

Mooretown Minor Hockey Board Meeting

February 25, 2021 7pm

Via Zoom

Joining meeting: Hugh, Geoff, Bob, Adam, Charlene, Kaylen, Mishele, Ryan, Jason, Marty, Dustin, Greg, Corey and Derek

Risk Management: Geoff

Election procedures.

- previously you needed to resign from your lower position to go to a higher one.
- You no longer have to do that.
- If you are elected for the higher position at that point you have to resign from the lower
- this year nominations will be cut off 2 weeks prior to the AGM
- you can no longer write in or nominate someone at the meeting
- nominations must be in an accepted two weeks prior to the AGM date
- all those nominated or accepted will be posted to the website
- for voting, we are looking at different options to keep an anonymity and accountability
- Google has an option that looks promising
- each family would get a special link sent to whatever email they have registered with the HCR so they can vote prior to the meeting
- we would have to also decide a cut off time
- this will be communicated via social media sites and email therefore we would know results prior to the end of the AGM
- we will try several different test runs with different voting sites to be sure we choose the best option

Motion: Ryan, Second: Bob. MOTION PASSED

- We will look into being able to post a voting link into the zoom chat where people can vote during the meeting. Therefore, only those at the meeting can vote confidentially and we will know the results right away

Q: Corey

Asking about numbers inside the arena based on coloured zones come the AGM time.

A: Hugh

We have to decide and make a plan at this point. It is unlikely the arena will allow the potential number of people in the building.

A: Geoff

OMHA is recommending virtual at this point as well

Q: Corey

Asking for a trial run of how voting will work before the AGM.

A: Geoff

We will definitely look into doing that

Q: Derek

Is there a way to confirm only one family per vote?

A: Marty

There is a way we can share a link in the zoom chat for members to click on. It will track the email address in a spreadsheet and how many times it is used. Limits can be set as well.

Geoff: Last meeting I inadvertently missed logging someone in to join. He missed the pop-up and would like to apologize to the member who was late joining. It certainly was not intentional.

Past President: Jason

- A survey went around asking members to let us know if they planned on returning to play this season. Some declined indicating they didn't feel they would get enough FaceTime.
- I feel even if one skate a week happens that is still OK. It keeps kids moving and outdoor rinks won't be available much longer

Finance: Mishele

- Ice is going up \$18 per hour. We pay 130 now and will be paying 148. It is still lower than some centers in our surrounding area

Geoff:

- Council had approved this decision back in October or November of last year. An email was sent to counsel and they let us know we were likely looking at an increase this year. Cost had been held already due to the difficult year we faced. The arena is also going through some substantial renovations and upgrades right now. E.g.: new roof and refrigeration.
- This could possibly translate to an \$80 per player increase.
- Hugh, Greg, Mishele and Geoff I've written a letter to counsel. It is on the agenda for the March 1 meeting saying that while we realize and appreciate our low-cost, we have had a difficult time both on and off the ice this season. Is there any way we can litigate only a 5% increase per year? Unsure how counsel will receive our request.

Q: Jason

How is counsel justifying such an increase?

A: Geoff

They are likely trying to bring us into industry standards as well as performing significant upgrades.

\*Members discuss and share their concerns for current and upcoming costs. E.g.: equipment, jerseys, lack of funds earned this season\*

- We have spent \$4638.75 on the referees for this season.
- Cost in general are going up.
- Financially we are still doing well, we are possibly looking at another round of refunds. We could ease members into an increase slowly. We have the funds to be able to do that at this point.

Motion: Geoff, Second: Jason MOTION PASSED

- To revisit the ice discussion prior to the AGM, at our board meeting before.
- Mishele attended a webinar about preventing theft within an organization. A lot of the recommendations the man from BDO had, we already have in place.
  - Two people to sign cheques
  - We don't have credit cards
  - We pay everything by cheque
  - We have some room for improvement as far as cash handling goes. For example, barbecues, fundraising and gate fees

OMHA: Corey

- Just about finished with our rosters.
- Trying to get some younger groups done. Respect in sport is the biggest thing holding it up
- Geoff: OMHA understands it's been a difficult year and things may need to be shuffled around a bit. Having players rostered so they are insured is most important

Registration: Dustin

- From the list that was provided, all refunds have been processed
- 100% of gate passes and tryout fee will be refunded. As well as half of registration cost to those who had requested thus far
- I attended an HCR webinar. A new registration system will be coming out. All transactions must be completed by May 15 within the current system. They are planning on rolling out the new system for June 1.

Q: Hugh

Will that make things more user-friendly?

A: Dustin

It should, I haven't been shown what it will look like just yet but more user-friendly, new features, and two step authentication for those who will need to login administrative wise

Q: Derek

Will it link for families with multiple players?

A: Dustin

I don't know, it sounds to be a lot smarter than the current system so hopefully

Director of Fundamentals/ Novice: Derek

- Returning to hockey didn't affect his group so much.
- Dropped U7 to one less group
- U5 has some concerns about parents not being able to be on the ice. Derek has spoken to coaches about that. Unsure if there will be any pushback from them at this point.

Director of Quad County: Marty

- No update

Equipment: Bob

- Nothing really to update.
- Some Atom jerseys need to be ordered

Volunteer: Charlene

- Kim Q and I have been talking about doing another Burns chicken dinner, sometime in April. This time only selling adult meals. If there are no objections, we will go ahead
- We should look at creating a new position for fundraising.

Web Coordinator: Kaylen

- No update, keep sending anything that needs to be posted to the web

Shamrock Rep: Adam

- There is a meeting next week, should have some updates then from OHF

#### Travel Coordinator: Ryan

- Coaches applications haven't been put out yet.
- Will have Kaylen get those forms ready and posted online

#### Hockey Operations: Greg/Hugh

##### Return to Play

- Kaylen has been updating members via the website and email as to what has been going on.
- The goal is to get everyone back on the ice.
- We were advised the arena was removing rink one due to being closed for many days. Sue then reached out to us and asked what kind of commitment we had from our members.
- A poll was sent out to see who was interested. Our VPs understand it was not put out to the board before posting the poll, but it needed to be made quickly to see who was still interested.
- Financially it wasn't going to make much of a difference to continue on. It would cost us more to refund everyone then it would to go forward. The next set of refunds will drop from half to a quarter.
- 75% of those who initially wanted to come back after the first lock down we're still interested. And that is about 65% of our total membership.
- If we were not on board that meant other user groups wouldn't be able to have ice, since we use the majority of the hours
- OMHA has strongly communicated they want their players back on the ice if at all possible
- Programming will be very similar to what our plan was before
  - Numbers returning per age group:
    - U5-15
    - U7-32
    - U9- 41
    - U11- 33
    - U13- 31
    - U15- 25
    - U21- 38
- Some issues with goaltenders, one group only has one committed to return so far
- My schedule will be rolled out for minimum of one week while we are in red. Hopefully, we will move to orange and there can be two skates per week and they can have their scrimmages
- Players are to come dressed and have five minutes to get skates off before the next group comes in. The new group will have five minutes to get skates on and hit the ice.
- This will avoid any unused are wasted ice.
- Orange and yellow would be the same programming as we had before lockdown
- Benches inside Rick one hour for putting on skates, no hockey bags
- One parent/guardian allowed in with the player
- Two coaches allowed on the ice; a trainer can be included in that number. Trainer can also be a guardian in the stands.
- Red zone means no scrimmage, social distance as much as possible on the ice. Be a stick length apart.
- Will set up a zoom call with coaches this week before anything begins.
- Will post on the web that we will be starting back up and to keep an eye on the web page for any updates

Q:Corey

Do we have to be out of the arena by 10 PM?

A:Greg

It wasn't mentioned in the conversation with Sue, we don't have ice time that late anyways

Geoff:

Webinar attended covered some information for next season.

- Tryouts are moved to September for AAA/AA/A
- U11 is moving away from an illumination style of playoffs
- There will be three tryouts gates before any cuts
- For skills session skates, which we had already been doing
- It seems as far as the information covered in the webinars, we are on track or ahead of many things
- Likely run hockey school the same as we did last year
- U11 has to wait the extra week, all others can start the first week of school

Q:Jason

OMHA has been sending out emails to coaches about courses that can be done on Wednesday evenings. Only costing about \$20. Do we want to pay for coaches to take part in those?

NOBODY OPPOSED

Q: Corey

We have been approached by other organizations about having players come in because we are still running a program. OMHA sent out an email and parents have made contact as well. We should discuss our plan for that who do we allow and how many?

A: Hugh

I have emailed Colleen with OMHA to see if she can give us some direction. Last they discussed OMHA was looking into finding something for those who no longer had a program available. She has not officially said we could go ahead. We would really have to evaluate our numbers as well. We are not able to access any more ice. We would also have to check into those who are not from St. Clair Township.

Motion to adjourn: Jason, Second: Bob