

MOORETOWN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: FEB 23, 2023

Thursday / 23 February 2023 / 7:40 PM / Moore Sports Complex

ATTENDEES

Brian Daamen, Geoff Dale, Chantal Dale, Marty Passmore, Derek Gibbs, Ange Gibbs, Hugh McCowan, Melissa Atyeo, Jay Passingham, Adam Oblak, as well as Rick Harris and Brian Patterson on behalf of the Silver Stick Committee

AGENDA: Meeting called to order

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Last meeting minutes to be approved by Doodle Poll

New Business

SILVER STICK PRESENTATION

- 1st year to partner with MTMHA
- Appreciated the help with game sheet, clock, etc
- Presented MTMHA with a cheque for \$8000
- Rick's last year as director, he will be staying on for 2 yrs to help Brian transition into the roll
- Will be looking to partner with MTMHA in subsequent years
- Online sign-up for volunteer hours went smoothly, next year link will be sent to Silver Stick for volunteers prior to going out to the minor organization
- Lack of gate fees hurt the tournament, the 4 regions will be summarizing gate fee losses to request gate fees get reinstated for tournaments

Melissa Atyeo: Director of Sponsorship/Fundraising

- Looking into golf tournament, has emailed 4 golf courses
- 50/50 is currently at \$860, draw date is March 30/23
- Board agreed to post a sponsored ad for 50/50

- Volunteers hours- there are 78 families with 0 hours
 - 2 tournaments coming for more hours as well as more swag days
- Cash Calendars- currently 500 sold out of 1000
 - Cash calendars have been passed out to all teams, are being sold at the rink on weekends and will be sold at No Frills
 - Some teams returned there cash calendars, selling 0
 - Some teams have requested more

Derek Gibbs: OMHA Representative

- Registration opening May 1, 2023

Angela Gibbs: Director of Resources

- Pucks- Dynamix has offered to supply pucks at \$2.50/puck (\$.25-.5 savings per puck) Mooretown colour logo on one side, Dynamics logo (for advertising) on the other
- Equipment- Goalie gear will have MTMHA logo heat pressed by Dynamix for \$20/set, board agreed
- ATOMc jersey's have been ordered
- Timbit jersey's will be available to order in the spring
- Medals and Swag- we have enough to supply fundamentals

Adam Oblak: Shamrock League Representative

- Playdowns are winding down and playoffs getting ready to start
- We have a couple teams that might push through
- Best 2/3
- All-star game will be in Wallaceburg in April

Brian Daamen: Director of Quad-County League

- March 26 year end U9
- March 2 meeting for tournament
- Next Four country meeting is March 7, 2023
- U9 Tournament:
 - Motion brought forward for MTMHA to pay \$750 towards year end tournament to cover food, Top Shot (\$350) and player of the game

awards. Randy and Matt are organizing tournament and will be looking for sponsorship and to run a kitchen to pay the organization back - Derek seconded motion- Doodle poll to vote

- Work with Melissa for volunteers for tournament
- \$275 fee from each centre to enter
- Round robin 30 min games

Jay Passingham: VP of Risk Management / Fundamentals

- Nothing for Risk Management
- Fundamentals- March 26 set up for end of year tournament for U7, U8
- U9 Update (Jay and Adam spoke):
 - Shamrock handed U9 off as there is no more MD designation, as per OHF last meeting
 - LMLL has mixed their U8 & U9 teams which gives the U8's full ice experience for half the season
 - Next year will be tier 1, 2, 3 in U9
 - Spoke about possible interlock for tier 1 & tier 2 teams (starting at U9 as a trial)
 - FC has to approve or deny interlock

Marty Passmore: VP of Hockey Operations

- Thanks to the board
- Coaching applications are coming in, hopefully end of may to finish interviews and making coach selections with the exception of U8/9 until we know structure
- Coaching certification- tried offering a one day certification but it wasn't well attended
- Paperwork will have to be completed online prior to certification
- Brad Jackson will help next season and there is possible internal interest for certification
- Encourage our membership to reach out to a board member for support especially with new ideas
- 2023-2024 season will start as follows:
 - Perry Pre-season Clinics Aug 21/23
 - MTMHA Skill Skates Aug 26/23
 - Try-outs Sept 9/23

- Doodle poll about bringing in Perry to run skill skates prior to tryouts to free-up coaches
- Motion brought forward for Goalies U11 and above to pay half price for registration and for goalies U11 and up who have paid for one clinic to attend the other clinics for that season for free. For Goalies U9 and below, registration will be full price but they can attend goalie clinics for free. Motion seconded by Adam. Vote will be by Doodle Poll
- U9 and below we are looking at providing an additional skate per week, this will follow the Hockey Canada Pathway and help develop our players
- Looking to develop a coaching handbook for U9 and below as a resource to help new coaches follow the pathways and meet essential benchmarks
- Motion brought forward and seconded by Adam, vote will be by Doodle Poll:
 - a) Goalies, U11 and up, will pay half price for their registration. These goalies will pay for one development camp/clinic that is delivered by MTMHA, and the remainder will be free.
 - b) Goalies, U9 and below, will have free goalie camps/clinics that are delivered by MTMHA.

Chantal Dale: Director of Finance

- Received a call from Southwest about moving some of our money into a non-registered GIC to increase our interest
- Questions raised were:
 - Is it protected?
 - Are there fees?
 - What are the penalties for cashing out early?
- Chantal will follow up with Southwest
- We have 2 teams that have donations through Benevity, Giving Foundation that are above the \$1000 sponsorship amount
 - The difference with this and a corporate sponsorship is that the employee is “awarded” funds to their selected charity or organization by putting in volunteer time

- Recommendation is that the teams be allowed to keep these funds; however, maybe we implement a larger cap for teams who fundraise and/or donations through Benevity of a \$2000 total
- Motion brought forward and seconded by Derek, vote will be by Doodle Poll:
 - a) Benevity donations should be classified under team fundraising with teams receiving all funds up to agreed upon cap
 - b) Team fundraising cap should be set at \$2000, above which point the remaining amount about \$2000 is split with the association

Hugh McCowan: Past President/Director of Travel

- There have been a few more suspensions he would like to see
- Some coaches have asked about board involvement
 - The board is willing to assist and/or step in when required if matters are not improved internally
- Lots of interest in U21 for next season- does require reasonable hours
- Motion brought forward and seconded by Brian, vote will be by Doodle Poll:
 - U21 registration fees for the 2023-2024 season should be \$250 with the option of a 4 payment plan and no late fees

Geoff Dale: President

- Looking at extra ice for travel teams, possible shared practise 1x per week with Tier 2 and Tier 3 (formerly Rep and AE) to get an extra skate
- There has been difficulty with balance at Four County from organization to organization
- Question was asked of Colleen what it looks like if MTMHA left FC
- U9's may interlock next season and if that goes well could move up the age groups
- Continue to supplement FC games with some exhibition games with house league teams, such as Sarnia, to match level of play
- There have been quite a few parent issues and complaints about parents this season

- Board members should and have a responsibility to have reasonable conversations with any parents displaying inappropriate behaviour and should set a positive example
- Ange is looking into jersey suppliers to see what a bulk order would look like cost wise, depending on amount we may look at phasing in new jerseys

Brian Daamen motions to close meeting, Marty Passmore seconds. Meeting adjourned

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- Ice scheduler position has been difficult to fill, suggestions welcomed on possible fits
 - Discussions will be had on if this should be made a paid position

NOTES

- Next meeting Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:00pm