



IMHA Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 2022

MINUTES – Approved November 13, 2022

Present: Kendra Bloomfield, Brooke Ross, Paul Walkom, Scott Parker, Jeff Reid, Andrew Ward, Kerri Dixon, Bill Stevenson, Andy Marshall, Pat Conlin, Todd Copeland

Regrets: Jeff Sutherland, Mark Read, Chris Dixon, Randy Sheaves,

1. Todd Copeland agreed to chair the meeting in MH's absence.
2. PC made a **motion to begin** the meeting. 2nd by BS. Carried
3. PC made a motion to **accept the agenda** for the meeting. 2nd by AM. Carried.
4. Todd Copeland will be the acting president for IMHA going forward for the 2022-2023 season. He is a past president of IMHA and current vice president. TC said he is looking forward to the season and working with the board.
5. AM made a motion to **approve the minutes** from the September 8th and September 23rd IMHA Board meeting. 2nd by KB. Carried.
6. **Return to Play Concussion Protocol**
 - Board discussed the process for return to play for an IMHA player. The player has followed our return to play protocol by obtaining a physicians note clearing them to be on the ice with their team, and stating what parameters exist. The player must be registered to a team and be under the supervision of the team trainer. They will continue to follow the return to play process.
 - SP made a motion to ask the player to pay half a registration fee and no gate fees, as they will not be participating in games. 2nd by PC. Carried.

7. Team Budgets

TC: Budgeting was reviewed at the coaches meeting and coaches are encouraged to talk with the team and parents, to involve them and be transparent about what budget costs will be. It is the role of the coach/team manager to approve the budget and collect fees, but the board must be sent a copy, so they are aware of team budgets.

KD: The team fees should be more transparent during the registration process. Having more communication about team fees can help support families in knowing what additional fees are associated with playing hockey, above and beyond registration fees. Our website can also be updated to provide more accessibility to payment assistance programs, which would support the payment of registration fees.

JR: Items for team budget should be associated with development. This includes tournaments, development, and extra ice time. All other items should not be mandatory.

ACTION: JR will communicate with coaches that budgets need to be transparent to the team and parents. When the budget has parent approval it needs to be sent to the board.

8. Fundraising and Sponsorship

KD: Teams are not allowed to have their own Sponsorships. All sponsorships are done at the association level to allow all teams the same opportunities. Teams can do individual fundraising to help offset team budgets, but they must present their fundraising plans to the board for approval first. They can send their request to Director of Fundraising/Sponsorship, Pat Conlin. The board supports team fundraising that are team building and endorsed by the coach.

- As a board, sponsorship for each individual team is not supported as sponsorship needs to be at the organization level. This includes any items purchased for only one team.

9. LiveBarn in Ilderton

TC: LiveBarn is a video recording subscription service that is already installed in both ice pads in Komoka. You can subscribe to the live feed. The Municipality supports IMHA to hold the license and it will generate 30% subscription revenue from anyone who uses IMHA code to subscribe. Most municipalities have LiveBarn and with a subscription you can view any venue that has LiveBarn in it. No cost associated to IMHA but we will support Livebarn marketing in the facilities and have to provide a local technician to support when needed.

TC made a motion to move forward with the LiveBarn license and installation going in the Ilderton Arena. 2nd by AM. Carried.

10. Oxbow P.S. Grade 8 Grad Fundraising Concession in the Ilderton Arena

TC: Oxbow P.S. does not have fundraising through the school for graduation and there is a committee that has been created outside the school to do fundraising for the Grade 8 Graduation. This committee has approached the board to ask if they can open a small concession stand in the Ilderton Arena as a fundraiser.

- IMHA board is supportive of the Oxbow P.S. graduation fundraising committee connecting with the township about running a concession in the Ilderton Arena. The dates that they run the concession would exclude dates at the arena when IMHA is running an event.

11. Player Movement Request

The board reviewed player movement request from U5 to U7. Player movement is considered by the board and movement one age group from U5 to U6 is appropriate. The player does not require to move up two age groups.

12. Round Table

- KD: **Ilderton Fair beer tent fundraiser** profited \$13,943.53. We ended up with \$12,187.47 in expenses (liquor, ice and ice cooler, mix and reefer truck). We did not pay for the tent, security or half the gravel.

PC: Iderton Fair feedback meeting:

- Going forward the tent may become an expense to IMHA for that fundraiser.
- Handling of the money: wondering if the process could be looked at differently.
- Wondering why the cans were not saved: The board has already talked about ways the cans can better be sorted from the rest of the garbage.
- It was very successful and the feedback committee for Ilderton Fair Board would advocate and support extensions of the hours on Saturday.

-PC: **Raffle Box** fundraiser is scheduled to begin in early November. The draw will align with Hockey Night in Ilderton.

-JR: This is the first year IMHA has offered **Development** opportunities. Now that it is complete, it should be reviewed for the benefits and costs. It was a lot of work the board and there are some concerns to review such as lack of supervision. Both pre-tryout skates and development can be reviewed.

- JR make a motion to create a subcommittee to review the development and pre-tryout skates and bring back some suggestions for future years around resources to support these programs. The committee will be made up of the Director of Player Development (JS), Treasurer (RS), Registrar (KB) and PC. 2nd by AM. Carried.

-BS: Although our U9 HL teams are scheduled and traveling as one team for half ice, they do need to be registered as two team for when they are no longer on half ice.

-PW: IMHA should start to investigate proposing **hard boundaries** for our players. Some organizations already have hard boundaries for players coming to our organization and more are looking into having these boundaries

12. **Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, November 13th.

13. PW made a motion to **adjourn the meeting**. 2nd by BS. Carried.

Motions Approved Online

October 22nd

- RS made a motion to approve the following **cheques for processing**:

- Strathroy Ice House	\$760.75 (Beer Tent Ice)
- Pete's Sports	\$2712.00 (Socks)
- Registration Refund	\$775.00
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- Been-Dan Farms Ltd.	\$589.81 (Beer Tent Gravel)

2nd by SP. Carried.

October 25th

- RS made a motion to approve the following **cheques for processing**:

- Brooke Ross	\$630.00 (London Knights tickets)
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2nd by MR. Carried.

October 26th

- MR made a motion to book one hour of ice in Strathroy on Sunday mornings from January 8 until March 26 (12 weeks). 2nd by AM. Carried.

November 2nd

- RS made a motion to approve the following **cheques for processing**:

- Snipe Academy	\$1,627.20 (Player Development Instructors)
- Snipe Academy	\$2,034.00 (Goalie Development Instructors)
- Matt Melo	\$1,500.00 (Development Instructors)
- Western Women's Hockey	\$900.00 (Development Instructors)
- MCRA	\$4,753.00 (Ref's)
- MMC	\$42,275.98 (Ice & CC Rental)
- Pete's Sports	\$1,152.60 (Board Shirts)

2nd by AW. Carried.

November 7th

- RS made a motion to approve the following **cheques for processing**:

- Refund Registration	\$900.00 (Registration Overpayment)
- Pete's Sports	\$650.88 (Socks/Pins/Stickers)

2nd by AM. Carried.