

**MINUTES for St. Marys Minor Hockey Association Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2022- 7pm Endzone (PRC)**

**Opening and Call to Order:** 7:00pm by Brandon Boyd

**Attendance:** Bernie Sterkenburg, Brandon Boyd, Judy Greig, John Hodgkinson, Chris Boyd, Lori Martin, Mark Brintnell, Tyler Dingman, Ray Cousineau, Rachael Torrance, Mike Johnson, Katharine Found, Rich Ballantyne, Dan Rudorfer, Ryan Harris, Joe Wilhelm, Amy Crummer, Brayden Lord, Jake Watt, Amanda Boemer

**Regrets:** Kristene McCurdy, Jocelyne Gall, Donna Levy, Julie Pickering, Cindy Johnson, Mike Morning, Reg Clinton, Erica Kiestra, Dale Switzer, Kevin Bilyea, Joe Robson, Jessica Cochrane

**Minutes from April 5, 2022 Meeting**

-Motion to approve the April 5, 2022 minutes as presented made by Chris Boyd. Seconded by Tyler Dingman. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

***Treasurer's Report - Bernie Sterkenburg***

As of May 10:

- Operating Acct at \$188243.93
- Registration (Etransfer) Acct at \$4639.43 \*most is spring skates to refund, some Reg'n fees as reg'n for next season open today.
- Lottery Acct at \$29555.49 \*once Town audit is complete, all will be donated to St. Marys Lincolns with \$1117.00 left as a balance to get next year's license.

- Year end financial report will be presented at the AGM following this meeting.

***Coaches Committee Report- Mark Brintnell***

- Evaluations for coaches have been posted on website.
- This week of Apr. 5, call for coaches applications will be posted and close the end of April.
- Coaches exit interviews have been completed. Next year's Coaches interviews will start into early June.
- Committee interviewed 3 candidates for two new Committee member 3 year terms. The committee emailed a report with their two recommended names for Assoc. to vote on. The three candidate's names were indicated and the candidate not on their recommended list has indicated they are interested in filling another role in Smmha.

**Motion that Kelly Craigmile and Jim Holliday be approved as new members for a three year term. In addition, current members Jenny Roth and Josh Becker be approved for one additional year for a total of a two year term, and Dan Murrell and Robb McIntosh be approved for a one year term made by Coaches Committee. Seconded by Paul W. Carried.**

***Registrar's Report- OMHA: Jocelyne Gall (Regrets)   OWHA: Donna Levy (Regrets)***

- Judy read their report, after some delays with program updates to Spordle from OMHA and Ramp from OWHA, registration is ready to launch. Reg'n opened today May 10 and will close on May. 20. Waitlist will open on May 24 and remain open until season starts.
- Registration will be advertised in the Independent paper and on website.
- Payment will be due in full by August 15.
- Jocelyne and Donna have created a FAQ for U5/U7 and one for U9-U18. Both will be posted on website under registration tab.
- Mike noted a small glitch on Spordle program that some 3 year olds (2019 players) have been receiving error message after registering. Jocelyne had contacted the program admin.

***OMHA Report- Mike Johnson***

- Mike indicated that the appeal submitted to OMHA re: decreasing the number of Competitive categories was denied according to OMHA bylaws. Essentially the appeal on the motion would be for next year.
- On May 11 OMHA AGM motions will be released. Mike noted they may add the recategorization category on their own.
- Mike has started to appeal at Minor Midget level assuming OMHA recategorization will go through as planned. Minor Midget would have to be in Tri-County league, who meets on May 28 to vote other Centres be added. Since this meeting happens before June AGM, Mike will continue progress with this.
- OMHA AGM is June 11 in person or by Zoom. Our Assoc. can register up to 9 people to vote (for each OMHA rep team). The fee is \$56 to register per person.

***Shamrock Report- John Hodkinson***

- There is a new Exec. set for next season.
- all other Shamrock Centres support Mike J's presentation to maximize all votes at OMHA AGM in June.

***LMLL Rep- Erica Kiestra (Regrets)***

- No report sent.

***OWHA Report- Reg Clinton (Regrets)***

- Will have a proposal for June meeting.

***WOGHL Rep- Tyler Dingman***

- Tyler reported that WOGHL is waiting to see if OWHA will look after running the 'C' level program next year.
- Tyler repeated Reg's report that a proposal will be brought to Assoc. about alignment with other Centres.
- Spring Skates/Tryouts will be held in Sept.
- Try Hockey was cancelled with Spring skates. Will consider that for in the future.

### ***Tournament Committee Report- D. Switzer, R. Ballantyne***

- NBC Tournament was held on Easter Weekend (Apr. 15 and 16). 20 teams were registered.
- Approx. net profit is \$7700.00. Bar Profits down from past years, as PRC now gives \$1/beer profit instead of 50% profit share previously. The rental fee for Endzone was waived though. Profit used to be \$5000 plus, this year received \$1254.
- Positive feedback received for the schedule format and having games closer together.
- Brandon said a big thanks to Rich and Dale for putting together three tournaments in a short amount of time after the Covid shutdown in Jan.

### ***Health & Safety Committee Report- Jocelyne Gall, Amy Crummer, Julie Jeffrey***

- Amy reported that Julie and her will be looking forward to see what next year brings. Hopefully next season will continue to look like a more normal year.

### ***U7 Program Report- Katharine Found***

- Attached with the meeting agenda was a report that Mike J. sent on the proposed restructure on the U5/U7 program. (see appendix). Mike noted that adding more ice time allows smaller groups on the ice at one, scrimmages, skating skill development with plan to work with a NCCP skating instructor.
- Previously approved U5 and U7 registration rates \$170 for U5 and \$280 for U7, are proposed to slightly increase to \$190 for U5 and \$325 for U7. These fees reflect the increase in ice time proposed. Executive approved the increase in fees at their meeting on May.3 as registration was scheduled to open before tonight's meeting.
- No concerns about proposed rates were raised by those in attendance, all approved of the proposed changes to the U5/U7 program and increase in reg'n fee.
- Amy C. noted ensuring families know where to find info. about opportunities to seek financial assistance (through Jump Start or Smmha funds in Memorial donations in budget). She suggested that it may be a good to check in with families that didn't re-register their child in the program. Mike will look into this.

### ***Sponsorship Report- Ryan Harris***

- Goalie Clinic expenses have been paid in full by the anonymous sponsor.
- A few more Team sponsor cheques to collect still.

### ***Awards Night Report- Kerry Wright***

- Brandon updated that due to Jan. shutdown, plans for a traditional awards night were cancelled. For this year, awards will be given out to U18 players (to recognize the graduating age division) for both OMHA and OWHA. Coaches of the U18 teams submitted a nominee for each category. Nominees were emailed to Directors and Exec. in a google form to vote.
- Awards were ordered for the winners. Will arrange for a photo and paper recognition of award winners.
- Will work on a proposal for next year's awards format.
- Kerry will bring all of remaining unclaimed trophies (currently stored at Kerry's home due to shortage of storage in PRC) to the June meeting for everyone to help distribute them to where they could go. (i.e. previous sponsors, past winners).

-Brandon will connect with Amy Cubberley at the St. Marys Museum to see if they may want any of the awards.

**Deferred Reports:**

***OMHA Clinics- Rich Ballantyne***

***Ice Convenor Report- Chris Boyd***

***Equipment Report- Lori Martin***

***Webmaster Report- Rachael Torrance***

***Volunteer Report- Judy Greig***

***Photos Report-Jocelyne Gall***

***Lottery License Report- Bernie Sterkenburg, Brandon Boyd***

***Fundraising Committee Report-R. Harris, D. Rudorfer***

***Gate Report- Lori Martin***

***Community Liaison Report- Brandon Boyd***

***Old Business***

***None***

***New Business***

***None***

***Motion to Dismiss:***

A Motion to dismiss at 7:31pm made by Paul W. Seconded by Mark B.

***Next Meeting:***

AGM meeting to follow this meeting.

The next Assoc. meeting will be held on Tues. June 7, 2022 at 7pm in the Endzone.

**APPENDIX:**

**U5/U7 STRUCTURE AND RATE PROPOSAL**

For the last number of years we have been very successful at creating a cost competitive program to attract players and promote growth. The U7 program grew from about 60 players in 2016/17 to 105 in 2019/20, pre COVID. This growth while, great for the numbers in our program, has come at the expense of the development of our players. The large numbers in

the program have led to ice sessions that can be over crowded with up to 35 skaters, and a lack of competitive opportunities through the setup and scheduling of games.

We are proposing increasing the U7 weekly ice schedule by 1 hour and hiring an NCCP Certified Skating Instructor to work with each of the U5 and U7 groups for 1 hour each week. The new structure will provide the following benefits:

- Certified Skating instructor will be able to focus directly on skating development and provide other coaches opportunities to learn some of these techniques and also focus on other skill development areas
- Creating 6 individual teams will help fill team staff positions at an earlier age in our program, this will provide an opportunity for more coach mentorship in the U7 program before teams become more isolated in the older age groups
- The extra hour of ice on Sunday with 2 teams scheduled to play exhibition games for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the practice provide the opportunity for slightly larger skill stations that can utilize the open ice for more advanced skating and skill development drills
- The internal game schedule will expose the players to a more structured competitive environment and help develop their skills in regular cross ice game play. This format also will allow teams to set up exhibition games with other centers, which many other centers do now.

These changes along with the increase in ice rates will increase the budget for the program. Please see the attached charts that show a mock ice schedule for a typical week, the proposed costs of the program and a cost comparison to our peers.

For the last number of years SMMHA has helped to support the budget of the U5/U7 program to make it cost competitive and attractive to bring new players into our association. The rates and participation numbers for the 2021/22 season were:

U5 - \$165.00 29 skaters

U7 - \$270.00 59 skaters

We propose that the rates for the 2022/23 season be:

U5 - \$190.00

U7 - \$325.00

These rates reflect the increased cost of the program but also the commitment that SMMHA has to the future of hockey in St. Marys.