

## IMHA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

**Minutes: APPROVED: February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



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

1. KD made a motion to begin the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by SP. Carried.

### 2. **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.

3. KB made a motion to **approve the minutes** from the December 21st IMHA Board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PW. Carried.

### 4. **IMHA Hosting Shamrock All-Star Game**

PW: IMHA has been looking into hosting 6 Shamrock All-Star games, ages U11-U15. It will be a total of 8 hours of ice. There is a small fee charged per player to help cover some costs of hosting. IMHA could also run a 50/50 and a small concession to help cover the costs. The municipality has agreed to keep the ice in longer so these games could be hosted in Ilderton.

-PW made a motion for IMHA host 6 Shamrock All-Star games on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Ilderton Arena. 2<sup>nd</sup> by KB. Carried.

### 5. **Reorganization: Hybrid 'A' Center**

AM: Ilderton, Lucan and North Middlesex all voted 'yes' to continue the process to reorganize and create a hybrid 'A' center.

-Most of the feedback from the vote was wishing IMHA could be an 'A' center on their own. Registrations numbers in IMHA would not allow that to happen anytime in the near future.

-The three organizations will move forward and begin the work to create a new center. There will be branding and choosing team colours as one part of the process. There is also the process of creating the Rules of Operation and By-laws for this hybrid center. This process must be complete by November 2024.

### 6. **Guests: Alex McNaughton- Referee and Chef for Middlesex Center Referee Association (MCRA), Jeff Edwards- OMHA Rep mentor for supervisors**

Alex talked with IMHA about MCRA seeing operating costs (insurance, licensing, and training) going up and give notice that there will be a 3% increase in game fee rates for the 2024-2025 hockey season. This will increase these expenses by, at most, \$1000 for IMHA.

-MCRA is also looking to expand their junior referee program. They currently need to schedule 60 games a week and have 80 licensed referees, many that are still players themselves. From these licensed referees: 15-20 are Level 1, 16 are Level 2, 35-40 are Level 3 and 15 are Level 4+

-MCRA runs their Junior program similar to OMHA, by having supervisors watch from the stands and sometimes skate with junior level referees. With the expansion they are hoping to hire 2 new in-house supervisors.

- Alex wanted to communicate that referee assignments have to come through MCRA. Coaches cannot schedule their own referees. If it does not go through MCRA then there is no insurance for that game.

-When future LM games are scheduled for playoffs, Alex and Jason should be notified that Level 2 referees are requested for U11 to U18 games as soon as they have confirmed participation in playoff games.

**Board Question:** What is your turnover rate? Why do you think there is turnover?

-A lot of turnover comes from the behaviours of fans, parents, and coaches.

RS: Some feedback I have gotten with regards to turnover lack of feedback, games, and directions.

**Response:** Hockey Canada rules restricts what games new referees can officiate: half ice, Local League which is Hockey Canada rules.

**Board Question:** With a tight number of referees, how many games have you not been able to send officials?

**Response:** - There have been 6 this season which often happen during tournament weekends.

-For IMHA going forward with Hockey Day in Ilderton, Alex would like to be contacted prior to booking the weekend so we can work together to coordinate the availability of referees.

## **7. Registration**

KB is beginning to get registration started in the databases. We are hoping to open OMHA and OWHA registration at the same time this season if we are able to.

**NEXT STEPS:** RS will review this season's financials to help guide what the registration fees will be for next season.

## **8. Hockey Day In Ilderton**

KD: Facilities have been booked and insurance is in place for Hockey Day in Ilderton. The Ilderton Lions club will be cooking hotdogs from 11am-4pm. Any IMHA players can receive a free hotdog and drink during these times.

-Pete's Sports will be at the arena with Jets gear for sale and the Oxbow Graduation committee will be running a small concession in the lobby. IMHA will be running a bar throughout the day.

-There will be two coaches' games from 6:00 – 8:00.

## **9. Registration Refund**

-The board discussed two requests for registration refunds.

-RS made a motion to refund registration minus the 75\$ registration fee, due to an injury that occurred in September and player will not be returning to hockey this season. 2<sup>nd</sup> by NC. Carried. The refund of team fees can be discussed at the team level.

-When discussing the second player refund request, the request was made after the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for refund request, which is stated in our By-Laws. Team fee refunds can be discussed within the team.

-BS made a motion to prorate the registration fees, based on a request from the family. No second was brought forward from the board. Motion was not passed.

NEXT STEPS: Andy Marshall will communicate with the family the board's decision not to refund this player's registration fees.

#### 10. Round Table

-RH has sent out a development schedule to local development facilitators. These development skates are scheduled for age groups U9-U13. There was a development skate for U5 and U6 which had 35-40 players out to it. The response from the skate was very positive.

-NC: IMHA is working with New Era to design some new Jets hats that will be available for purchasing soon.

-PC: The Shamrock meeting is the second week of February. The new tiers will come out shortly after that meeting.

-RS made a motion to approve the following **payment**:

- SHL                    \$525.00 (Shamrock League Fee's)

2<sup>nd</sup> by PC. Carried.

11. **Set Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

12. BS made a motion to **adjourn**. 2<sup>nd</sup> by MR. Passed.

#### Motions approved via email:

##### January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

- RS made a motion to approve a transfer of \$52,900.00 from our General account into the Cash Calendar account. This transfer, along with the previous transfer of \$14,450.00 on September 25<sup>th</sup>, will make the Cash Calendar account whole. 2<sup>nd</sup> by SP. Carried.

##### January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

- RS made a motion to approve the following **payment**:
  - Andy Marshall                    \$971.76 (*HDI Expenses, receipts submitted*)2<sup>nd</sup> by MR. Carried

##### January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

- AM made a motion to approve a 50% registration refund for \$337.50. 2<sup>nd</sup> by RS. Carried.

##### February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- RS made a motion to approve the following **payment**:
  - MCC                                    \$43,929.94 (*Ice and Facility Rental*)
  - MCRA                                    \$ 5,040.002<sup>nd</sup> by PC. Carried