

St. Marys Minor Hockey Association Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday February 7th, 2023 – 7pm – PRC Endzone

In attendance: Rich Ballantyne, Katharine Found, Chris Boyd, Mike Johnson, Jake Watt, Kelly Craigmile, Kerry Wright, Spencer Seymour, Ryan Harris, Jocelyne Gall, Amanda Boemer, Lori Martin, Max Maddock, Joe Robson, Brandon Boyd, Mark Brintnell, Mike King, Rick Harburn, Nathan Brown, Dan McIntosh, Peter Hughes, Jim Craigmile, Jason Wright

Regrets: Kristine McCurdy, Joe Wilhelm, Dan Rudorfer, Tyler Dingman, Amy Crummer, Julie Pickering

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by SMMHA President, Mark Brintnell.

Mark B. requested all individuals in attendance to sign the attendance form that was being circulated and indicate which team the individual is representing

Minutes from the December 6th, 2022 Meeting:

- Deadline dates for signing NRP players were announced incorrectly at the last meeting. Mike J. was able to confirm that deadline for signing NRP players is September 15th for U16 and below and September 30 for U18.
- Moved to adopt the minutes as corrected by Mike J. Seconded by Jocelyne G.
Carried

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Rich Ballantyne

- Profit loss statements and Account Balances reports were circulated to membership for review
- Account balances as of February 7th, 2023:
 - o Operating Account (chequing): \$251,289.12
 - o Etransfer/Registration Account (Savings): \$39,502.94
 - o Lottery Account (Trust): \$29,746.12
- All bills paid are up to date. Financial reports (profit loss statement) will now start to show a deficit in our operating expenses, as forecasted by the approved annual budget.
- With 2023-2024 registration set to open in the spring, executive will be reviewing program costs to set those rates appropriately for next year.

Registrar's Report: OMHA – Jocelyne Gall

- No reports at this time

OWHA – Donna Levy

OMHA: Mike Johnson

- OMHA has released the championship schedule – championships are under the Tier 1/2/3 format. SMMHA applied to have 2 current teams re-tiered this season. U13C request was successful to move from Tier 2 to Tier 3. U11C request was denied.
- Mark B. and Mike J. were in a meeting with OMHA and other centers moving to A to discuss potential issues and programming changes. Most teams involved will be running spring try outs, which can start after May 8th for our 1st rep teams.
- OMHA clarified that OMHA centers can no longer provide players to A Alliance member centers. I.e. St.Marys can not approve players leaving to play A hockey in Stratford.
- U18 try outs will not happen until the fall because of the trickle down effect of Jr. A try outs.
- OHF has confirmed that U9 hockey will officially be no longer rep. Therefore all U9 hockey will compete at the local league level and they would like the teams to be tiered – structuring the program by player drive/desire, not necessarily ability.
- There have been many GameSheet issues – we are encouraging coaches to access GameSheet to verify that the information is correct.
- Spring tryouts for the boys will occur over approximately a 2 week period starting May 8th. There will only be 1 ice pad open in St.Marys in May. Girls tryouts will have occurred prior to this date as there is no mandatory start date given by OWHA.

Shamrock Report: Brandon Boyd

- Scheduling for playdowns has been made – thank you to ice convenor for managing to schedule all playoff games so efficiently.
- U11-U15 All Star game takes place in Wallaceburg March 25th
- If a team does not want to play in the Shamrock League Playoffs – there is an opt-out date. Coaches should talk with Brandon if wanting to opt-out.
- April 1st is the first deadline to commit to a Juvenile team. Mike J. feels there is enough player interest to pursue the opportunity.

LMLL: Joe Robson

- U9 will run full ice until March 31st
- U11-U18 will start their playoffs on February 19th and run until April 2nd.

Tri-County League: Dan Rudorfer (read by Katharine Found)

- U16A tea will start round robin playoffs February 16-March 10

OWHA: Reg Clinton

- No report

WOGL: Tyler Dingman (read by Katharine Found)

- Year end tournament for U9C and U9HL looking to be organized by St. Marys Minor Hockey March 31-April 2nd.

Tournament Committee: Rich Ballantyne, Sarah Jeffrey

- Stonetown Classic Local League Tournament: 22 teams in 3 divisions competed
 - Tournament ran smoothly
 - Tournament budget was presented: profit of \$4520.03
- Goals and suggestions for next year include adjusting the date to include U9 full ice capabilities and add a sponsorship positions to boost financial success
- Rock Cup Tournament: 32 teams, 62 games, 6 St. Marys teams competed. Embro arena was used once again on Friday and Saturday. No financial report at this time as referee costs and ice rental costs are still to be received however estimating \$8000-10000 profit.
 - This tournament was more difficult to find volunteers to fill the necessary shifts, as more student volunteers were actually participating
- NBC Tournament: a convenor will be required for this tournament as Rich is likely to be away
- Suggestions for next season: organize a BB tournament and not an A tournament
- Mark B. thanks Rich, Sarah and Amanda B. for all of their hard work organizing and running the tournaments so far.

Deferred Reports:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Any banners that have been won during this season that teams would like displayed at the PRC, should be given to Brandon B. At the conclusion of the season, banners will be returned to the head coach. SMMHA is also looking into having all remaining International Silverstick, OMHA or OWHA Finalist and Championship banners plaqued and hung on the wall of the Rock Rink.
- Executive is working to ensure all complaints received by SMMHA are done so following the appropriate policy and procedure, which includes review and action by a distinct committee and the creation of a formal report that will be maintained by the secretary.
- Playoff games have now been scheduled for our B,C and girls teams. LL teams schedule is still to come once their regular season is completed. Teams may notice that practice times are moved around to accommodate the need to have all playoff games completed in a tight window.
- SMMHA Annual General Meeting is a few months away – Mark B. encouraged everyone to review the list of roles and responsibilities within the organization and to consider what new roles you would like to fill and encourage others not involved with the organization to fill vacant roles.
- Initial preparations are underway for the 2023-2024 season including an updated try out guideline which will detail expectations for tryouts, fees, and who will be running them. NRP guidelines will be discussed by executive and brought to the board for final vote next month.

- The official registration systems will not be ready for spring registration, therefore we will have to utilize an interim process to capture registrations for tryouts
- Coaches applications are now open. The goal is to have all coaches secured in advance of the try out process.
- Our association will need to review the Policies and Procedures manual to ensure they are inline with all expectations of A level hockey.
- **Question was asked: Will directors be responsible for time clock and score sheet coverage of playoff games?** Yes, a schedule will go out asking for volunteers to sign up as they are able. Ideally these volunteers do not sign up for a shift in a game where their child is playing.
- Fill the Rink Night at the Lincolns game: this Friday, February 10th. All players will receive free admission with their Rock jersey or coat. U7 players will play during 1st intermission. A draw will be held for 1 free registration and there will be a team spirit award.

Motion to Adjourn:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris B. at 7:45pm. Seconded by Mike J.

Next Meeting:

The next association meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7th, 2023 at 7:00pm at the PRC Endzone.