

Mooretown Lady Flags Girls Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes from Meeting held on
March 30, 2021 – 7:00 pm



Board Attendees:

Jeremy Buchner	Kaylen Burgess	Matt Carpenter	Kara Dewhirst
Katie Gaulton	Andrea Lane	Marilyn Maoirat	Becky McNaule
Amanda Ross	Kirstin Salisbury	Kevin Slater	Steve Vandenheuvel

Regrets:

Andrea Lane	Bryan Jeffrey
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
1.0 Approval of the AGM Minutes <i>All</i>	-M. Carpenter motioned for approval of the minutes from the Annual General Meeting, held on February 25, 2021; K. Slater seconded; all in favor.	MOTION CARRIED
2.0 Monthly Updates 2.1 Organization Update <i>A. Ross</i>	<p>-A. Ross shared notes from the recent OWHA meeting with Board members via email.</p> <p>-OWHA is trying to onboard female officiants and will email regions that have new female officiants, as OWHA is encouraging Associations to utilize female refs. K. Dewhirst noted that bookings happen through the Bluewater Referee's Association.</p> <p>-OWHA has noted that Associations can open registrations in April but transfers to and from outside Associations will not happen before September 1. Associations can register brand new players.</p> <p>-OWHA does not have information regarding 2021-22 season yet – Associations will likely see a lot of local play.</p> <p>-COVID waivers will not be required next season for MSC – this will be part of the lease agreement.</p> <p>-K. Slater shared a plan for ice at MSC for 2021-22 season (see attached**). The plan includes a \$25 registration increase per player for Atom and above and a \$10 registration increase per player for Novice and below.</p> <p>-Multi-family discounts – K. Gaulton noted there is the ability within the Ramp system to add a discount if the Board supports the idea. Discussion occurred around offering a discount to the 3rd Lady Flags player in the family.</p> <p>-There are still some jerseys that need to be collected. S. Vandenheuvel and B. Jeffrey to connect with coaches to advise on outstanding jerseys.</p> <p>-M. Carpenter noted storage at MSC may be an issue for 2021-22 with the repairs being made to Rink 2. K. Slater suggested a storage locker at the Honda dealership on St. Clair Parkway.</p> <p>-A. Lane will be reaching out to coaches to submit any outstanding receipts ahead of closing out the 2020-21 fiscal year.</p> <p>-Coaching applications will be opening soon with a goal to select coaches early June. Background checks will be required for coaches and the Board will determine a deadline for these to be submitted to avoid chasing them down at the last minute.</p>	<p>-M. Carpenter will email MSC regarding onsite storage for 2021-22.</p> <p>-Board members to decide who will require a background check paid for by Lady Flags Association.</p>
2.2 Novice & Intro to Hockey Program Update <i>M. Carpenter on behalf of B. Jeffrey</i>	<p>-M. Carpenter noted the Association received good feedback from parents with players at these younger levels and players had fun.</p> <p>-The Association will be looking to run the same programs for the 2021-22 season.</p>	
2.3 Atom to Peewee Program Update <i>S. Vandenheuvel</i>	-S. Vandenheuvel noted the Association will be looking at 2 Peewee teams next season and possibly a Bantam team. To secure the Bantam team, the Association would need to recruit a few more players and a goalie.	

<p>2.4 Equipment Update <i>M. Carpenter</i></p>	<p>-M. Carpenter working on collecting outstanding jerseys -Will be conducting a goalie equipment audit over the next few weeks to determine the state of the equipment and if any needs to be replaced. -M. Carpenter will put together a proposal for the Board to purchase some practice aids for the Association. -Will be looking for a better sock supplier as the price of the socks are currently quite high. B. McNaule suggested teaming up with Play It Again Sports as they run a fundraising program based on sales from Associations. -A new set of jerseys and some additional equipment has been budgeted for the upcoming season.</p>	
<p>2.5 Ice Scheduling Update <i>K. Dewhirst</i></p>	<p>-K. Dewhirst is still working on contacting Point Edward Arena to see if ice rental is an option for the upcoming season. Walpole Arena has been very accommodating and based on the discussions with MTMHA, it looks like Lady Flags can work out a schedule between MSC Rink 1 and Walpole Arena.</p>	
<p>2.6 Update from Registrar <i>K. Gaulton</i></p>	<p>-K. Gaulton noted Lady Flags have not yet received approval of rosters from OWHA for 2020-21 season. -As of April 1, all Associations can open registration for 2021-22 season in Ramp. Prices and team structure will need to be submitted ahead of creating "packages" to open the registration. -Board discussed staggered payments – perhaps ½ due at time of registration and ½ due by October 15. Families can still issue 1 payment in full. -Board members agreed to advise Association members that registration will be opening soon and communicate divisions that will be available for the upcoming season.</p>	
<p>2.7 Finance Update <i>A. Lane/ J. Buchner</i></p>	<p>-A. Lane is wrapping up refunds for the 2020-21 season and closing out some outstanding expenses. Once that is wrapped up, J. Buchner will take over Treasurer role.</p>	
<p>2.9 Fundraising & Volunteer Update <i>B. McNaule</i></p>	<p>-B. McNaule is working with Antonio's on an exclusive Lady Flags fundraiser for 2021-22 season. Also in discussion with local breweries for fundraisers to come up with different ideas. -Director of Volunteers role – if that role cannot be filled, B. McNaule recommended putting the responsibility of tracking volunteer hours on the Parent Reps, who can report in to the Board (via B. McNaule) on the status of their teams' hours.</p>	
<p>3.0 New Business 3.1 Board Vacancies <i>All</i></p> <p>2.2 Verbero Hockey Academy <i>A. Ross</i></p>	<p>-M. Maoirat will continue to support the Director of Sponsorship role and will seek out team sponsors until the role is filled. The Board needs to continue to push for this role to be filled. B. McNaule and J. Buchner both offered to help with recruiting sponsorship for the upcoming season. -A. Ross recommended a discussion between B. McNaule, Denise Fehr (past Director of Volunteers) and A. Ross regarding moving some of the responsibilities of the role to the team Parent Reps. -The Membership accepted the addition of this role to the Constitution.</p> <p>-A. Ross noted that Lady Flags has offered Hockey Camps in the past through TPH. Some Lady Flags players have been participating in training through Verbero Hockey Academy and a recommendation was brought forward to utilize some of their training for summer or early-season training (or Hockey School). -A. Ross to pass along the information to S. Vandenheuvel and B. Jeffrey to look into for Hockey School. K. Gaulton noted Verbero is currently booking with other organizations for pre-season training so Lady Flags would need to act on it soon should there be interest. -K. Slater suggested Lady Flags players at the Bantam level start coming out to help with Novice and Fundamentals programs.</p>	
<p>Adjournment & Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>A. Ross motioned for adjournment; M. Carpenter seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next meeting: TBD</p>	

**** See below for recommendations from K. Slater regarding 2021-22 season**

2021-2022 Ice

I have planned for the following Teams next year:

- 1 – U7 & Fundamentals
- 2- U9
- 2-U11
- 2- U13
- 1 - U15

1. We have asked around to Point Edward, Petrolia and Sarnia. In the past when we have asked, they have never had any extra ice to share. The same is true now. They may have extra time, but won't commit until next September after all their regular user groups get what they need first. Makes it to late for us as we need to plan now.
2. I have been working with MTMHA and they have been great to work with on ice. We have agreed between the Jr. C, Skate Club and MTMHA, to a tentative schedule, that will allow the majority of our Hockey to remain in Mooretown.
3. We would be able to provide each team the necessary ice for a practice and a game each week as in past years, but the practices until we get rink 2 will back will be 50 minutes, opposed to 1 hour as in the past few years.
4. The plan is we will be able to run our entire program on Rink 1, but every 4th Saturday, we would utilize Walpole for 4 hours. MTMHA will utilize Walpole on Saturday for 3 weeks. The fourth week, we will utilize.
5. This means with 8 teams rotating through Walpole, each team will have a Saturday ice in Walpole every 8 weeks until February. so 2 or 3 times in a season
6. We will maintain our Wednesday Walpole Ice at 5:30 and this will be rotated through U9 shared, U11 individual teams, U13 individual teams and U15 team. So 6 teams. Therefore every 6 weeks a team would travel to Walpole for an extra practice.
7. We also have Mondays at 5:00 in Walpole reserved. We will keep this reservation until we work out a firm schedule in Mooretown. This will be worked out after registration closes in the summer.
8. This will allow us enough ice to work with any covid protocols they may still exist coming into next season.
9. If we don't have all the teams we hope for, then we will give MTMHA back some ice in Mooretown. They have U 15s practicing till 10:30, U18 until 11:30, so only far.

2021-2022 Budget

1. Ice Rates are rising in Mooretown from \$130/hr to \$148/hr and is expected to increase at \$6 an hour in the following season, and I assume may be par for the course over the next several years.
2. If we have the teams expected, then we will still have surplus \$\$ next year, but begin to run deficits when we return to regular ice use in the following season.
3. The cost increase will be less impactful on next season as we are going to 1 rink, so therefore will need to squeeze ice time's per team. We have had extra ice for the past few years, but it will be spread over more teams and make slots smaller while

on 1 ice to fit it in the ice. If rink 2 goes back in, in second half of year as planned, we will be able increase practice times.

4. We have substantial bank account to smooth this cost increase out over the next 5 years, while maintaining a quality program.
5. I am recommending we increase U11, U13 and U15 registration costs by \$25 next year and each year for the next 4 years. For Fundamentals, U7 and U9 we increase registration costs by \$10 next year and for the next 5 years.
6. This will allow us to maintain a bank account for unforeseen costs, lack of donations, continue our quality program and allow for growth over the next several years to the U18 level.
7. The budget includes collecting \$40 for tryout fee per player
8. The budget includes collecting \$30 from 20 players for 8 skates in the spring for try it skates.
9. For try its for the upcoming season, we will hold in September or potentially earlier. We are allowed to hold try it skates now or throughout the summer. We must use ramp system going forward for this, then we are covered for insurance.
10. For registration, I believe we will be able to open it once we have completed last year's registration.
11. Coaching Applications, Hockey Committee needs to meet and figure out selection process, tweak the coaches application, and work out some details around tryouts, so we can talk with prospective coaches on how it would go.
12. I suggest we hold off on opening registration for a few weeks until we have confirmed our numbers and I review the budget with Jeremy and Andrea. We can communicate that it will be opening it for these teams as soon as we finalize this. So people know what we are offering.

Proposed Registration:

Fundamentals: \$305

U7: \$610

U9: \$760

U11, U13, U15: \$875

Family Discount: that was something we said we would look at. I am against it, as why should families with 1 child have to pay more than families with 2 or 3 children. If we give discount to Multi Families, then we will have to Raise the price for 1 child families. The Budget is based on balancing going forward, so we don't have extra money to spare. We calculate our numbers per person and having this would add complexity and cause us to over budget each year to compensate for the unknown amount of multi-player families.