



Ilderton Minor Hockey Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, February 17th, 2015

Minutes

Directors in attendance:

Rob Andrews	Brian Brown
Todd Copeland	Chris Dixon
Sue Lidbetter	Craig Little
Liz Marshall	Tom Schofield
Tom Schofield	Shane Taylor
John Guy Urbshott	Scott York
Brian Heessels	

1. Motion to start meeting – CL, JGU (second)
2. Approved minutes from January 20th board meeting – BH, LM (second)
3. Lottery Update – RA: Everything has been supplied to the township, OPP and ALGC.
 - IMHA has been given a one year suspension from being able to hold a lottery for fundraising.
 - What to do about the information on the current application?
 - RA read a proposed letter to the membership he would like our feedback on – posted on website.
 - LM – bottom line is keep registration as low as possible
 - GH – what are the rates going to be next year?
 - RA – do not feel we are in a financial position to refund money to membership without a substantial increase in costs next year. The goal is to keep hockey affordable.
 - Sooner we get this information out to the membership the better.
4. Member Request Girls Hockey – RA: I have noticed over the past few years that the same teams fairly consistently have their practices scheduled at the Komoka rink and my question is whether this is something that can be switched up for next season. Most, if not all of the girls' teams from peewee and above have practiced in Komoka for the past 3 years while many other teams have never had to practice there (the last time our girls' team practiced in Ilderton we had a

Tuesday 6:00 am practice time). There are a few boys' teams that practice there but they are almost always the more senior LM teams. It is just a question of convenience and fairness for the majority of Ilderton Minor Hockey players as well as the fact that most teams would undoubtedly like to practice in Ilderton where they play their games. If switching up the teams that practice in Komoka is an issue that can be visited it would be greatly appreciated. If it cannot be changed then there are many of us that would like to know the reasons behind that decision.

Response: Girls hockey is held at the Komoka facility because it is easier to schedule. Girl's games are generally booked back-to-back.

5. Girl's Hockey – LM: Early registration? There are issues with numbers of players. Some girls have left to go play in Bluewater, Lambeth (part of the reason enrollment is down)
 - JGU – do we need to look at a merger with Lucan to deal with dropping numbers?
 - LM – We should see what the number of girls playing will be at the end of February early March.
 - RA – Until their residential rules in place for girls hockey this will be an ongoing problem.

6. Banquet – LM: Motion to cancel the banquet for this year (LM, GH second) Voted on and motion passed.
 - Breakeven on the cost to hold the banquet
 - RA – Awards to be given to coaches to hand out to their players, need to get award info from the coaches ASAP. Volunteer of the year, Funston award, etc. to be given at the AGM
 - JGU – Motion to put nomination for volunteer of the year on the website. SL (second) – motion carried.

7. Treasurers Update – ST: Motion to approve the following cheques:
 - \$ 4,420. Referees
 - 1,600. Muni South Huron (ice)
 - 1,274 “
 - 25,691 Muni Middlesex Centre (ice)
 - 575 Special General Meeting
 - 500 Raffle Account

 - Tax receipts are completed, sorted by team to be handed out with notice of AGM by coaches or team managers.
 - Estimate by year end \$5,000 surplus. Fees not projected to go up → ice likely to increase by 3%, but we should be able to keep fees where they are.
 - Question: How much of a “financial buffer” does the organization have? Roughly two months operating expenses.
 - Question: What is the cost to replace team uniforms? Estimated \$45,000 approx. No money in the budget to replace uniforms at this time.
 - Required to do an audit ST has quotes ranging from \$2,000 - \$7,000
 - Motion put forward to do an audit JGU, CL (second) – Motion carried

8. Fundraising Update – TC, SY: TC – Valentines Event raised \$7,600 after expenses, sold out of almost everything at bar, except for a case and a half of beer. SY – a township inspector did show up at the event. One minor infraction – alcohol basket cannot be displayed on a table.

9. Motion to adjourn – LM, BH (second)