

**MINUTES for St. Marys Minor Hockey Association Meeting
Tues. February 4, 2020- Endzone Room in PRC**

Opening and Call to Order: 7:02pm by Kristene McCurdy

Attendance: Kristene McCurdy, Mark Brintnell, Bernie Sterkenberg, Judy Greig, Teri Fluttert, Mike Morning, Julie Pickering, Lori Martin, Don Gibson, Jen Switzer, Pete Frehner, Dennis Aarts, Cindy Johnston, Reg Clinton, Dan Rudorfer, Paul Williams, John Hodgkinson, Rachel Torrance, Bill McPhail

Regrets: Chris Boyd, Erica Kiestra, Kerry Wright, Ryan Harris, Donna Levy, Rich Ballantyne, Tara Porter

Minutes from Jan.7, 2020 Meeting

- Motion to approve minutes made by Teri.F seconded by Paul W. Carried.

*Change to agenda, instead of a standing agenda, only those that replied with an agenda item

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Bernie Sterkenburg

- Registration account for when online registrations are active is \$384.82. This amount started at \$500 to cover Chase Payment online setup. Service fees continue to be withdrawn, Bernie asked if we plan to do online payments for the account to stay open. Paypal is one way to pay, but not as secure as through HCR with Chase Payments. Suggestion was for Bernie to inquire if there is a cost to close the account for now and reopen.

-Operating Account and Lottery account balances will be reported on at a later date, as Bernie had to leave the meeting for a personal matter.

-Kristene noted Bernie will only issue cheques 2 x/month (monthly meeting and mid-month).

-A reimbursement form online is to be used to send Bernie along with an attached receipt.

Coaches can find the form on the website for course reimbursement, etc.

Finance Committee Report- Kristene McCurdy

-At last week's meeting the committee discussed a revision to the refund policy to move the deadline date from Nov. 15 to Oct. 15 to receive a refund of 75% less insurance. The exceptions past this date would be medical or 1st year to hockey. This is in hopes to cut down on changes to team numbers to far into the season. The deadline of Sept. 1 will remain to receive 100% refund with the exception of Atom AAA and Junior players who make a roster after Sept. 1.

-An online refund form will be on the website to request a refund.

MOTION to revise the SMMHA Refund Policy to say Oct.15 instead of Nov. 15 to receive 75% less insurance refund excluding medical and 1st year to hockey reasons as presented made by Dan R. Seconded by Paul W. Carried.

Constitution Report- Paul Williams

Motion Article 12.4 & 12.3 page 9: Bylaws

MOTION for Article 12.4 to read “In order to be elected the President of SMMHA, a person much have served as a Director for 2 full years”. (*See appendix for full article) made by Paul W. Seconded by Mark B. Carried. (3 opposed, rest in favour).

- the change from a full 3 year term to two years was to make it easier to recruit people for that position, but still have some experience in SMMHA.
- Question asked if the two years has to be current; the policy doesn't read that way. Could be 2 full years previous.

MOTION for Article 12.3 to read “The President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected at the AGM (Annual Gen. Meeting) by the membership, or a meeting of the Directors/membership thereafter where they were elected” made by Paul W. Seconded by Dan R. Carried.

- the change was from the previous election time of November which hasn't happened in years, and doesn't work as well mid way through a season.

Registrar's Report-OMHA Vacant (Jen Switzer-Interim) and Donna Levy (Regrets)

- Still needing a person to fill OMHA registrar vacancy.
- Registration dates will be 10am-12noon on Feb. 9, 15, and 6pm-8pm on Feb. 19. Fees mentioned below in Appendix.
- Registration will not be officially closed but late fee will apply after Feb. 19, with the exception of OWHA skate/tryouts and Try Hockey in Spring for new players only.
- Deadline is Feb. 19 and late fee applies after that date other than new players. Late fee is \$100 and will be a cheque dated the day of registration and non-refundable. Rachel T. will note that on the registration info. on the website and send out another news feed.

Coaches Committee – Mark Brintnell

- Coach evaluation will be accepted until early March.
- Coach applications will soon be posted on the website in an online form.
- Will gather reg'n numbers after Feb. 19 deadline to confirm number of teams.
- 3 current Committee members 2-year terms are up, 3 spots will need to be filled.
- Mark recommended a change in process to selection of committee members. Currently those interested nominate themselves, attend the monthly SMMHA meeting (usually March) where votes take place after they introduce themselves and why they want to be on the committee.
- Difficulty with current practice is lack of information gathered about candidate, and awkward setting of voting in front of them.
- Proposed revised process of the following: Advertise a brief description of duties, interested candidates notify Coaches Committee, C.C will interview candidates, C.C will recommend their

selections at the SMMHA monthly meeting, but members still vote on all Candidates, regardless of C.C recommended names. C. C will follow up with Candidate re: their interview and if they were selected or not. Those in attendance supported this change of process.

Lambton-Middlesex Local League Report- Don Gibson

- All 4 teams in Round 1 of playoffs, only 3 will go into Round 2. No Round 2 for Midget.
- No St. Marys teams in Regional Championship due to no Div. A here.
- Novice program started full ice games with a, B, C division each 6 teams x 11 games. March 27-29 will be a playoff in Dorchester. \$260 per team for ice costs, no travel permits needed.
- New penalty rules in LMLL have helped omit players with high penalty minutes of certain infractions. St. Marys has not had any player omitted.

OWHA/Lower Lakes Report & WOGHL- Mike Morning and Reg Clinton

- Mike and Reg reported together about the Bantam C OWHA team appeal. The Bantam C OWHA team was written up by another team to be re-catted to a B team. That team has had a successful year in C, however an appeal letter sent to OWHA by that team highlighted why they truly are a C team not suited for B level. Mike, Reg, and Bantam Coach Don Scott had a conference call with the appeal committee and was turned down. Discussion was brief and decision quickly made by OWHA to re-cat the team to a B level for Playdowns based on their goals for and against. There is no B team in the area for St. Marys to play for playdowns, so they get a bye to Provincials.
- Mike will try to get "recat" process on the OWHA AGM agenda for this year.
- Playoffs for Lower Lakes and WOGHL are starting, as well as playdowns for Provincials.

Volunteer Bond Report- Judy Greig

- Judy followed up from last meeting with a process to dissolve the Bond program without incurring added fees to players. (Full report in Appendix)
- With the process of timeclock and scorekeepers moving to a paid position for Tournaments and currently no Jamboree held, the majority of volunteer bond spots available would no longer be enough for every family to complete their bond. Therefore, the bond program is no longer needed starting in the 2020.2021 season.
- Any existing volunteers needed for St. Marys Tournaments would be determined by the Tournament Committee with the help of the Finance Committee. One option is for St. Marys teams in the tournament to cover registration table.

MOTION that SMMHA dissolve the current Volunteer Bond Program starting in the 2020.2021 season made by Judy G. Seconded by Paul W. Carried.

Tournament Committee Report- R. Ballantyne (Regrets), D. Switzer, E.Kiestra

- NBC Tourn. will be led by Rich B. He sent his regrets with a report that Judy G. read.
 - Notice has been sent to all former team contacts re. the tournament and to date have 15 confirmed teams (last year 25 teams entered). I'm not sure if this is ahead/behind normal years but expect we can get to +/-25 teams again with some additional advertising and word of mouth. If you know of anyone seeking information on this – please send them my email contact rich.ballantyne@td.com
 - The tournament format will be largely unchanged from prior years
 - Cost per team, etc. unchanged from last year as Brandon advised the entry fee was just raised last season
 - Rich has signed ice contract with the PRC. Actual cost/hour is \$177 incl. HST. PRC will once again look after staffing the bar, as well as supplying product, managing all cash, etc. SMMHA will keep 100% of bar net profit. Profit is calculated as total product cost less wages paid to bar staff (\$24.41/hour each)
 - Big thank you to Julie Pickering for re-designing the attached tournament flier that has been mailed out!
- Considerations for next year:
- A new weekend to host the tournament is required as PRC ice will be out by Apr 1st
 - PRC staff advised that next year SMMHA's share of the bar profit reduces to 50% (from 100% this year)
 - Anticipate 2-3% increase in ice time cost

Fundraising Event Committee Report- T. Fluttert, B.Boyd, R.Harris, D.Rudorfer.

- Teri reminded everyone the “Rock the Valley” event originally on Jan. 12 is now on Sun. Mar. 8. Original date was cancelled due to weather. Tube slide passes can still be purchased to use on any date. Contact Teri Fluttert or Ryan Harris for tickets. A mass email and website news feed have been sent out.
- Teri asked about posting on Minor Hockey Facebook, Pete Frehner still updates it and will post event.

Shamrock Report - John Hodkinson

- Playoff scheduling meeting happens the week of Feb. 10.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. a. OWHA coaching certifications: R. Clinton and M. Morning

-Changes are that OWHA Bantam and Midget coaches will need D1 certification for head coaches and D1 trained for Asst coaches. Bob Davis is a certification evaluator for after D1 courses are complete. Will work to set up when courses can be taken and when ice is available to be evaluated before next season.

1 b. OWHA teams in 2020.2021 season:

- Proposing 1 U9 (Major Novice), 2 U11 (Atom), 1 U13 (Peewee), 1 U15 (Bantam) and 2 Midget (18)= 7 teams. U13 and U15 numbers will be low, more promotion would be good. Need to secure this number of teams to promote spring skate/tryouts for U13, U15, and U18. Mike and Reg working with Chris B. to secure ice times. Times will start the Tuesday after Easter, but will watch for A tryout times as well. This will also help know how many coaches are needed and start D1 certification process. A note to watch team numbers, especially U18 to not leave too low.

Motion to Dismiss:

A Motion to dismiss at 9:18pm made by Bill M. Seconded by Pete. F.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tues. Mar. 3, 2020 at 7pm in the Endzone.

APPENDIX:

A. Article 12.4 page 9: Bylaws

MOTION: Article 12.4 "In order to be elected the President of the Corporation, a person must have been a director of the Corporation for at least one full (3) three year term" change to "In order to be elected President of SMMHA a person must have served as director for 2 full years."

B. Article 12.3 p. 9 Bylaws

MOTION: that Article 12.3 page 9 Bylaws be rewritten as 'The President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual general meeting by the membership, or at a meeting of the directors/membership there after. Officers elect shall begin their terms at the end of the meeting where they were elected.'

SMMHA Registration Rates for 2020/21 Season

Level	Rate
Jr. Initiation - 2016 & 2017	\$160.00
U7 - Sr. Initiation - 2014 & 2015	\$260.00
U8 - Minor Novice - 2013	\$360.00
U9 - Novice - 2012	\$620.00
U11 - Atom - 2010 & 2011	\$620.00
U13 - PeeWee 2008 & 2009	\$620.00
U15 - Bantam 2006 & 2007	\$620.00
U18 - Midget 2003, 2004 & 2005	\$620.00

Notes:

- A family discount of 10% for the 3rd child and each additional child there after.
- An additional \$100.00 per player late fee will be added after Feb. 19/20
- Late fees do not apply to new families who have moved to St Marys or who are just starting to play hockey with SMMHA.
- Rep Fees: if the player is selected for a rep team, there is an additional fee of \$250 charged per player.
- New - Girls registration email address - girlsregistrar@smmha.ca
- Rowan's Law forms for the 2020/21 season will be required at time of registration. Please review before signing the form. Information on this is also found [here](#). We will have forms available to sign at the registration table.
- Please review the Refund Policy [here](#).

Please contact the registrar if you have any questions. Contact me before Feb. 19th 2020 if special arrangements are required at registrar@smmha.ca or girlsregistrar@smmha.ca. Information on financial assistance is available under registration tab at www.smmha.ca

Proposal for 2020.2021 VOLUNTEER BOND program

Submitted To: SMMHA

Submitted By: Judy Greig, Volunteer Bond Coordinator

Date: Feb.4, 2020

OVERVIEW:

- For many years, SMMHA has run a Volunteer Bond Program to assist with fundraising events needing volunteers (i.e. Tournaments, Wing nights, All star days, Fundays). Postdated cheques were given to ensure people fulfilled their volunteer commitment.
- Originally Teams were assigned a number of shifts to cover at an event, and teams were responsible for dividing shifts per families on the team. Some families and teams didn't have to work off their bond because there weren't enough shifts for everyone, or that event date assigned didn't work for all families.
- In 2017.2018 a new online signup link (Signup.com) was used for individuals to choose what event date and time frame they wanted to complete their shift. The shifts were based on the number of families needing to work off a bond, so everyone was able to complete their bond. This gave everyone the flexibility to pick what worked for them.
- Also, in 2017.2018 all rostered bench staff (to a max. of 5 per team) was exempt from having to do a bond shift.
- Until 2018.2019 season, each family gave a \$50 bond cheque per child up to a max of 2 bonds post dated for the end of the season. Over 30 cheques were cashed in April 2018 because families chose to give their money instead of work off their bond shift.
- In 2018.2019 season, bond cheque amounts were increased to \$250 per child to a max. of 2 bonds encouraging people to volunteer their time, not just ask to have their cheque cashed.
- In 2019.2020 there was not an IP jamboree where newer families could work off their bond, or a wing night, leaving most bond shift jobs as running the time clock or iPad score sheet. Many new families are not familiar with these jobs, and puts untrained people in a game official spot.
- The bond program spots available are now mostly covering the time clock and iPad, and SMMHA is moving in the direction of having paid trained staff on those positions, leaving less of a need to have volunteers cover spots.

ASK:

That SMMHA dissolve the current Volunteer Bond Program starting in the 2020.2021 season

- iPad and Time clock jobs will be covered by trained staff
- Tournament Committee will assign teams in St. Marys hosted Tournaments timeframes to cover the registration desk, food and/or recruit volunteers through student hours, etc.
- Fundraising Committee run events/ventures that require some volunteers will be discussed at that time

Look into a SMMHA volunteer opportunity program that is promoted for all tasks needed (i.e. Team jobs, Directors, Association roles, etc.). This program would help families know how they can get involved and promotes giving back to Minor Hockey, instead of forcing people to volunteer with a cheque as collateral. This way all volunteers in SMMHA are seen as valuable.