

IMHA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

MINUTES: APPROVED August 23rd, 2023



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

1. KB made a motion to begin the meeting. 2nd by SP. Carried.
2. NC made a motion to **approve the minutes** from the June 5th IMHA Board meeting. 2nd by KB. Carried.

3. **Next Steps Check In**

Action items and next steps were reviewed from previous meetings. Many items have been completed and an updated next steps document will be sent out after this meeting with action items to be completed by board members.

4. **New Sponsorship Program**

-KD broke down the costs to compare jersey sponsorship through name bars on IMHA jerseys and the option of team banners with sponsor names on them. The recommendation is to move away from name bars on IMHA jerseys and move to advertising sponsors on social media, IMHA website, new LED score board and custom team banners. There would also be a larger Sponsorship banner that will be displayed at IMHA events throughout the season.

-In the proposed model, sponsorship commitment would be 1 year rather than 3 years. This may open up sponsorship to sponsors who cannot commit to a 3-year contract.

-Community donors (e.g service clubs) will be recognized in similar ways as sponsors

- Jersey Bar Sponsorship
 - 15\$/bar
 - 15\$ per name bar to remove, 15\$ per name bar to install on a jersey.
 - Cost = ~\$1620.00 per jersey set (every 3 years)
- Team Banner
 - Each team U9 and above would receive a custom banner with the team name/age group, player names, all sponsor logos and IMHA logo
 - Banners come with metal stand and carry bag
 - Cost = ~\$180 per banner/team (annually)

-KD reviewed the new proposed sponsorship model for the 2023-2024 season.

➤ Option #1 - \$400/season

- Custom logo scrolling on LED score board at Ilderton Arena
- Social media recognition
- Thank you plaque

➤ Option #2 - \$800/season

- Custom logo scrolling on LED score board at Ilderton Arena
- Custom logo on banner to travel to home and away games with all Ilderton Jets teams (U9 and above)

- Logo/Business name and website link on Ilderton Minor Hockey website
- Social media recognition
- Thank you plaque

-KB made a motion to accept the new sponsorship program, moving to the team banner approach to recognize sponsors, and approving the two options for sponsorship. 2nd by TC. Carried.

NEXT STEP: KD and NC will create a sponsorship letter and deliver possible sponsors a copy.

5. Coaching Recommendations

Girls U18 Tier 2 Head Coach– two applicants. Coaching committee recommended Kyle Digby as head coach. RS made a motion to appoint Kyle Digby as the Girls U18 Tier 2 head coach. 2nd by NC. Carried.

Girls U13 Tier 2 Head Coach– Coaching committee recommended Jeff Keene as head coach. SP made a motion to appoint Jeff Keene as the Girls U13 Tier 2 head coach. 2nd by RS. Carried.

Girls U11 Tier 2 Head Coach– Coaching committee recommended Brad Jack as head coach. SP made a motion to appoint Brad Jack as the Girls U11 Tier 2 head coach. 2nd by KD. Carried.

- Stepped out for conflict of interest – NC

-Girls U9 Tier 2 coach has not been selected. U9 will have their tryouts in the Spring and with registration we are unsure if there will be a Tier 2 team at this time.

-Boys U18 Tier 1 team: there are still no candidates for the head coach.

NEXT STEP: KB will repost coaching application for a Boys U18 Tier 1 head coach on the webpage.

6. Boys U18 Tryout Dates

AM: With the current registration numbers for Boys U18, IMHA is scheduling these tryouts as early as possible. Picking the Tier 1 team early will allow players who did not make the team to exercise their ATM. We will only have 1 Tier 1 team in U18; 26 players and 4 goalies are signed up for tryouts.

NEXT STEPS: PW will connect with Boys U18 players who have signed up for tryouts to let them know about their ATM options.

7. Registration Update

KB provided a summary of current registration numbers for OMHA and OWHA. Current IMHA registration number is 469 players.

OWHA: Tier 1 teams have been selected.

- U9: 14 registrations
- U11: 30 registrations
- U13: 31 registrations
- U15: 32 registrations
- U18: 30 registrations

OMHA:

- U5: 12 boys, 9 girls

- U6: 22 boys, 8 girls
- U7: 24 boys, 19 girls
- U9: 47 skaters, 2 goalies
- U11: 59 skaters, 5 goalies
- U13: 35 skaters, 3 goalies
- U15: 37 skaters, 5 goalies
- U18: 41 skaters, 4 goalies

-Registration is closed. Anyone who signs up after this point will be charged the \$150 fundraising fee but will not receive their cash calendars. This fee will be charged as their late fee. -PW made a motion to amend the by-law late fee from \$200 to \$150. 2nd by NC. Carried.

-KB shared the tryout schedule. Coaches are not allowed to run their age group pre-season skates. They are able to run skates for an age group which they do not have a conflict with. These skates are opportunities for coaches to be evaluated for their D1 qualifications.

- Power Skating sessions will cost \$20/session and are open to 20 skaters per session
- Girls checking clinic will cost \$20 and will be capped at 25 skaters per session.

8. iPad Assist Program

-Ontario Minor Hockey has adopted the use of electronic gamesheets, through service provider GameSheet Inc., for all sanctioned games starting the 2023-24 season. OMHA and GameSheet Inc. are providing an iPad assist program to help with costs of iPads for associations. For every 10 Local League teams, associations will receive 1 free iPad. IMHA will receive 1 iPad through this program.

-Associations also can purchase additional ipads: 6th Gen. refurbished and set to factory settings, with protective case at a reduced cost of \$350

- IMHA currently has 4 iPads. iPads will have to be available in Komoka and Ilderton for OMHA games. Teams may also be asked to bring their own iPad to tournaments.

- RS made a motion to purchase 2 ipads at the discounted iPad assist program cost of \$350 each. 2nd by JS. Carried.

9. OMHA Requirements

1. Elite Player Policy

AM: OMHA is asking associations to have clear guidelines for players wanting to try out for higher age groups. They would like to outline for players the process and qualifications for players to play in a different age group.

- PW drafted an Elite Player Policy and presented it to the board.

- BS made a motion to accept the Elite Player Policy. 2nd by KD. Carried.

2. Right of Choice

AM: Every player who lives in a Right of Choice (ROC) area and have an option of what center they want to play for, must be presented with their options, choose which organization they want to play in and sign an ROC form before trying out for a REP team. This only applies to REP level players. When you sign an ROC form, you are committed to that organization and must get a release to play in another center. The ROC must be signed before tryouts, and players will not be able to be registered to a team until an ROC has been uploaded to their profile.

NEXT STEPS: KB, BR, BS and AM will determine ROC players, contact ROC players and present their options. ROC forms will be distributed to these players.

10. Regional 'A' Level Center Update

AM- Lucan has had a full board vote to move ahead with discussions to amalgamate with Ilderton. The subcommittee for this discussion recommends that Lucan would be a good partner to consider for a Regional 'A' Level Center.

-RS made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to move forward in discussions about amalgamating with Lucan. 2nd by JS. Carried.

11. Round Table

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

-PRVIT \$1695

2nd by SP. Carried.

-BR: We are setting up a session with OES to learn the programs for our new scoreboard.

-KD: Rafflebox has previous accounts still open through IMHA, so we cannot move forward with organizing this year's Rafflebox until the reports are submitted and previous account can be closed.

NEXT STEPS: PC, KD, NC, RS will work together to collect and submit the documents needing to be submitted to close accounts with AGCO.

BS: Local League has had the AGM and there is not much change. There will be voting on season structure and many options are on the table, including having teams set into seated pools where they belong sooner than later.

-OMHA has made some changes to players APing. If a player APs up from LL to AE, if the AE team does not use the player, the LL team above them can use the player. Players can change which team they AP to once throughout the season. Once the players have played for a team they cannot change.

-There is no longer a cap of number of teams a coach can be assigned to.

-Scheduler wants to know how many teams will be registered from our organization ASAP.

AW: IMHA has 3 spots for the Refing clinic, and we have 13 registrations. Names will be selected through a draw.

PW: Shamrock starts October 2nd U18 is October 6th. Blackout dates are Christmas (December 24 – January 1) and March Break. This season will likely be a seeded season and teams will possibly get reseeded before playoffs.

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

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

Motions approved via email:

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- KB made a motion to approve a registration refund request for registration and tryout fee for the upcoming season, in the amount of \$1000.00.
2nd by SP. Carried.