

Mooretown Lady Flags Girls Hockey Association
 Board Meeting Minutes from Meeting held on
May 21, 2020 - 6:30 pm
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom



Board Members:

Kaylen Burgess	Matt Carpenter	Kara Dewhirst	Denise Fehr
Katie Gaulton	Bryan Jeffrey	Andrea Lane	Marilyn Maoirat
Becky McNaule	Missi Routley	Kirstin Salisbury	Kevin Slater
Steve Vandenheuvel			

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
<p>1.0 Monthly Updates 1.1 Organization Update <i>K. Slater</i></p>	<p>-K. Slater noted that due to the current pandemic restrictions, the Board did not meet in April.</p> <p>-K. Slater participated in a call with OWHA on May 5. Other participants included OWHA member associations, leagues and other organizations involved in female hockey. Summary points from the phone call included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OWHA is taking direction from Hockey Canada (who is taking direction from Government & Health Officials) regarding COVID-19. • 2019-20 season is over. Teams that qualified for Provincial Championship Tournament will all receive participants hats when it is safe to do so. Lower Lakes league is looking at handing out something as well. • OWHA is working with several scenarios for operating the 2020-21 season, including Scenario 1 - return in September, Scenario 2 - return in January, Scenario 3 - no return in 2020-21 season. OWHA is working on rules, regulations & formats to suit each scenario. • All hockey events have been cancelled until the end of June. High performance camps and summer games have not yet been cancelled. • Hockey may start up timelines may be different across the provinces and perhaps even the regions within Ontario. • OWHA is committed to ensuring all organizations can remain solvent. Associations are encouraged to look at ways to help families who cannot afford to play hockey. • Insurance - no COVID-19 coverage - accident-only coverage. • Rowan's Law - Associations must determine someone responsible for the implementation, removal and return of players. • Coaching Clinics - looking at ways to do online certifications and extending certifications until clinics can be completed. • Associations are not allowed to create any teams or hold any tryouts until further notice. No Permission to Skates can be granted. Releases can be issued. • Team parties will follow provincial physical distancing guidelines. • Leagues are currently on hold, but all are working on scenarios to be ready to implement once there is a definitive plan. • OWHA is not allowed to sanction any tournaments at this time. No tournament registrations are allowed. Unsure if Provincial Championships will run for the 2020-21 season. • No Canada/ US games for the 2020-21 season. • OWHA is moving away from Ivnet system and introducing a new portal. <p>- K. Slater noted that Lady Flags will not collect any money for registration until it is clear how the season will be laid out. The Board</p>	

	<p>will need to ensure the pricing reflects the layout of the season.</p> <p>-Lady Flags Association will remain positive and be ready to open up registration when the new system is in place. No date is set for this yet. K. Burgess is preparing messaging to our members that will show Lady Flag's stability and preparedness.</p> <p>-Will need to start looking at alternative fundraising options as the cGaming (Bingo) revenue will be lower as there are no Bingos running right now.</p> <p>-Plan to roster the following teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Instructional/ Initiation - possibly 2 teams as there was a lot of interest from the Try It Skates ● Novice - 2 teams ● Atom - 2 teams ● Peewee - 2 teams ● Midget - possibly 1 team (perhaps a Bantam/ Midget team) 	<p>-M. Routley recommended systemizing forms during registration with the new system. M. Routley will ensure all forms are ready before registration opens.</p> <p>-Rowan's Law initially HAD to be a paper copy. Confirmation that electronic copy is sufficient will be required.</p>
1.2 Finance Update <i>A. Lane</i>	<p>-A. Lane noted there are a few cheques to go out before closing out the 2019-20 season.</p> <p>-Received an invoice for website for 2020-21 season.</p> <p>-A. Lane recommended offering flexible payment options when registration opens.</p>	<p>-K. Dewhirst is anticipating a refund cheque from Walpole for ice rental that was paid for up front.</p>
1.3 Registration Update <i>K. Gaulton</i>	<p>-No update</p>	
1.4 Sponsorship Update <i>M. Maoirat</i>	<p>-M. Maoirat emailed a draft of the sponsorship letter to Board members for review.</p> <p>-Anticipating some challenges with sponsorship for the 2020-21 season as many small businesses will be struggling with the fallout of the pandemic.</p> <p>-Corunna Legion is looking to sponsor the Atom B team again this year.</p> <p>-Emails have been sent to Timbits program (Instructional/ Initiation jerseys) and McDonald's (Atomic jerseys - Atom HL).</p> <p>-M. Maoirat plans to attend team staff meeting at the beginning of the year to review Lady Flags Sponsorship Policy and ensure all teams have a clear understanding of the process.</p>	
1.5 Intro - Novice Program Update <i>B. Jeffrey</i>	<p>-No update</p>	
1.6 Atom - Peewee Program Update <i>S. Vandenheuvel</i>	<p>-No update</p>	
1.7 Fundraising & Volunteer Update <i>B. McNaule/ D. Fehr</i>	<p>-D. Fehr & B. McNaule have been working together to develop plans for fundraising for the 2020-21 season. Discussed the idea of a bottle drive, promoting FlipGive. Unsure of what will happen with Soup's Loop, Bingo and Chuck-a-Puck for the upcoming season.</p> <p>-Looking at developing a plan and strategy to put some of the fundraising responsibility on the team (i.e. Parent Reps can run fundraising opportunities for the team to complete their hours). A suggestion was made to pair up the Parent Reps across the age groups. B. McNaule/ D. Fehr will attend the team staff meeting at the beginning of the season to clarify the volunteer expectations and Parent Rep role.</p> <p>-B. McNaule noted Captain Kidd's Days are still planning to run for the August long weekend, but a backup plan is in the work if that is not possible.</p> <p>-B. McNaule noted the fundraising goal for the 2020-21 season is \$10,000 (excluding Bingo). There will still be fundraising events/ opportunities for parents to complete their volunteer hours.</p>	<p>-D. Fehr/ B. McNaule will lay out a plan for the Parent Rep roles/ team fundraising ideas and share it at the June Board Meeting.</p>
1.8 Equipment Update <i>M. Carpenter</i>	<p>-M. Carpenter has collected the Novice HL set of jerseys but cannot yet collect the remaining jerseys due to the risk and current pandemic restrictions.</p> <p>-Association is still planning to order a new set of jerseys this year for</p>	<p>-M. Carpenter will reach out to Planet Stitch for a quote and timeframe for ordering a new set of</p>

<p>1.9 Ice Scheduling Update <i>K. Dewhirst</i></p> <p>1.10 Risk Management Update <i>M. Routley</i></p>	<p>Peewee team. Girls' jerseys need to have Canadian flag displayed on their chest or sleeve. -There is a Lady Flags family willing to sell a set of goalie equipment. Will look into this further after the pandemic.</p> <p>-Anticipating a \$840 refund from Walpole arena from ice rentals that were paid for up front but not used due to the COVID-19 restrictions. -Total ice cost for the 2019-20 season was \$63,293 and total ref cost was \$5,244.</p> <p>-M. Routley will look into forms required for when Lady Flags opens registration.</p>	<p>Peewee jerseys.</p>
<p>2.0 New Business</p> <p>2.1 Multiple Goalies Rule in Constitution <i>M. Routley</i></p> <p>2.2 MSC Renewal Project Update <i>M. Maoirat</i></p> <p>2.3 Coaching Application & Selection <i>M. Routley</i></p> <p>2.4 Point Edward Blackhawks Video <i>K. Dewhirst</i></p>	<p>-A motion was brought forward by a member to include a statement in the Constitution that Mooretown Lady Flags will ensure each team has a goalie if more than 1 goalie attends tryouts for a particular division. Board members shared in an extensive discussion, with the suggestion of should this be voted down, creating a tryout policy that will include the creation of a "hockey committee". The purpose of this committee would be to provide input during the tryout process and support a coach in making difficult decisions. The committee could consist of Board members and/ or community members. -Board members voted on the motion of including the statement "Mooretown Lady Flags will ensure each team has a goalie if more than 1 goalie attends tryouts for a particular division " in the Constitution; 3 members in favour, 10 opposed with the motion as presented. The motion was not passed. -A decision was made to strike a sub-committee, consisting of S. Vandenneuvel, B. Jeffrey, K. Slater and M. Carpenter to develop a framework of the Tryout policy/ hockey committee that will focus on the opportunities for all players (not just goalies) and present it at the June Board meeting. K. Slater requested that Board members send any input/ feedback/ suggestions for this framework to him via email within the next week. -A suggestion was also made to continue to support goalies during practices by bringing in resources to help train less experienced goalies.</p> <p>-All Renewal Project plans currently on hold.</p> <p>-Applicants have been notified that the Association is leaving this open until there is a plan to move forward.</p> <p>-K. Dewhirst will send a link to a video created by the Point Edward Blackhawks Association. Suggesting Lady Flags put something like this together. K. Dewhirst will lead this process.</p>	<p>-The sub-committee will develop a framework to roll out a "hockey committee" ahead of tryouts and consider options for teams who do not have a goalie.</p>
<p>Adjournment & Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn was made by B. Jeffrey, seconded by M. Routley Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting: TBD</p>	<p>Minutes from AGM will be reviewed at the June Board Meeting.</p>