

IMHA Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2023

MINUTES: APPROVED: July 19th, 2023



Present: Jeff Sutherland, Andrew Ward, Chris Dixon, Kerri Dixon, Kendra Bloomfield, Andy Marshall, Brooke Ross, Mark Read, Nick Cake, Scott Parker, Paul Walkom, Randy Sheaves, Bill Stevenson, Todd Copeland,

Regrets: Pat Conlin,

1. JS made a motion to begin the meeting. 2nd by AW. Carried.
2. KB made a motion to **approve the minutes** from the May 7th and 11th IMHA Board meeting. 2nd by NC. Carried.

3. Registration Update

KB: There has been lots of positive feedback about having one platform to register and take payments. We have been able to take payments right through HCR and RAMP.

-Girls' registration closes June 30th. All age groups are currently full, but there is no way to close RAMP, or certain age groups before the closing date.

-Boys registration has closed, and KB reviewed our numbers for each age group. Boys' registration is lower overall but not my many.

-There have been many email requests to re-open HCR registration because members have missed the registration period. There were also many players wanting to play for a girls' team that registered by accident in HCR, because RAMP was not open at the same time.

-What can we do to try and limit late registrations and have RAMP and HCR registrations at the same in future seasons?

ACTION: KB, RS and PW will discuss and come back to the board with a suggested structure for registration for next year.

SP: Our Girl's program is full and all teams will have at least 15 skaters with the current registration numbers.

4. Girls U13 2nd Team Goalie

SP: The goalie we had for the U13 2nd team has a release and we are now short a goalie for this team. SP has posted to WOGHL announcing we are looking for a goalie, and it has been posted on social media outlets, but there has been no response. Discussion took place about lowering registration to entice a goalie to help fill this vacancy. Discounts have been given in past seasons as well.

-PW made a motion to decrease registration by 50%, with the player till paying the fundraising fee, to support finding a goalie for the Girls U13 second team. 2nd by CD. Carried.

ACTION: SP will create write up about U13 goalie needed, with IMHA offering a discounted registration and post the information on WOGHL. Kendra will also post this information on our social media.

5. Boys Tier 1 Coaching Suggestions

Boys/Girls U7 Lead Coach– Two applicants. Coaching committee recommended Andy Marshall as lead coach. KB made a motion to appoint Andy Marshall as the Boys/Girls U7 lead coach. 2nd by PW. Carried.

- Step out for conflict of interest – AM

Boys U9 Tier 1 Head Coach– Three applicants. Coaching committee recommended Jordan Berk as head coach. SP made a motion to appoint Jordan Berk as the Boys U9 Tier 1 head coach. 2nd by KD. Carried.

- Step out for conflict of interest – MR, NC, AW

Boys U11 Tier 1 Head Coach– Four applicants. Coaching committee recommended Shawn McCallum as head coach. KB made a motion to appoint Shawn McCallum as the Boys U11 Tier 1 head coach. 2nd by BS. Carried.

- Step out for conflict of interest – KD, AW, MR, NC

Boys U13 Tier 1 Head Coach– Two applicants. Coaching committee recommended Steve Bloomfield as head coach. RS made a motion to appoint Steve Bloomfield as the Boys U13 Tier 1 head coach. 2nd by KD. Carried.

- Step out for conflict of interest – KB

Boys U15 Tier 1 Head Coach– Three applicant. Coaching committee opened a discussion about applicants and gave a summary of applications and interviews. A private vote took place based on facts that had been discussed. Through an anonymous vote, Sam Hosack has been appointed as the Boys U15 Tier 1 head coach.

- Step out for conflict of interest – AW, TC

Boys U18 Tier 1 Head Coach– No applicants. This position has been deferred at this time.

-PW made a motion to appoint Jordan Galbraith as the Girls U15 2nd team head coach. 2nd by KB. Carried.

ACTION: JS will contact the coaches and other applicants to let them know about the coaches that have been selected. KB will post the names to the website after JS has contacted all applicants.

6. Coach Email Re: Girls Hockey Ice Time

Member email had been previous shared with the executive. It will be considered with future discussions about the 2023-2024 ice schedule.

7. 2023/2024 Ice schedule

MR: Last season we had rotating practice for 7:00am and we need to consider rotating the Saturday night 9:30pm ice time. We are limited on the teams that are able to host games on the later ice times. Now that we have an idea of the number of teams, MR will be looking at the ice times, and create a draft ice schedule when ice contracts have been received.

8. Fundraising and Sponsorship Update

- **Beer tent**

AM, NC and KD met with the Fair Board to talk more about the plan for the 2023 Ilderton Beer Tent. Ilderton Fair Board wants 5% of the gross sales and for IMHA to pay for the tent. There is no set agreement of the terms as of now.

-All volunteer roles in the beer tent must have their Smart Serve. To make sure we have enough volunteers, board members should recertify their Smart Serve if it is expired.

-KD made a **motion** to reimburse board members who take their Smart Serve certification. 2nd by RS. Carried.

-KD made a **motion** for IMHA to commit to running the beer tent for the 2023 Ilderton Fair. 2nd by MR. Carried.

- **Rafflebox**

KD: We are already in their system. KD talked with the Rafflebox organizers and shared their recommendations with the board and prices for the tickets. IMHA will aim to open Rafflebox before Ilderton Beer Tent. From the sales, 40% to IMHA, around 10% to Rafflebox and 50% to the winner. Once the application has been submitted, it will take about 4 weeks until it is able to be running.

- **Fundraising Calendars**

KD: KD has started the licensing. The model of the calendar will be based on examples from other organizations.

-Calendars will be handed out on IMHA team photo day because most players will be attending.

- **Sponsorship model**

KD: This will be a new year as there are no current sponsors. New sponsorship opportunities with the scoreboard. Changing jersey sponsorships to team banners to hang outside the dressing room was also discussed.

ACTION: KD and NC will draft a sponsorship model for the 2023-2024 hockey season and present it to the board at the next meeting.

9. Round Table

- BS: LL AGM is next week. There are not any rule changes being voted on. New is that U7 will have match ups created and scheduled by the league. This will take away the need to get a travel permit to play another team in U7.

- SP: WOGHL is looking at doing a B Loop. SP will reach out to see what teams they have, to see if there is a loop in our area.

-TC: The new scoreboard has cloud base software. We have current log ins, and someone will have to get trained on the OES program. The Lion's Club is going to look into using the scoreboard for their wing nights. Andrew McCallum has volunteered as the liaison to help support us with the LED screen.

PW: OMHA AGM was this weekend and there are no changes.

RS: Discussed took place about reimbursement to coaches or trainers who take their coaching qualifications and now coach in other organizations.

JS: We will run a checking clinic for our Girl players this year to help teach them how to protect themselves. Team Genius is an application that will be looked into, to support the evaluation process. To continue to have our coaches certified, we will post on the website about D1 certification and to reach out to JS or PW for more information.

KD: Running the Welcome Back to Hockey BBQ was discussed. IMHA will host the BBQ for a small cost to those attending.

ACTION: KD will look to book a date and come back to the board with details about the Welcome Back to Hockey BBQ.

10. **Set Next Meeting:** No meeting set at this time.

11. NC made a motion to **adjourn**. 2nd by BS. Passed.

Motions approved via email:

July 12th, 2023

IMHA GIC account came to term. It is currently at \$82,463.29, with a renewal rate of 2.75%. It is a flexible GIC and will be renewed until July 12th, 2024.

RS made a motion to put IMHA emergency fund back into the GIC with the terms given. 2nd by CD. Carried.

Save the dates for upcoming 2023-2024 Season.

- Welcome Back to Hockey BBQ - **Monday, September 4th** from 4-7pm in the Arena Parking Lot
- Photo Day - **Sunday, October 15th** from 8am - 4pm at the Ilderton Community Centre
 - **Cash Calendars** will be handed out this day!
- Junior C Game- Date TBD for mid November
- Raffle Box 50/50 draw - **Saturday, December 2nd**
- Hockey Day in Ilderton - **Saturday, January 20th** – Full day event at the Ilderton Arena and Community Center