

Mooretown Lady Flags Girls Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes from Meeting held on
February 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm



Board Attendees:

Matt Carpenter
 Elaine Kerwin
 Dawn Schieman
 Greg Vandenheuvell

Denise Fehr
 Becky McNaule
 Jessica Shaw

Jonathan Hagan
 Amanda Ross
 Carly Shepley

Brendan Kennedy
 Kirstin Salisbury
 Nicole Strong

Regrets:

Jeremy Buchner

Guests:

Missi Routley

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
<p>1.0 Approval of the minutes <i>All</i></p>	<p>-Minutes from the December & January meeting were distributed via email and reviewed. B. Kennedy motioned for approval, M. Carpenter seconded, all in favor.</p>	<p>MOTION CARRIED</p>
<p>2.0 Monthly Updates</p> <p>2.1 Organization Update <i>A. Ross</i></p> <p>2.2 Hockey Committee Update <i>Hockey Committee</i></p> <p>2.3 Hockey Program Update <i>J. Hagan/ B. Kennedy</i></p> <p>2.4 Equipment Update <i>M. Carpenter</i></p>	<p>-A. Ross attended part of the OWHA AGM – OWHA thanked volunteers for their continued support of hockey programs. There has been a lot of fallout from the Hockey Canada scandal and it has sparked a significant amount of harassment complaints. Hockey Canada reviews all complaints but it is taking months as there is a shortage of people to review/ investigate the complaints and a surplus of complaints. All complaints are to be continued to report to OWHA and they will follow the proper channels.</p> <p>-Really positive feedback from Player Clinics – there have been some scheduling conflicts with games/ tournaments. B. Kennedy is working to accommodate a few sessions.</p> <p>-Coaching applications for 2023-24 close on February 28. Members discussed interview process if there are board members who applied for coaching positions. It was recommended to bring in an unbiased person on the panel to assist with interview (i.e. someone from MTMHA). Currently no applications for U18 team – will need to repost this opening & advise a coach is needed before tryouts can be held.</p> <p>-Hockey committee to discuss the idea of holding an “Expectations” meeting with selected coaches to ensure they are clear on the commitment and off-ice duties that will be required from the team.</p> <p>-J. Hagan noted U9 C had to back out of Provincials because they would be missing too many players.</p> <p>-U9 C will attend a year-end jamboree in St. Mary’s.</p> <p>-B. Kennedy noted there was several Lady Flags who attended the Walter Gretzky Tournament in Brantford on Feb. 24-26. Most teams faired well with 2 teams winning their respective divisions.</p> <p>-U11 B team has qualified for Provincials. U15 B & U13 B are currently in Provincial Playdowns. Many teams are in league playoffs.</p> <p>-MSC will look to hang banners in Rink 2 – M. Carpenter will be approaching Shell for Shell Fueling Communities program to see if they can have a maintenance crew volunteer to hang banners. G. Vandenheuvell noted 3-Phase Electrical can help with this if Shell cannot provide volunteers.</p> <p>-M. Carpenter noted there has been some damage to the practice aids as they have not been put away properly in the cage at MSC.</p> <p>-Jersey collection process will be starting as teams are ending their</p>	<p>-J. Hagan to work with U7 Coaches to try to create more engagement.</p>

<p>2.5 Ice Scheduling Update <i>C. Shepley</i></p> <p>2.6 Update from Registrar <i>D. Fehr</i></p> <p>2.7 Finance Update <i>J. Buchner</i></p> <p>2.8 Sponsorship Update <i>G. Vandenheuevel</i></p> <p>2.9 Fundraising & Volunteer Update <i>B. McNaule</i></p>	<p>season. M. Carpenter will assess any jerseys that need to be replaced. Families who do not return jerseys will have their deposit cheques cashed.</p> <p>-Forge equipment order is in production. -M. Carpenter will follow up with Planet Stitch in early 2023 for quotes for sets of new jerseys.</p> <p>-Schedule is complete up to March 31. MSC is asking what ice Lady Flags will be handing back for April. -Spring Tryouts & summer ice is booked. -Hall above Rink 1 is rented for AGM on April 4.</p> <p>-Finance report attached to minutes.</p> <p>-G. Vandenheuevel has started soliciting some sponsors for next season. Most jersey sponsors are in 2-year commitments. Will be looking for more rink board & wall sign sponsors for next season. The Corunna Legion has committed to an additional sponsorship & Lady Flags have approached Two Water Brewing in Corunna to inquire about sponsorship. -Should there be a U18 team for the 2023/24 season, the Association will need to obtain a sponsor.</p> <p>-B. McNaule noted Blackwater Coffee has not responded to inquiries for next fundraising initiative. B. McNaule is now working with Two Water Brewing in Corunna to run a beer sale fundraiser. -B. McNaule & E. Kerwin will work together next season to develop a process for designated Bingo volunteers (i.e. 1 designate from each team). Bingos will not continue to be a viable fundraising option if we can't rely on consistent year-round volunteers. -B. McNaule/ E. Kerwin are determining which families still need to complete volunteer hours and how to ensure these are completed. Volunteers will be required at the first 2 tryouts for each age group to ensure all paperwork is complete.</p>	
<p>3.0 New Business</p> <p>3.1 Year End Gala <i>M. Routley</i></p> <p>3.2 Roundtable <i>All</i></p>	<p>-M. Routley presented preliminary plan for Year End Awards Banquet – April 21 at Wilkesport Hall. The concept is a dessert potluck. This has been modelled after the Lambton Attack Year End Awards banquet. -M. Routley has secured a donation of coffee & tea from Starbucks Sarnia. -Board members discussed offering a cash bar at the event and determined it posed too much risk and shifted the focus from the event being about the Lady Flags players. This would also keep the cost of the event down as there would not be a need to obtain liquor license & purchase alcohol to sell. -B. McNaule to determine which families still need to complete volunteer hours and ensure there are enough volunteers to help with next fundraiser and tryouts before committing to allowing families to complete volunteer hours at the awards banquet. -Lady Flags will need to run some sort of fundraiser at the event to secure the hall at no cost. B. McNaule will work with M. Routely to come up with a plan.</p> <p>-D. Schieman has been working with Ramp on additional access to be able to collect forms and house forms in a central database. -AGM – Board members discussed offering an incentive for members to show up to AGM. MTMHA offers a free registration for all members who show up in-person. AGM will only be in-person this year. -Vacant Board roles will be communicated in the coming weeks. Board members were asked to advise K. Salisbury if there are intention to step down at the end of the season. -J. Shaw was approached by a photographer for next season. This information will be shared at the next meeting.</p>	<p>-M. Routley to send spreadsheet with projected cost to J. Buchner/ A. Ross for review against the budget.</p>
<p>Adjournment & Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next meeting: March 21, 2023</p>	

