

SBMHA Executive Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2022

8:00pm Mildmay Arena



1. **Call to order:** 8:06pm by Bill
2. **Roll Call:** Bill Lorentz, Michelle Russwurm, Jenn Voisin, Christie Whytock, Kris Wright, Adam Weishar, Nancy Berwick, Heather Vanderheide, Jason Meyer, Murray Steffen, Ron Dillon

Absent: Amanda Inglis, Rob Fischer, Kate Weishar
3. **Approval of agenda** motioned by Kris Wright, seconded by Nancy. All in favour.
4. **Approval of last meeting minutes** motioned by Adam Weishar, seconded by Heather. All in favour.
5. **Business arising from previous meeting:**
 - a. Risk Assessment – keep on agenda for next meeting. Big project. (Bill)
 - b. Amalgamation with centres – keep on agenda (Bill)
 - c. We have released 7 players to multiple spots: Highlanders, Lakers, Wingham, Walkerton - down 10 kids total (2 U18, 1 U13 are choosing not to play)
 - i. **To Do: Website post to say congratulations to players who have moved on... thank you for registering early, enhancements to our registration process, etc. (Christie & Andrea)**
 - d. Jersey accountability ideas – move to next meeting (Ron)
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Coaching committee**
 - i. **Skill Clinics (Adam)**
 1. U9-U13 inclusive of boys and girls
 2. Sept 24/25 – Aaron Armstrong (5hrs sat & 5hrs sun) including goalies. Need some support on ice too – going to ask for coaches
 3. Zach Graham – Oct 1/2 – skills & power skating
 4. Heinz goalie school – Oct 1 & 8 – 2.5 hrs each Saturday. Inclusive of goalie coaches & head coaches too.
 5. Oct 2 – Nicole Hehn – Powerskating – 1 hr each group
 6. Total of 29 hours of ice booked for skill sessions
 7. Budget: 10K to run all of it. Charge for it? Works out to 100\$/kid. Accept recommendations to fund from our reserve funds motioned by Kris Wright, seconded by Jason Meyer. All in favour.
 8. Kris and Amy Wright have made a donation to SBMHA to support skills clinics
 9. We need feedback – in arena, survey monkey online? **To do: develop online survey options to collect anonymous data (Christie & Andrea)**
 10. Bill question: goalie clinics – cap on # coaches? Expecting around 8-10 goalies on ice. 2 instructors on ice at a time. Station based. Adam will ask and follow-up about numbers.
 11. Bill question: Is there an opportunity to open this to other centres? Help cover cost? Future options? Add to discussion post skill sessions & feedback.
 - ii. **Team updates (Adam)**
 1. U13 – started with 25 kids, lost a few out of that group, gained one, one coming over from Hanover = 21 skaters, 4 goalies for tryouts. Good shape to ice 2 teams

2. U15 – 10 skaters and two goalies – most have gone to tryouts. Will likely fold U15 local league kids due to Rep teams. Will work with other kids to release them to other teams.
3. U18 – started with 21 kids and 3 goalies. We no longer need tryouts because we have 16 kids and 2 goalies. Looking at taking all 16 kids. Lost 5 skaters. Officially folded LL team and icing only U18 Rep. Tried to find other skaters for LL team – didn't work out.
4. U21 – 10 skaters and 1 goalie at start. Now at 10 skaters (one from Minto) and 2 goalies. Looking to other centres to see if we can find skaters. Could augment the team through U18. Would like the U21 host team for Greg Dietz Memorial Tournament. Will have a meeting after Saturday practice – will have parent player meeting to discuss how to move forward.
5. U13 girls stable with 13 players
6. U11 girls - 6 players to start and are now at 8 committed, 2 more who are signed up to play mixed who will play both
7. U9 girls 5 players – 1 committed to play up and 4 others unsure. That would put U11 girls up to 11 players. In a good position to have a second girls team in our system. There is one U9 girl that is a goalie.

iii. Coaches Update (Kris)

1. So far all coaches on ice have done well
2. U5 - Joe Strauss, Eric Ruetz (co-coaching)
3. U6 - Tyler Graham
4. U8 – Josh Ireland, Matt Rehorst, Evan Wendt (co-coaching)
5. Motion to accept new coaching recommendations by Kris and seconded by Ron. All in favour.
6. Coaches needed yet:
 - U11 girls, U21, U13LL, U9Tier4 after they split teams – early October

b. Tournament Committee

- i. Jamboree U7/U8 – Feb 24/25 – confirm with Mildmay Arena
 1. Nancy to email out to group. Needs to go to the OMHA website.
 2. Need to decide if there are more tournaments – U11?
 3. Ask for volunteers to join the committee
- ii. In past, to run 4 tournaments we need 15 people
- iii. Adam to email out the volunteer commitments – 5 to 6 hours per volunteer
- iv. Bill will contact Municipality of South Bruce about construction and figure out if and when its happening at the Mildmay arena – may impact site selection
- v. U11 – two middle January weekends free? **To do: Nancy to ask Mildmay arena**
- vi. Charge own team their registration fee for the tournament unlike past years. Due to no gate fees. Don't require parent volunteers to do their volunteer hours at that specific tournament instead just volunteers on tournament committee.

c. Fundraising Committee (Jason & Heather)

- i. How do we get volunteers? Website post?
- ii. Valentines dance – want to do that – book for Feb 11 (Nancy to book)
 1. Need a committee to start moving things with that
 2. 10-15 people on committee

- iii. Jason to be responsible for all the volunteers – generate master list from HCR (Jenn) and work backwards
- iv. Letter for sponsorship options in the works (Heather) – Levels: Bronze \$250, Silver \$500, Gold \$1000 – end of October cut off date.
- v. Online auction to go – trying to decide the best timing? Advertise it through the tournaments – aim for later in the year
- vi. Ice sponsorships - \$125 for tournament listed on the back of the program. And put on the website ice sponsors for the year.
- vii. Lottery options:
 - 1. Running a 50/50 draw – separate form.
 - 2. Blanket license – covers anything for whole year including 50/50 draw. Easier than in past. From Donna Thompson clerk of South Bruce Municipality.
- d. Ice Scheduling (Michelle)**
 - i. If ice issues – call the coaches for that time slot to update
- e. Treasurers Report (Kate)**
 - i. Fully reconciled for everyone who has signed up has paid
- f. WOAA Convenor (Amanda)**
 - i. Sept 22 AGM meeting
 - ii. Scheduling meetings for Wed Oct 5 in Belmore. Only for girls program.

7. New Business

- a. Generating income due to lost gate fees
 - i. Ideas?
 - 1. Sponsor a player? Poster board at games with list?
 - 2. Sponsor a jersey?
 - 3. Continue discussions
- b. Clothing Campaign
 - i. Suggesting CCM for jackets since there is a supply problem – wait to switch now since we are too late. Next year.
 - ii. Clothing day – Joys have no interest. Can go into store to try stuff on if needed.
 - iii. Timeframe: need to start in the next week or two. Run for 2-3 weeks. Start Oct 2-Oct 16. They are ready to start when we are. Link would be posted on our website and it would take you right to the online link for purchase.
 - iv. Jason supplied a list with last year quantities purchased
 - v. **To do: Jason to email group with dates, deadlines and to get Andrea to post on website**
- c. Photographs
 - i. Booked November 1st
 - ii. **To Do: Book Mildmay arena lobby (Jason)**
 - iii. Same photographer
 - iv. Ability to have another centre if we miss the night
- d. Bylaws to support OWHA hockey program (Adam)
 - i. Currently no bylaw to help ensure we can facilitate teams and move players as needed to make a program run.
 - ii. **To Do: Look into what other associations are doing & verbiage to include in bylaw (Adam)**
 - iii. For example: “The association retains the rights to put players into different teams to facilitate programming and teams as needed each year”
 - iv. **To Do: Add to AGM potential list (Christie)**
- e. Reclassifying organization within OMHA (Adam)
 - i. They have moved to a tier setup instead of A, B, C, D

- ii. We are listed currently at Tier 3 level → when we first amalgamated our numbers thrived and they have since gone down (Close to 300 registrations vs now 196)
- iii. Do we reclassify down to Tier 4 with OMHA? – not a simple process
- iv. **To Do: Look into process of changing Tier levels (Rob)**

Next meeting: Oct 24, 2022 8:00 Teeswater Arena – Nancy to book

Adjourned at 10:25 motioned by Kris, seconded by Adam.