Brent MacDonald

Not present

n) Director of Volunteers – Nadine Power

Lots of members are approaching their hours being completed.

Still out a ton of U18 volunteer cheques.

Still need a list of managers / trainers.

Nadine brought forth a motion to deny the transferring of volunteer hours without board approval.

Seconded: Derek G.

Carried

5. Financial Report

a) Director of Finance – Jamie Bailey

The majority of team invoices are now completed and will be distributed this week. There is a large ice payment that is due this week. Jamie to confirm with Stacey S., if the lottery accounts need to be with a zero balance. Jamie will confirm what cheques have been cashed.

Marty will connect in the near future about setting up a finance committee.

6. Committee Report

a) Hockey Committee – Jay Vandenberg

After last meetings discussions, AP policy has been updated. Coles notes to changes are:

- 1) Practices are no longer limited to only 15
- 2) U15 and U18 (hit hockey) can AP more than their roster in certain situations with approval on a game by game basis from VP Hockey Operations. For example, a roster of 13 can AP up to 14 or 15 in the event of injured players.
- 3) AP "call ups" does not have to be equal or fair if there is an AP that is not showing interest

The Hockey Committee discussed and unanimously voted against a U11 select team. Main points of discussion were:

No matter what the decision was, we would be setting a precedent, for this year and years to come.

Ice time, jerseys, tournaments, gamesheet fees, etc would all add up quickly. It would be very difficult to schedule tournaments without players missing their league games.

The decision was communicated with Adam Oblak (U11 coach who requested).

b) Financial Committee

Financial committee still to be formed.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business Arising / Motions

- a. **Ice Conditions- edges "falling off":** It appears that the edges of the ice are following off and could be dangerous. Derek G reached out to the MSC staff based on the ice conditions after the Jr. C game. MSC staff indicated that operators are not permitted to let anyone on the ice if it appears to be unsafe. Derek G., had a photo of the ice conditions after a flood. Marty P., and Derek G. will put something together to present to MSC staff. Randy P., suggested reaching out with Lady Flags, Marty thought that this was a great idea.
- b. **Grant Application-meeting had/email sent with Grant application:** Spoke with members of other organizations regarding new scoreboards, does not appear to be optimistic as originally thought as they believed that it should be the Townships responsibility not the hockey associations. Marty P., agreed however decided to still submit the grant application anyhow, any additional funds is always a good thing.
- c. **Lady Flags- volunteer hours:** Correspondence was received from Mooretown Lady Flags President asking that executives for both organizations be exempt from their requirement to complete volunteer hours. For example: if a member on the MTMHA board has a played in Lady Flags they would be exempt from completing Lady Flag volunteer hours due to their time on the MTMHA Executive and vice versa. Discussion took place, wondering what is the actual number that this would affect? Decision was made to circle back with Lady Flags for more information. Tabled till next meeting.
- d. **Trading hours with members-** Request was received from a MTMHA Member asking for the trading of volunteer hours with another MTMHA Member. See Nadine P.'s motion under volunteering.
- e. **Letter from MTMHA for Teams -** Email received by Marty P., from a MTMHA member asking for a letter to be provided to them for the purposes of a donation from a player's parent's employer. The inquiring member provided a letter that they had received from previous years. This letter was reviewed and appears to be a sponsorship letter. Marty

P., is to direct the inquiring member to the Director of Sponsorship, Mike T. and he will get the letter to them.

- f. **Pathway Program-** A thank you Derek G. for the comprehensive program that was put together for a player to return to the ice and for ensuring that this program will be upheld.
- g. **Membership donation from Captain Kids-** A donation has been received from Captain Kid Days and will be used to sponsor a membership for a family. Marty P., will work with the Registrar on this.
- h. **U18 Goalie situation** - There is a current situation where the U18 B2 goalie has sustained an injury. Currently looking at options to provide this team with a goalie. If this can not be resolved a decision may have to be mandated by the Board. Still under review.
- i. **Time clock Training** - Randy P., spoke with MTMHA member who is willing to work on creating some time clock training. This may be in the form of a video or powerpoint, something that parents can review. Discussion took place about possibly creating two different levels of training. One as in introduction and for younger teams, and then a more advanced version for the older age groups, when there are multiple penalties simulatenously. The creation of these training documents would be credited for volunteer hours. Tabled until next meeting.
- j. **Oakwood group bookings** - Unfortunately there was an issue where one of the MTMHA teams did some damage at the Oakwood in Grand Bend and did not pay for the damages. The Oakwood has decided that they will no longer allow MTMHA to stay at their location. Marty P., did reach out to the Oakwood to try and resolve the issue and the Oakwood declined. As a result teams are no longer permitted to book under the Mooretown name.

9. Any Other Business

Angela G. shared the a U9 team was wondering if they were able to put name bars on the MTMHA jersey's, no was the answer.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjournment motion made by: Stacey S.

Seconded: Jay V.

CARRIED

Meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

11. Action Items

TASK	ASSIGNED TO	MEETING ORIGINATED FROM
Look at photographer options and bring back to table	All Members	
Develop a streamline approach for team selection for 2025/2026 season	All Members	
Form a Finance Committee	Marty P	September 2024
Time Clock Training Follow Up	Randy P.	October 2024
MTMHA and Lady Flag Volunteer Hours	Marty P	October 2024