

**Mooretown Lady Flags Girls Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes from Meeting held on**  
**April 2, 2024 – 7:30 pm**



**Board Attendees:**

Matt Carpenter	Denise Fehr	Brendan Kennedy	Becky McNaule
Jill Nisbet	Mark Perrin	Kirstin Salisbury	Jessica Shaw
Carly Shepley	Nicole Strong	Greg Vandenheuvel	Steve Vandenheuvel

**Regrets:**

Elaine Kerwin

**Members in Attendance:**

Nova VanderSlagt	Randy VanderSlagt	Chris Chowen	Julie Ireland
Sarah MacLean	Emilie Osborne	Tom Boyd	Ryan Goodearle
Bryan Jeffrey	Peter Odrchic	Dan Guthrie	Rob Elliott

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
<p><b>1.0 Yearly Updates</b></p> <p>1.1 Organization Update <i>B. Kennedy</i></p> <p>1.2 Junior Hockey Program Update <i>M. Perrin</i></p> <p>1.3 Senior Program Update <i>S. Vandenheuvel</i></p>	<p>-Lady Flags iced 10 teams this season with 140 players in total. As an Association, attended 35 tournaments and 6 teams have qualified for the OWHa Provincial Championship Tournament in Toronto April 12-14.</p> <p>-U5 / U7 FUNDamentals Program was successful this year.</p> <p>-There were some unfilled positions on the Board this year which created some obstacles and more work on other Board positions.</p> <p>-Try It Skates were held in the early part of the year and there were at least 5 new players who joined the program after coming out to a Try It skate.</p> <p>-Offered development opportunities to all players and goalies this season. SNIPE Academy ran a practice with each team. PEP held development skates for particular age groups on designated dates and goalie development continued throughout the season in partnership with MTMHA.</p> <p>-3 more coaches within the Association were able to obtain their D1 Certification – 2 of these coaches are non-parent female coaches.</p> <p>-The Association assisted and participated in the ESSO Fun Days held in Sarnia alongside Sarnia Jr Lady Sting, Lambton Attack &amp; Hockey Canada. Lady Flags assisted with the Rivalry Series game between Canada and USA with many Lady Flags families in attendance at the sold-out event.</p> <p>-U9 team had a successful season and good feedback from parents and coaches. The players all had a good experience and have expressed interest in coming back again next season.</p> <p>-U7 participated in a couple of jamborees this season and all the players had a really fun experience.</p> <p>-Looking to add more U5/ U7/ U9 players to the Association to keep the junior program going.</p> <p>-Overall highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 out of 7 eligible teams qualified for Provincial Championship Tournament.</li> <li>• 2 teams won Silver Stick.</li> <li>• 7 Tournament wins.</li> <li>• Addition of U18 and a third U11 team.</li> </ul> <p>-U11 B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season record – 42-2-4</li> <li>• Finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their league in regular season.</li> <li>• Won Oakville, Gretzky and Silver Stick tournaments.</li> <li>• Playing in the finals for the Tournament of Champions and will be</li> </ul>	

<p>1.4 2023-24 Finance Update <i>J. Nisbet</i></p> <p>1.5 2023-24 Fundraising Initiatives <i>B. McNaule</i></p>	<p>representing at OWHA Provincial Championship Tournament.</p> <p>-U11 C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season record – 11-14-11</li> <li>• Participated in the Stratford Aces Tournament and made it to semi-finals in Silver Stick Tournament.</li> <li>• Will be representing at OWHA Provincial Championship Tournament.</li> </ul> <p>-U11 HL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season record – 8-14-3</li> <li>• Participated in Etobicoke Pink the Rink and Gretzky Tournaments, showing well in both tournaments.</li> <li>• Made it to the Final Four in league playoffs.</li> </ul> <p>-U13 B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season record – 26-14-5</li> <li>• Finalists in Oakville Tournament. Champions in Windsor, Gretzky and Silver Stick Tournaments.</li> <li>• Will be representing at OWHA Provincial Championship Tournament.</li> </ul> <p>-U13 C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season record – 4-31-8</li> <li>• Participated in Etobicoke Pink the Rink, Stratford Aces and BAD Tournaments.</li> <li>• The team had a slow start but came together toward the end of the season with some success.</li> </ul> <p>-U15 A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season record – 8-15-4</li> <li>• Participated in Niagara Falls, Rivalry Cup, London Devillettes Tournaments. Won the tournament in Notre Dame.</li> <li>• Will be representing at OWHA Provincial Championship Tournament.</li> </ul> <p>-U15 C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season record – 14-25-7</li> <li>• Participated in Etobicoke Pink the Rink, Stratford Aces and BAD Tournaments.</li> <li>• Will be representing at OWHA Provincial Championship Tournament.</li> </ul> <p>-U18 B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season record – 15-16-5</li> <li>• Made it to the semi-finals in Orillia, Stratford, Barrie &amp; Silver Stick Tournaments. Won the tournament in Buffalo.</li> <li>• League semi-finalists.</li> <li>• Will be representing at OWHA Provincial Championship Tournament.</li> </ul> <p>-See attached.</p> <p>-J. Nisbet noted Sponsorship is up significantly this season.</p> <p>-Tryout registration fees are included in Registration.</p> <p>-B. McNaule highlighted Bingo Revenue, which brings in approximately \$20k/ year. These funds help cover the cost of ice and funds the Lady Flags Development Program. It is critical that the Lady Flags Association continues to find volunteers to help run Bingos each season to keep the revenue stream.</p> <p>-Meat Raffles are continuing at Two Water Brewing.</p> <p>-Antonio's Pizza Kits will not be an option as a fundraiser next year.</p> <p>-Overall, fundraising was down this year with a total of \$6,100 raised (meat raffle revenue is ongoing).</p>	
<p><b>2.0 Votes &amp; Approvals</b></p> <p>2.1 Constitution Changes <i>J. Shaw</i></p>	<p>-J. Shaw addressed all changes to the Constitution with the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 5: Non-parent Board members can be voted in on a 1-year term.</li> <li>• Page 30: Lady Flags prohibits the display of another hockey association's logo on equipment during games.</li> <li>• Page 34: Increase allowance from employer sponsors for teams up to \$2000 without Board approval.</li> <li>• Page 35: Increase Provincial swag allowance to \$100 for any team that wins Provincial Championship.</li> </ul>	

<p>2.2 Vacant Board Roles <i>All</i></p> <p>2.3 Hockey Canada Jersey Draw <i>B. Kennedy</i></p>	<p>-Members approved these changes.</p> <p>-Emilie Osborne has been nominated for the role of Administration Support and accepts the nomination and the role.</p> <p>-Rob Elliott has been nominated for the role of Director of Senior Program and accepts the nomination and the role.</p> <p>-Vacant roles remaining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director of Fundraising</li> <li>• Director of Development</li> </ul> <p>-Due to the support provided by the Lady Flags during the Rivalry Series game, Hockey Canada donated a signed jersey to the Association. Board members discussed options for the jersey and ultimately decided to enter all players names into a draw with the winner to be drawn at the AGM.</p> <p>-Rose Stokes was selected as the winner of the Hockey Canada jersey.</p>	
<p><b>3.0 Membership Input</b></p> <p>3.1 Q&amp;A <i>All</i></p>	<p>-Question about ensuring players stay after tryouts. It was noted that it is very difficult for coaches to determine teams during tryouts when players are trying out at multiple centers. Discussion regarding other association's tryout fee structure and process as well as player movement within OWHA. Lady Flags will continue to build and incentivize more players to come and stay in the program.</p> <p>-Question about U18 players purchasing jerseys. This can be looked at as an option for next season and discussed ahead of Director of Equipment purchasing additional sets.</p> <p>-B. Kennedy thanked B. McNaule for her 5 years of service as Director of Fundraising.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>-Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.</p>	

<b>Association Revenue 2023-2024</b>	
Registration	\$120,174.97
Sponsorship/Donation	19950
Fundraising*	5000
Bingo*	15947.85
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$161,072.82</b>
<b>Association Expenses</b>	
Ice Costs- Mooretown**	\$95,694.08
Ice Costs- Walpole	\$4,400.00
Website	\$1,719.86
Coaching Clinics/Trainer Certification, Trainer supplies	\$979.64
Jerseys (includes cost of embroidery)	\$6,048.75
Admin (banking Fees, office supplies, board room rentals,etc.)	\$572.01
Accountant fees for 2021-2022, 2022-2023 taxes	5976.57
Golf Shirts from Dynamix for Bingo Reps	654.27
Provincial Bonds	1600
Socks	6185.7
WOGHL Fees for U15A	1350
OWHA (Ins., ITR fees, league fees)	\$12,310.00
Goalie Clinics	2696.25
Bluewater Referee*	12227
Development	3035
Lottery License for Meat Raffles	157.14
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$155,606.27</b>
<b>*Fundraising and Bingo are on going and will add approx another \$5-6,000.00</b>	
<b>**Ice for March and April is not included in this total</b>	
<b>Approximate surplus for the year:</b>	<b>\$5,466.55</b>