**IMHA Meeting Minutes**
**Date**: March 20, 2025
**Time**: 8:15 PM
**Location**: Marshall Residence, 91 Meredith Drive, Ilderton, ON

*Minutes Approved April 6th 2025*

**Attendees**:
Andy Marshall, Lindsay Ward, Christine Schaffner, Brad Jack, Mark Read, Pat Conlin, Debi DeMille, Rob Richer, Shannon Vanderydt, Blake Pronk, Nick Cake, Mike Lambert

**Regrets**:
Paul Walkom, Kendra Bloomfield, Jordan Galbraith, Chris Dixon

**Meeting Called to Order**:

* Motion to start the meeting: NC, 2nd by RR. *Carried*

**1. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2025 IMHA Meeting**

* Motion to approve: BP, 2nd by CS. *Carried*

**2. Director Reports/Updates:**

* **OMHA Report**: Absent.
* **OWHA Report**:
	+ 12 girls' teams: U9 (2), U11 (2), U13 (2), U15 (3), U18 (3).
	+ Discussion of U18 team structure: One team to be selected (B), with other teams balanced. Top team B (selected) followed by C1 and C2. CS will follow up with coaches and parents for feedback on this structure from the past season.
	+ If no tryout is required for balanced teams, a sorting skate at a reduced cost could be considered.
	+ Tryout schedule: Current dates (May 6th-16th). There’s a possibility of moving these dates up.
	+ CS will present a motion at the next meeting regarding the structure so coaches and parents are aware before tryouts.
* **Shamrock Report**:
	+ U9 MD will be the only REP boys' team next year.
	+ Question raised regarding whether the Shamrock rep will need to attend all Shamrock meetings. A contact person for U9 MD is still required.
* **Lambton Report**:
	+ Predicted teams for 2025/2026: 2 U9, 2 U11, 2 U13, 2 U15, 2 U18.
	+ Final team count will depend on A-center tryouts.
* **Registrar**: Absent.
* **Ice Convener**:
	+ Scheduling playoff games as necessary.
	+ Ice booked for Provincial/playoff teams in Komoka.
	+ Ice for tryouts is booked but may need adjustments. Awaiting team placements from Ausable to determine which age groups will be practicing at which centers.
* **Coaching**:
	+ Reached out to head coaches for next season to gauge interest in returning.
	+ 157 evaluation responses received, with some critical feedback (nothing detrimental).
	+ Only two coaching applications received so far; follow-up emails sent.
* **Fundraising/Sponsorship**:
	+ Cash calendar draws are complete. New fundraising ideas beyond the cash calendar are being considered.
	+ Proposal for a beer tent partnership with Ilderton Agriculture: Same revenue share, larger footprint for more people.
		- Motion to partner with Ilderton Agriculture for the beer tent: DD, 2nd by MR. *Carried*
		- Chris Hanlon will come up with sponsorship recognition ideas.
		- Hockey banquet scheduled for April 27th.
		- Sponsorship cheques collected.
* **Referee**:
	+ No-show referees resulted in two games being behind schedule.
* **Development**:
	+ Positive reviews for Western camps (though expensive).
	+ U15 and U18 teams used less development funding.
	+ Further improvements planned for next season.
	+ Development sign-up sheet helped track participants.
* **Secretary**:
	+ Scoreboard requires some updates.
* **Treasurer**:
	+ Focused on audit and exploring alternative audit options due to high annual costs.
* **Equipment**: Absent.
* **Vice President**: Absent.
* **President**:
	+ Ausable Valley will announce their coaches next Tuesday.

**3. U9 MD Open Borders:**

* Discussion on potential impacts and logistics of U9 MD team with open borders.
* Spring evaluations are available for U9 MD. IMHA will explore how other centers are managing this transition.
* Question raised about whether players outside IMHA would join Ilderton for full ice in the second part of the season as our U8 and U9 teams are combined.
* Further discussion needed on managing outside players for U9.

**4. Girls Tryouts:**

* Discussion on moving girls’ tryout schedules earlier (dependent on ice availability).
* Discussion re: administering girls’ tryouts efficiently, assigning evaluators and ensuring clear communication with Board and named Coaches for a smooth tryout process
* Need to add "Intent to Register" and online payment options to the website for tryouts.

**5. AGM Date:**

* Discussion on changing the AGM date from April to May.
* The AGM shall be held each year in April, at a time, place, and day determined by the Board.
* Motion to change wording from *April to May* for AGM date, to be ratified at AGM in May: NC, 2nd by SV. *Carried*

**6. All-Star Game Jerseys:**

* Discussion on purchasing jerseys for the All-Star game.
* IMHA will cover the cost of jerseys.

**7. Past IMHA Boys and Girls Champions Team Pictures for Arena:**

* Plaques and trophies need to be removed from the arena. Banners are going up, but nothing is planned for the wall. A plan is needed for the storage/disposal/disbursement of trophies.
* **Action**: Brad will lead the cleanup of trophies, and Andy will provide contact for Ryan Darling. Deadline: March 30th.

**8. U21 Team:**

* Paul reported that previous attempts to create a U21 team were unsuccessful. The idea will not proceed in Ilderton. However, there are still other opportunities for this age group to play in the area (London, Komoka).

**9. Banquet Details:**

* **Banquet**:
	+ Free pizza, managed by team managers.
	+ Ice cream sandwiches/water bottles by Nick.
	+ No tablecloths, paper plates, and no charge for attendance.
	+ Volunteer of the Year nominations to be sent out by Brad.

**Meeting Adjourned**:

* Motion to adjourn: BP, 2nd by NC. *Carried*