**IMHA Meeting Minutes January 15th, 2025, 8PM**

Ilderton Minor Hockey Association

Virtual

*Minutes Approved February 19th, 2025*

*Attendees*: Andy Marshall, Lindsay Ward, Kendra Bloomfield, Chris Dixon, Brad Jack, Christine Schaffner, Shannon Vanderydt, Jordan Galbraith, Rob Richer, Pat Conlin, Mark Read, Debi DeMille, Nick Cake

*Regrets*: Paul Walkom, Blake Pronk, Mike Lambert

**1. Call to Order:**

* Motion to start the meeting: **SV**
* 2nd by: **KB**
* **Carried**.

**2. Approval of Minutes from December 19th, 2024:**

* Motion to approve: **KB**
* 2nd by: **CS**
* **Carried**.

**3. Director Reports/Updates:**

**OMHA Update:**

* **APs Approval Deadline**: January 15, 2025, was the final day for Affiliate Player (AP) approvals.
* **Borderless Hockey Discussions**: Ongoing discussions about the concept of borderless hockey.
* **Team Sizes for Next Year**: IMHA must evaluate and determine team sizes for the upcoming season.
* **Tampering Rules (New Regulations)**: New tampering rules to be enforced more strictly; harsher penalties for coaches engaging in player recruitment before official appointment.
* **Coach Appointments for 2025/2026 Season**: Coaches can be named as early as February 15, 2025. Any pre-season recruitment will result in penalties, including suspensions and fines.

**OWHA Update:**

* **New Schedules**: Coaches have received updated game loops. Games may start as of January 15, 2025, and must conclude by March 15, 2025.
* **Day of Champions**: Scheduled for April 6, 2025, hosted by Bluewater.
* **Provincials**: 5-6 IMHA teams are under consideration for Provincials.
* **WOGHL All-Star Game**: Discussions are ongoing regarding whether IMHA or the players should cover the cost. No decision reached.
* **Girls' Ice Time Issues**: Concerns over scheduling playoffs. Teams are not getting one home game per week.
  + **Clarification**: Girls are getting the same ice time as boys. Some available ice is being turned down by coaches.

**Shamrock Update:**

* **Season 2 Playoffs**: Scheduled to begin February 8, 2025.

**Lambton Update (Absent):**

* **Playoff Structure**: Returning to using "hats" for championships with the word "CHAMPS" written on them.
* **U9 Trial:** A trial with 15 teams will assess moving U9 teams to full ice. U8 teams will be separated.

**Registrar Update:**

* **Roster Work**: Efforts continue to finalize rosters with coaches
* **VSC Challenges**: The Volunteer Screening Check (VSC) process is ongoing, but coaches can be selected earlier this year, easing administrative workload possible for next year.
* **VSC Deadline**: A hard deadline for VSC is needed. Currently, the OHF is marking it as pending, allowing interim coach and volunteer participation.
* **Roster Requirements**: All participants on the ice must be rostered and have completed their VSC.

**Ice Convener Update:**

* **Playoff Schedule**: Ice time is being allocated for girls' playoff games, with extra ice potentially available for additional games. All game schedules must be sent to the ice convener for booking.

**Coaching Update:**

* No new updates at this time. SV is requesting access to relevant information for coaching matters, including outstanding VSCs and incomplete rosters.

**Fundraising/Sponsorship Update:**

* **Raffle**: Ongoing, with weekly draws. Cash Calendar sales are now exclusively through e-transfers (no exceptions).

**Referee Update:**

* Nothing to report. Brad has been put in contact with Jason and should receive email updates when games are booked.

**Development Update:**

* Nothing to report.

**Secretary Update:**

* Nothing to report.

**Treasurer Update:**

* Nothing to report.

**Equipment Update:**

* **Need**: 20 blue jerseys and 20 white jerseys.

**Vice President Update:**

* Absent.

**President Update:**

* **Ausable Valley Update**:
  + The OMHA lawyer has reviewed and signed off on documents.
  + The website is now ready for launch, and the first step is to open coaches’ applications.

**4. Hockey Day in Ilderton (January 18th, 2025)**

* **Event Overview**:
  + Games scheduled from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
  + Oxbow Grads will be selling candy.
  + Pete’s Sports and Lions Club will provide concessions. (Lions Club needs confirmation on their offerings.)

**Volunteers Needed**: Bartenders, 50/50 ticket sellers, and individuals to help with the bar.

* + - **Additional Supplies**:
      * 50/50 tickets, license, float, POS machine.
      * Pizza and Gatorade for players, coolers for the concession room.
      * Prize bags for Chuck a Puck.
      * White chalk for pucks (Paul has pucks; Debi to confirm with email).

**5. Meeting Closure:**

* Motion to adjourn: **KB**
* 2nd by: **JG**
* **Carried**.

**January 10th, 2025 - Motion Approved via Email:**

1. **MCRA – December 2024 Referee Fees**: $4,961.50
2. **Municipality of Middlesex Centre - December Ice Rental**: $44,131.60

* **Motion**: ML
* **Seconded**: CD
* **Approved by**: PW, RR, DD, JG, BP, MR, PC, SV

**February 7th, 2025 - Motion Approved via Email:**

1. **MCRA – January 2025 Referee Fees**: $5,255.02
2. **Municipality of Middlesex Centre - January Ice Rental**: $47,448.81 (3 invoices)

* **Motion**: ML
* **Seconded**: CD
* **Approved by**: KB, RR, NC, BJ, JG, PC, BP, CS, SV

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