

IMHA Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, April 2, 2023

MINUTES – APPROVED: APRIL 25th, 2023



Present: Brooke Ross, Paul Walkom, Randy Sheaves, Chris Dixon, Kendra Bloomfield, Bill Stevenson, Jeff Sutherland, Pat Conlin, Todd Copeland, Kerri Dixon, Scott Parker

Regrets: Jeff Reid, Andrew Ward, Andy Marshall, Mark Read

1. JS made a **motion to begin** the meeting. 2nd by KB. Carried.
2. KB made a motion to **approve the minutes** from the March 5th IMHA Board meeting. 2nd by RS. Carried.

3. **Financial Assistance Tab**

-Prior to the meeting BR shared a draft for creating a financial assistance tab on the IMHA website.

-TC: As an association we have helped families with financial assistance and can support families in completing applications for other financial support, through letters etc.. Adding information for families about where they can apply for financial assistance can further help support families who are in need of assistance. There will now be a Financial Assistance tab on the IMHA website that gives information about assistance programs, and where families can fill out a form for Financial Assistance from IMHA.

-RS: As a board we need to decide if there is a planned budget to make sure we are able to support, and that money is set aside.

4. **Award Banquet**

-We received 5 nominations for the Graham Benedetti award. Board members reviewed the nominations. By secret ballot a winner was decided.

-We received 4 nominations for Volunteer of the Year. Board members reviewed the nominations. By secret ballot a winner was decided.

-TC: The banquet planning is on its way. The Lions have been invited to Period 1 to recognize their contribution to the score clock. The Lion's will also be supporting us with the barbequing for the banquet.

5. **AGM**

-The date and time of our AGM has been communicated to the membership, Sunday April 30th, 2023 at 7:30p.m.. ACTION: BR will put together the AGM package that will be posted on our webpage and at the Ilderton Arena by April 15th.

-8 board members have completed their 2 year term CD, AM, MR, PC, TC, RS, JR, MH. 8 nominations have been received for the IMHA board of directors. They include Chris Dixon, Andy Marshall, Nick Cake, Mark Read, Pat Conlin, Randy Sheaves, Jeff Reid and Todd Copeland.

6. **Fundraising Structure for 2023-2024**

-KD: After a subcommittee had discussed various options for a fundraising structure for the 2023-2024 seasons, there will no longer be assigned credits for volunteer positions. Cash calendars have been supported by the board, through online discussions, as a new initiative for fundraising credits.

*Each player that registers for IMHA (U5-U18) will be charged a fundraising fee at the time of registration.

* Families with 3 or more children will only pay fundraising fees for 2 children

* Families may choose to sell them or keep them all.

*Cash calendars will run from November - February with a minimum \$50 draw every day in those 4 months.

-Although we will no longer assign volunteer credits, we will require volunteers. Teams do not operate without parent volunteers, and either do our events and fundraisers. We will still need volunteers to support these events, or we will no longer be able to run as many initiatives for the membership.

BS made a **motion** to accept the cash calendar fundraising model for 2023-2024 season. 2nd by PW. Carried.

7. Registration

-KB shared a proposed breakdown of registration for 2023-2024.

| Age Group | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|----------------------|--|--|
| U5 | - \$150.00 | \$150.00 + \$100.00 CC = \$250.00 |
| U6-U7 | - \$350.00 | \$350.00 + \$100.00 CC = \$450.00 |
| U8-U9 | - \$450.00* | \$450.00 + \$100.00 CC + \$100.00 GF = \$650.00 |
| U11-U18 | - \$675.00* | \$675.00 + \$100.00 CC + \$100.00 GF = \$875.00 |
| Other Mandatory Fees | <p>*Mandatory Gate Fee (U8-U18)- \$100.00 Optional Tryout Fee- \$75.00</p> <p>Fundraising Contingency- \$200.00 (cheque cashed at end of season)</p> <p>3rd Child Discount- \$150.00 4th Child Discount- \$150.00</p> | <p>GF- Gate Fee- Required to pay at registration. Optional Tryout Fee- \$75.00</p> <p>Fundraising- Cash Calendars (CC)- Required to pay at registration.</p> <p>3rd Child Discount- \$250.00 (Discount + Cash Calendar Discount) 4th Child Discount- \$250.00 (Discount + Cash Calendar Discount)</p> <p>- Families will not receive more than 10 cash calendars - 33% of registration total due <u>immediately</u>, 2 instalments of 50% each due on <u>July 15th</u> and <u>August 15th</u> - NO late fees</p> |

-Using different registration platforms (RAMP and HCR), processing fees will be increased.

ACTION- RS will further look into the new fees for these registration platforms and review the financials. He will bring this information to the board for review and approval of registration fees.

- Board discussed ice fees for REP teams and the membership's concern about ice allocation. Our goal is for ice to not be burned and it is sent out to coaches to pick up. We do not allocate ice based on the level of the team and teams sometimes purchase their own extra ice time. This will further be addressed at the AGM. There are lots of ways teams get more ice. They may purchase more in their team fees.

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

- MMC. \$42,785.21 (Ice Rental)
- Ford Keast. \$4,514.35

2nd by BS. Carried.

9. Posting Tryout Dates

-There needs to be a sign up for girls tryouts so we can project team numbers and know if we can accept import players.

ACTION: KB will make a registration form to collect names of OWHA players who are intending to tryout for IMHA.

ACTION: JS and MR will look at dates tryout dates for Kendra to post on the website.

10. Preseason Structure for August and September

-KB: We have reviewed the preseason. The pathways have changed, and we are looking to have the preseason skates the last week of August and first week of September.

-JS: Last year was our first year offering development skates. There were too many vendors that made it difficult to execute smoothly. We are looking to limit the vendors this year. The board could pre-book games for coaches during these times and offer extra ice to teams that have already been picked.

ACTION: KB, MR and JS will look at the structure of the pre-season skates and come back to the board for a recommendation

11. Coaching Evaluations and Applications

-JR has been collecting the evaluations and the intent is to use the information for feedback to the coaches. The coaching committee also uses these evaluations with the coaching applications.

-JR has been receiving, reviewing, and organizing the coaching applications. The girls will be the priority with their tryouts coming up in the Spring.

ACTION: KB will send a reminder that coaching applications are due for OWHA by Saturday, April 15th.

12. Round Table

-BS shared his **Exceptional Player guidelines** online prior to the meeting. Board discussed the movement of players. OHF and OMHA have guidelines and bylaws about player movement. There is movement in U5, U6 and U7 based on numbers and development of players. U8 and above there is no movement of players up an age group. After review of the proposed guidelines, they did not pass.

-TC: We have followed-up with Lucan for the hybrid amalgamation for the **Regional 'A' Level Center** discussion and are waiting for them to get back to us. When we hear back, we will proceed with creating information packages for the membership surrounding a potential amalgamation.

-RS: We have received a request for **financial assistance** for next season. The request will be asked to fill out the financial assistance form on our website.

-KD: A player who received a concussion has requested a refund. They have not been able to play since December, it would be 3/7th of the registration fee to be refunded.

-KD made a **motion** to refund 3/7th of registration due to a concussion and the player not being able to return to play. 2nd by KB. Carried.

13. Set **Next Meeting**: 5:00p.m, April 23 at the Ilderton Community Center.

14. JS made a **motion** to **adjourn** the meeting. 2nd by PW. Carried.

Online Motions and Updates

April 3rd, 2023

-A family is requesting a pro-rated fee for a player who was injured towards the start of the season. Family has not paid fees for this season. Rather than a refund the family will be charged 3/7 of the registration/gate fee plus tryouts due to his time away due to his injury, that has been verified by his coach. The total charge would be \$407.

- RS made a **motion** to charge a pro-rated fee of \$407 to the injured player as their fee for time played this season. 2nd by MR. Carried.

April 3rd, 2023

- RS made a **motion** to approve the amended F22 Audit. 2nd by BR. Carried.

April 28, 2023

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

- MCRA \$6,669.00 (*Referee Cost*)

Motion was 2nd by CD. Carried