

Mooretown Lady Flags Girls Hockey Association

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



Board Attendees:

Matt Carpenter
Jill Nisbet
Jessica Shaw

Lauren Fitzgerald
Mark Perrin
Nicole Strong

Dan Guthrie
Carly Shepley

Brendan Kennedy
Jacqui Matthews

Regrets:

Elaine Kerwin

Emilie Osborne

Kirsten Salisbury

Greg Vandenheuvel

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
1.0 Review of Minutes <i>All</i>	-Minutes from the February meeting will be approved at the March meeting.	
2.0 Regular Business & Items from Last Meeting		
2.1 Finance Update <i>J. Nisbet</i>	-No financial report provided this month.	
2.2 Ice Scheduling <i>C. Shepley</i>	-C. Shepley noted playoffs are scheduled. It is expected that the number of girls registering will remain the same as last year. There was discussion regarding the use of August ice, with the possibility of it being allocated for a coaching clinic instead of summer skates. Planning for next year's development skates was also discussed. Carly has experienced issues with people taking available ice time, which has resulted in 5 used ice times. To address this, it was suggested that Kassie Roache use the available ice time for development skates. Carly will inform Dan Guthrie when ice time becomes available.	
2.3 Update from Registrar <i>J. Matthews</i>	Deferred	
2.4 Development Update <i>D. Guthrie</i>	-D. Guthrie is looking to provide Tim Turk development in August or September. Currently, Cassie and Dark Horse Goaltending are running development sessions. There has been positive feedback regarding Dark Horse's program A suggestion was made to conduct a survey to gather feedback on this past year's development. Looking ahead, there was discussion about the possibility of offering development with both Perry and Dark Horse next season.	
2.5 Fundraising Initiatives/ Volunteer Opportunities <i>L. Fitzgerald</i>	-L. Fitzgerald reported that \$940 worth of Valentine Cookie Kits were sold, with the association receiving \$5 per box. The proceeds will be used to purchase products for the pancake dinner in March. The menu will include pancakes and sausage. The dinner is set for MArch 4th, with set up beginning at 3 p.m. and dinner starting at 5 p.m.. It has been advertised on the radio, posted on Facebook and the website, and Mark Perrin has agreed to post it at the Fire Hall. Lauren will purchase products previously used by the Knights of Columbus so they can buy back any remaining supplies.	

<p>2.6 Hockey Committee Update <i>B. Kennedy</i></p>	<p>Lauren also reported that details for Paint the Ice are being finalized with the arena. They have requested us to use Rink #2. Rink #1 will be removed April 6th. Discussion arose regarding the associations preference to use Rink #1.</p> <p>It was noted that volunteer participation is limited. If volunteer spots remain unfilled, those individuals will not receive their hours and cheques will be deposited. Additional opportunities for volunteers will not be created for those with remaining hours.</p> <p>B. Kennedy reported that coaching applications for U11 to U18 have been posted. The U9 coaching application will follow. Jacqui will create try out packages in anticipation of April try out dates. Two additional skates have been added for U9 as it is anticipated there will be an increase in participation. Jacqui explained that five players still have outstanding registration payments, and she will reach out to them one final time. M. Carpenter noted that a new set of jerseys will need to be purchased for next season.</p>	<p>Brendan will speak to Sue Knight about having the Paint the Ice event on Rick #1.</p>
<p>3.0 Submitted Additions 3.1 Tournament Opportunity with Mooretown Minor Hockey <i>B.. Kennedy</i></p> <p>3.2 Risk Management Update <i>B. Kennedy and J. Shaw</i></p>	<p>The opportunity to participate in a tournament with Mooretown Minor Hockey Association was discussed. It was felt that the tournament would not generate significant proceeds for our Association and would require extensive fundraising. As a result, it may be best to pass on the opportunity this year and reconsider for next season. Concerns were also raised about the impact on available ice time. Instead, it was suggested to look into participating in a WOGL Day of Champions or organizing a Lady Flags Game Day.</p> <p>Concerns have been raised regarding the U18 coach. The Association has conducted its due diligence and, in the best interest of protecting both the players and Association, the coach has been asked to step down. A parent meeting has been scheduled tomorrow to address the situation. it was suggested to look into insurance for the Board of Directors.</p> <p>There was also discussion regarding goalie incentives for next season, as the association continues to struggle with goalie retention despite ongoing development efforts. Suggestions included offering 50% discount on registration and removing volunteer hours. Further discussion and ideas will be addressed at the next meeting. The postings for next year's board positions were discussed, it was suggested to include the Past President role into the constitution.</p> <p>Player movement was also discussed as part of amendments to the constitution. The U5-U11 divisions will remain the same. However, U13-U18 will be revised to allow a player to move up based on skill level or mental readiness. To determine eligibility, an evaluation process will be implemented at a cost of \$75 per player. The Hockey Committee will review the evaluation results and final approval is required by the coach. Only players ranking within the top five will be considered for advancing to another level.</p>	<p>Brendan will inform Randy Pauling that moving forward with a tournament this year will not be feasible.</p> <p>J. Nisbet will review the financial impact of offering a 50% registration discount for goalies.</p> <p>The constitution will be reviewed/revised with these and any additional changes at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		

