

**IMHA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 20th, 2024**



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

Present: Kendra Bloomfield, Andy Marshall, Brooke Ross, Pat Conlin, Scott Parker, Kerri Dixon, Nick Cake, Randy Sheaves, Randy Hanagan, Paul Walkom, Andrew Ward, Bill Stevenson, Todd Copeland

Regrets: Jeff Sutherland, Chris Dixon, Mark Read

1. KB 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.

- The board discussed details for IMHA hosting the 6 Shamrock All-Star games on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION:** KD will complete the lottery license so IMHA can run a 50/50 draw during those games.

- Board discussed how the trial year of the Cash Calendar fundraising model has run. This fundraising model has proven to have significantly more revenue for IMHA which helps keep registrations numbers down. It has also been positive because all membership is able to earn back their fundraising fees if they choose to sell all their calendars.
  - Many next steps 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. RS made a motion to **approve the minutes** from the January 17th IMHA Board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by KD. Carried.

4. **Award Banquet**

BR: The Ilderton Community Center has been booked for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The banquet will be broken up into age groups, but all held on the same day.

- We will be serving pizza and a beverage. The cost will be \$15/family or \$5 for non-family members or individual players.

**-ACTION:** AW will send an email to coaches to collect information about award recipients and nominations.

5. **Annual General Meeting**

BR: The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Ilderton Community Center on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

-Notification for the AGM will be sent to membership by March 1<sup>st</sup>. All IMHA members can submit any suggested amendments to the Rules of Operations or By-Laws to be reviewed at the AGM.

-Volunteer of the Year and Board Nomination forms will also be available to the membership throughout the month of March.

6. **Registration Refund Requests**

-The Board discussed two prorated registration refund requests. After December 1<sup>st</sup>, only refund requests due to an injury that results in the end of a season are eligible for board discussion and approval.

-RS made a motion to refund a player 2.25/7 (\$216.96) of their \$675 registration fee due to an injury December 15<sup>th</sup>. The player returned to practice in March. No second was brought forward from the board. Motion was not passed.

-PW made a motion to confirm this player's return time to practice with any team. 2<sup>nd</sup> by TC. After further discussion, this motion was taken off the floor.

-NC made a motion to deny the request for a prorated refund to this player based on the board's discussion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by AW. Carried.

-The second prorated refund request was discussed. This player broke their collar bone on February 18<sup>th</sup> and will not be returning to hockey this season.

-RS made a motion to refund this player their prorated registration fee for time missed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PW. Carried.

#### **7. Trophy Cases and Hanging Banners**

AW is in the process of emptying out old trophies from the trophy case. In the Spring he is going to work with the arena staff to hang new banners in the arena.

-Board members suggested that old banners could be auctioned off, so they do not pile up. This would bring a small revenue for IMHA, and the banners do not just sit in storage.

#### **8. Parent Email: Withdrawn Player**

-Board discussed the implementation of the Exceptional Player Status policy in the 2023-2024 seasons. This policy was put in place by IMHA as requested by OMHA. One request for exceptional player status was brought forward and IMHA followed the policy guidelines put in place. Moving forward, the policy we have can be reviewed to see if any amendments should be made. It will then be voted upon at the AGM to be ratified.

RH: To continue to help develop players at this age we should amend this policy.

-The board will continue to discuss if amendments need to be considered for this policy before bringing it to the AGM in April.

#### **9. Coaching Evaluations 2023-2024 and Applications for 2024-2025 Season**

-Coaching applications for the 2023-2024 season will be on the website by March. This will give the selection committee time to choose coaches before OWHA spring tryouts.

-Coaching reviews are important to give the membership a voice and a chance to give feedback about coaches. They can also be used as a guide to support and mentor coaches based on the feedback. They are not a complaint form. A link to the coaching evaluation will be sent directly to team managers to share with their teams.

#### **10. Round Table**

-BS has been working with MR to complete the LMLL playoff schedule and the schedule will be sent out soon.

-RS: Ford/Keast has been sent all documentation so they can complete their audit and it will be presented at our next meeting. They will explain the results of the financial audit and then will finalize it and come back to AGM to present the audit to the membership.

#### **11. Set Next Meeting: Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>.**

- Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> will be the AGM at the Ilderton Community Center.

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

**Motions approved via email:**