

Mooretown Lady Flags Girls Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes from Meeting held on
March 18, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.



Board Attendees:

Matt Carpenter
Elaine Kerwin
Carly Shepley

Lauren Fitzgerald
Jacqui Matthews
Nicole Strong

Dan Guthrie
Kirstin Salisbury

Brendan Kennedy
Jessica Shaw

Regrets:

Emilie Osborne

Mark Perrin

Jill Nisbet

Greg Vandenheuvel

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
1. Review of Minutes <i>All</i>	-Minutes from the January and February Board meeting were distributed by email. M. Carpenter motioned for approval, C. Shepley seconded, all in favor.	MOTION CARRIED

<p>2.0 Regular Business & Items from Last Meeting</p> <p>2.1 Finance Update <i>J. Nisbet</i></p> <p>2.2 Ice Scheduling <i>C. Shepley</i></p> <p>2.3 Development Update <i>D. Guthrie</i></p> <p>2.4 Fundraising Initiatives/ Volunteer Opportunities <i>L. Fitzgerald/ E. Kerwin</i></p>	<p>-No update provided.</p> <p>-C. Shepley noted tryout dates are confirmed and will be posted in the coming weeks. -Tryout registration packages to be built in RAMP – J. Matthews has to roster any coaches or evaluators involved in tryouts. It was recommended to roster any current coaches because MTLF insurance with OWHA is valid through June. The goal is for tryout packages to go live March 25. -C. Shepley noted MSC is looking for confirmation for August ice. In 2024, the Association offered 2 skates for age groups the last 2 Sundays in August.</p> <p>-D. Guthrie & N. Strong are working on a survey to go out to the Association looking for feedback on development offerings. Kassie Roache has expressed interest in soliciting the feedback so she can tailor her development skates. -D. Guthrie will be assessing the feedback and taking it into consideration when determining which programs to use for development moving forward.</p> <p>-L. Fitzgerald noted MTLF will start running Meat Raffles at Two Water beginning May 7 for 12 weeks. A schedule will need to be developed as there is to be a Board member present as well as volunteers. Volunteer hours will count towards next season. -E. Kerwin noted there are still 4 families who need to complete all 8 volunteer hours for this season. Bingos will be their only opportunity to complete these hours, or their cheques will be cashed. There will be limited volunteer hour spots for tryouts this year, but they will be filled by families who only have a few hours left to complete. -M. Carpenter has advised Team Managers that jerseys need to be returned April 1 as they need to be sorted and counted ahead of tryouts. -L. Fitzgerald noted the pancake dinner fundraiser went well and brought in close to \$1,000. -The Paint the Ice fundraiser is being put on hold until next year as there is uncertainty with township staff and a potential strike. -L. Fitzgerald will be attending the Mooretown Jr. Flags AGM to strengthen the partnership with MTLF and the Flags. The Jr. Flags have expressed interest in a collaborative partnership to promote “hometown hockey”. Lady Flags will be hosting Chuck-a-Puck fundraiser during their home opener next season. -MTLF have applied for a bar shift during Captain Kidd Days weekend. -L. Fitzgerald working with Soups Up to be part of the Community Soup Loop next season. -Rafflebox 50/50 fundraiser – waiting on financial documents from J. Nisbet to move forward with this.</p>	<p>-D. Guthrie to reach out to Tim Turk & Kassie Roache about development opportunities for coaches and players in August.</p>
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<p>3.0 Submitted Additions 3.1 2025-26 Season Planning Hockey Committee</p> <p>3.2 Constitution Changes/ Updates <i>B. Kennedy</i></p> <p>3.3 Coaches Appreciation <i>B. Kennedy</i></p>	<p>-M. Carpenter noted coach interviews and selections have taken place for some age groups and the following candidates were chosen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U11 Team 1 – Ryan Stokes • U13 Team 1 – Adam Schieman <p>-Remaining age group coach interviews will be held later this week and announced before the AGM.</p> <p>-Jerseys will need to be returned ahead of tryouts and any new jerseys will be determined following tryouts/ registration.</p> <p>-Applications for team 2 coaches will open following the AGM.</p> <p>-D. Guthrie noted the Hockey Committee will be looking to change the coach interview questions and format to be more scenario-based and implement a different scoring system.</p> <p>-Board members discussed number of teams and determined that based on feedback from this season, the plan will be to ice 1 U18 team.</p> <p>-Last meeting, goalie development was discussed and the concern was brought forward that the association is investing a lot of money into goalie development and there are issues with goalie retention. Members expressed that other associations are offering discounted registration for goalies. J. Nisbet presented financial projections should MTLF offer 50% off registration to goalies. Board members discussed offering goalie development based on fundraising efforts and financial status. D. Guthrie noted there is a lot of in-house goalie expertise that the association can rely on for development. MTLF emphasizes the importance of goalie development and will continue to offer lots of opportunities to goalies within the association. A motion was presented by B. Kennedy, seconded by D. Guthrie to offer 50% off registration to goalies and development when appropriate. All in favor. J. Shaw declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting.</p> <p>-B. Kennedy motioned for tournament loans to increase to \$3500 from \$3000; K. Salisbury seconded. All in favor.</p> <p>-B. Kennedy shared, by email, a document to update player movement in the Association. This new process mirrors MTMHA and remains at the discretion of the coach and Association based on many factors including player ability and age-group numbers. MTLF Board feels this new policy should assist with player retention and allow players to develop where they fit based on their skill level. B. Kennedy motioned for approval of the new policy, J. Shaw seconded. All in favor.</p> <p>-Board members discussed soon to be vacant Board positions. There have been concerns with filling the role of Ice/ Ref Scheduler. J. Shaw motioned for approval of offering 50% registration discount for Ice Scheduler role based on practices of other similar organizations; B. Kennedy seconded. All in favor. C. Shepley declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting.</p> <p>-B. Kennedy working to set a date and location for coach/ Board appreciation. Board members approved a budget of approximately \$1200 based on number of attendees.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. -Next meeting – AGM – Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Corunna Fire hall.</p>	

