



## MTMHA GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**Date: February 18, 2026**

**Time: 7:00PM**

**Location: Courtright Firehall**

<b>Board members present marked with an 'X'</b>					
Marty Passmore	X	Brad Ouelette		Teriann Weeke	
Jay Vandenberg	X	Nick Skeates		Stacey Skeates	X
Derek Gibbs	X	Angela Gibbs	X	Brent MacDonald	
Nadine Powers	X	Randy Pauling	X	<i>Jason Bourdage</i>	
Jay Passingham	X	Amanda Knight		<i>Brad Ysebeart</i>	
Stacey Mullen	X	Jamie Bailey		<i>Greg Armstrong</i>	
Tonya Lahey	X	Brian Turner		<i>Brian Patterson</i>	
Corey McKellar	X				

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Marty Passmore at 7:05

**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**

Corey brought forth a motion for the minutes from January to be provided at the March meeting for approval.

Seconded by: Derek

**CARRIED**

### **4. Director Reports**

#### **a) President – Marty Passmore**

We need to remind coaches of our dressing room rules- 2 person deep, cell phone organization, attire, etc. Groups running social media need to have an adult as a member to supervise content. A team outside of our organization was disbanded due to their social media content.

Ange gave so much effort to our jersey program, we would like to see this program continue for the 2026 / 2027 season. Different jerseys every year, keep sponsorship incentive.

A discussion took place about future pathways for our organization. OMHA is hoping that most centers will eventually move to "A" centers. It is important that we stay relevant. If we move to being an "A" center we will need more players. We will no longer be able to have the perspective of if you are from Mooretown you will make it. Alternatively we could become a 4C only center or amalgamate with other centers.

#### **b) VP of Hockey – Jay Vandenberg**

Thank you to Randy and Nadine for the successful Taggart tournament. Congratulations to U11 B2 and U18 B2 teams

Playoff hockey is going on now, if you are in the rink check a game out as there is some exciting hockey happening.

We had a hockey parent, Dan Thompson, in an unfortunate car accident. A special thank you to our community and members for helping a family in need, it is heartwarming to see. We had permission from the family for our social media post.

#### **c) Risk Management – Derek Gibbs**

There was a social media incident recently that is being reviewed.

Conversation took place about trainers on the bench. The Hockey Canada expectation is that trainers are supposed to be seen but not heard. Second bench staff is 6-7 games for a suspension if one more suspension, it equals a suspension.

There is an upcoming session with the U13 and OPP to discuss social media behavior. From a risk management perspective, it would be nice if this could be incorporated as a standing session, possibly look at doing this with the mandatory checking clinics.

**d) Registrar – Amanda Knight**

Regrets

**e) Director of Communications – Teriann Weeke**

Regrets

**l) Director of Travel Teams – Brad Ouelette**

Regrets

**g) Director of Resources – Angela Gibbs**

Request from U15B for a jersey to give as a gift to Dan Thompson from the team. The team is willing to cover replacement cost. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Derek G., to provide an extra MTMHA jersey to the family of Dan Thompson.

Seconded by – Corey

**CARRIED**

Team photos complete, there were some teams that had empty spots. Metcalfe did offer teams the chance to go to their house to get photo shopped in. Angela shared that Metcalfe provided a thank you card and a \$400.00 donation to the association. Teriann has taken over team photos for next year.

There is no price increase with our current jersey supplier for the 26/27 season, we can keep at \$175.00 per player. Amanda created a form builder that will allow parents to fill out electronically and they can see what numbers are available to select from. Every team will get 100 numbers to pick from. Jotform is the tool that Amanda is using and has a \$558.00 annual subscription - upcoming season, how does this look?

I would like to have a practice jersey for tryouts. The old ones are so heavy – do we keep these or go with practice jerseys? Jay V. talked about this at the Hockey Committee meeting as well and agreed that it is easier to manage. Angela had priced these out from a couple suppliers and the prices were the same at \$22.50 each. We could still use the old jerseys for U9 next year. It would cost approximately \$9000.00 to move forward with this. We could look at selling the old

jerseys to help recuperate the costs. At the Hockey Committee meeting there was conversation that the tryout fee could help pay for this. The current tryout fee is \$80.00 and that includes tryouts and skill skates, so increasing this to \$125.00 would still be reasonable. OMHA does stipulate that if an individual signs up for tryouts they are entitled to the skill skates. The practice jersey discussion was tabled for now to review costs.

Team Jerseys would be easier to have families purchase a new jersey each year, then they could be different if we wanted. A process could be in place moving forward.

Motion made by Corey to buy new jerseys the same as last year with a slight variation for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Same sponsorship and purchase program.

Seconded – Jay V.

**CARRIED**

**h) Director of Development – Nick Skeates**

Regrets

**i) Director of Fundamentals – Brian Turner**

Regrets

**j) Director of Tournaments – Randy Pauling**

Rise up cup is already to go.

**k) Director of Fundraising and Sponsorship – Stacey Skeates**

**Sponsorship:** We have obtained a few more wall board sponsors. I'm working on a package for the next season, will share with the board for feedback once first draft is complete.

Working on finalizing the last few Rise Up Cup sponsors and would like to start posting a weekly thank you to highlight our sponsors. Discussion took place regarding the formation of a committee to develop ideas for next season's team sponsorship and fundraising approach. Current team budget information and total amounts raised across teams are not centrally tracked; however, it is understood that some teams have raised significant funds. Concerns were raised about multiple teams independently approaching local businesses for both monetary and in-kind donations (e.g., food and snacks), which may risk overextending available sponsorship opportunities.

It was suggested that a more coordinated program be developed for next season. A subcommittee was recommended to review and propose a revised approach. Marty noted that the Finance Committee could take on this work, and Stacey will be invited to participate.

**Fundraising:**

Discussion took place regarding hosting a 50/50 fundraiser at the upcoming tournament, contingent on sufficient volunteer availability. Nadine confirmed that there are volunteers still seeking hours, which may support this initiative.

A proposal was also discussed to offer pre-order hoodies for the Rise Up Cup tournament. Pending approval, an email could be distributed to teams within the next few days, including a product image and a Google Form for ordering. Prepayment options would include e-transfer or Square. The hoodie design/photo is available under the Fundraising tab. It was confirmed that no items have been ordered to date, as this would be managed as a pre-sale.

Vendor options were also discussed, and Stacey will follow up with local vendors.

**Community:** The mascot initiative was well received, with strong engagement and positive interactions for the children. Will work on adding a request form to the website for mascot appearances. It was confirmed that the mascot may attend school events, as these are considered community events.

Player of the Week nominations have slowed down. Encouragement will be shared to promote increased participation and submissions.

#### **l) Director of Four Counties – Brent MacDonald**

Regrets

#### **m) Director of Volunteers – Nadine Power**

U13B2 provided a thank-you card in appreciation of the donation received. The winning jersey was awarded to Jake Carpenter. It was noted that if a jersey draw is held again in the future, earlier promotion and sales could be considered. A total of \$2,645.00 was raised through this initiative, with proceeds split between the U13B2 team and the association.

**Tournament Update:** The tournament was successful despite two individuals being unavailable. Appreciation was extended to all who contributed their time and efforts. One remaining tournament is upcoming, and volunteer opportunities have been posted.

**Volunteer Hours and Planning:** Looking ahead to the 2026–2027 season, improved planning for events and associated volunteer hours was identified as beneficial to ensure sufficient opportunities for all families. The current requirement is set at 8 hours; however, with kitchens not operating, additional opportunities have become available compared to previous seasons. Marty will circulate an email to team managers identifying families who still need to complete their required hours.

#### **n) OMHA Representative- Corey McKellar**

Email received from Hockey Canada requesting shovel ready projects to be identified, these can be building, upgrades, ice and accessibility etc., must have municipality support and a quick turnaround. Question was asked if the scoreboard would qualify for this? Corey will look into it.

OMHA reminder: Play safe is no longer used by HCR, now using Sports Play.

Discussion took place regarding MD teams – U9 has 40 skates. Need to have a minimum of 1 : 1 ratio. We could have one MD U9 team and then 2 Four County teams.

U9 FC tournament- we have asked other organizations to commit to having volunteers and financial support.

A trainer was recently suspended 6 games. An email needs to go out to all coaches to remind them that trainers are not to be involved with referees.

#### **o) Ice Scheduler-Jay Passingham**

Has received the available ice from the Township and is currently working on building the skills skates and tryout schedules.

### **5. Financial Report**

#### **a) Director of Finance – Jamie Bailey**

Regrets

### **6. Committee Report**

#### **a) Hockey Committee**

The proposed tryout schedule was reviewed:

- U10–U16 to be held in the spring
- U9 and U18 to be held in the fall
- U15 and U16 to be combined for skill skates

Consideration was given to including U9 in the spring schedule as well.

Motion made by Corey moved to host U9–U16 tryouts in the spring, and U18 and U21 in the fall.

Seconded by Jay P.

**CARRIED**

Discussion took place regarding the future direction of MTMHA. Trends across hockey associations indicate potential amalgamation of teams and movement toward A centers,, which

may reduce the number of B-level teams over time. Consideration was raised about the possibility of transitioning to an A center in the future.

### **Tryout Policies**

Key tryout policies were reviewed, including:

- Out-of-town player percentages
- Email offers and 24-hour acceptance window
- Eligibility for B2 tryouts
- First release process

Motion by Jay V. moved that there be no restriction on the number of incoming players for the 2026–2027 tryouts.

Seconded by Corey.

**CARRIED**

### **B2 Tryout Process**

Discussion addressed the ongoing challenge of players opting out of B tryouts in favour of B2. It was emphasized that the focus should remain on forming B teams first, with B2 tryouts to follow for those not selected.

Motion made by Randy that if a player is offered a spot on a B team during tryouts and declines, the player will be required to play Four County or seek board approval for alternative placement.

Seconded by Jay P.

**CARRIED**

It was noted that this process must be clearly communicated to members as part of the tryout information package. Players may be signed following the first tryout.

### **Tryout Fees**

Discussion took place regarding an increase to the tryout fee to \$125.00, reflecting the inclusion of skill skates.

Motion made by Jay V. to increase the tryout fee to \$125.00.

Seconded by Derek

**CARRIED**

### **b) Financial Committee-**

Nothing to report.

**7. Unfinished Business**

Nothing discussed

**8. New Business Arising / Motions**

Nothing discussed

**9. Any Other Business**

None

**10. Adjournment**

Motion by: Derek

Seconded by: Jay V

Adjourned at 9:35 PM

**11. Action Items**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>ASSIGNED TO</b>	<b>MEETING ORIGINATED FROM</b>
Time Clock Training Follow Up Also suggested by the Silverstick Committee and to reach out to Deb Black for help. Amanda is working on a training video.	Randy P.	October 2024
A welcome / info. package		May 2025
Implement a time-out function on the website for news posts and improve the search bar	Teriann	May 2025
Revised refund policy	Marty	May 2025
U3 Timbit program - to be discussed later		May 2025
Form centralized committee for fundraising / communication to teams	Stacey S	May 2025
Fundraising plan for 2025/2026	Stacey S	May 2025