

**St. Marys Minor Hockey Association Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – 7pm – PRC Community Hall**

**In attendance:** Rich Ballantyne, Katharine Found, Chris Boyd, Mike Johnson, Lori Martin, Paul Williams, Donna Levy, Kelly Craigmile, Sarah Jeffrey, Mark Brintnell, Joe Robson, Joe Wilhelm, Jessica Chateauvert, Melissa Rintoul, Amy Crummer, Sarafae Pattison, Kristene McCurdy, Bob Davis, Adam Zurbrigg, Larry McLellan, Nathan Brown, Josh Becker, Greg St Clair, Brayden Lord, Rick Harburn, Brent Kittmer, Brian Barker, Jake Watt, Robb McIntosh, Adam Haight, Amanda Boemer, Jocelyn Ehgoetz, Deirdre Gord, Kerry Wright, Jen Switzer, Ryan Harris

**Regrets:** Reg Clinton, Tyler Dingman, Julie Pickering, Jared Stokes, Jim Craigmile

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by SMMHA President, Mark Brintnell.

Attendance was taken for all of those in attendance.

**Mark B welcomed everyone in attendance and welcomed U18B OMHA coach Adam Zurbrigg and U18B OWSHA coach Don Scott to make presentations to the 2022-2023 association award winners.**

Donald K. Mossip Memorial Award – Josh Ballantyne

Terry Crisp Award – Ethan Brine

Mike Mattiussi Award – Lucas McCurdy

Bob Searles Award – Owen and Ian Boyd

Lindsay Atkinson Memorial Award – Lucy Petrie

Dixies Award – Naeve Goris and Hailey Scott

Doug Hicks Memorial Trophy – Natalie Johnston

Ernie Little Trophy – Matt Luyten

**Congratulations to all the award winners.**

**Minutes from the April 4, 2023 Meeting:**

- Moved to adopt the minutes as circulated by Chris Boyd. Seconded by Donna Levy.  
Carried

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report: Rich Ballantyne**

- Profit loss statements and Account Balances reports were circulated to attendees for review
- Account balances as of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023:
  - o Operating Account (chequing): \$93,560.48
  - o Etransfer/Registration Account (Savings): \$187,762.96
  - o Lottery Account (Trust): \$29,746.12
- Ice costs for the month of April has not been received therefore the cost will be reflected in next month's financial report.

**Registrar's Report: Jocelyne Gall read by Katharine Found**

- Current registration numbers are inline with previous years.
  - o OMHA Registration U5-U18: 316
  - o U21 division: 18
  - o OWHA Registration: 115
- Numbers are projected to fluctuate in the coming week as the tryout process continues and players leave for AAA centers or NRPs register

**OMHA: Mike Johnson**

- Currently there is no new information regarding the "c" and "d" divisions
- NRP registrations are starting to be received, however there has been a glitch in the online system that Mike will continue to troubleshoot with OMHA prior to the start of tryouts next week.
- Overall there has been a great deal of miscommunication and misinformation regarding the NRP process, especially surrounding players trying out for AA in Stratford and then hoping to come to St. Marys to try out for A, if cut, which is not possible.
- SMMHA has benefited from several Right of Choice (ROC) transfer requests for players wishing to come into the program, from Embro and Thamesford areas especially.

**Shamrock Report: presented by Mark Brintnell**

- A loop meeting was attended by Mark B. who anticipates changes to the structure of the league compared to what we have been used to with Shamrock (ie. Number of games, season structure). More details will be provided once they are finalized.

**LMLL: Joe Robson**

- U9 committee is being headed by representative from Mount Brydges Minor Hockey. No plans have been finalized however the format is expected to be the same as this past year, where LL teams from an association should be created as equally skilled.

**OWHA: Reg Clinton (read by Katharine Found)**

- A review of girls hockey in St. Marys was provided. The program has seen excellent growth in numbers and skill level and we want to continue to focus on developing female goalies and creating a strong, healthy program that families believe in. We currently have more B teams than ever in our recent history, and with continued dedication to the program, we could elevate that to BB or even A level play.

**WOGL: Tyler Dingman**

- No Report

**Old Business:****Mouth Guards as an optional piece of equipment for OMHA players discussion:**

- The deadline to submit motions to OMHA AGM for 2023 has passed, and the OMHA committee level decided that they did not want to address the issue for this coming season, therefore we will not be pursuing this matter further at this time.

**Volunteer Recruitment:**

- The success of SMMHA is based on the hard work of volunteers and we need to continue to work to attract new and dedicated volunteers to continue to strengthen the association.
- New for 2023-2024 seasons: all teams will be required to provide a tournament parent rep, who will be part of the tournament committee and be the liason between tournament organizers and team parents. Each team will be required to provide volunteers for a specific tournament throughout the season, given all players benefit financially from our successful tournaments. More information on this will be announced prior to September.

**New Business:****Redesigned Development Committee: Mike Johnson**

- The following individuals have agreed to be part of the Development Committee: Dan Schiedel, Dan Murrell, Dan McIntosh and Brent Kittmer. Goals for this committee for the upcoming season include continuing to analyze and improve the U7 structure, modifying the U9 development structure to fit the current OHF vision, providing in-season player and goalie development and goalie recruitment strategies and coaches development and training. Any suggestions or recommendations should be made to the committee. New members are always wanted.

**Land Acknowledgement: Amy Crummer**

- Amy made the recommendation that SMMHA should contribute positively to truth and reconciliation, and creating a welcoming and inclusive environment by issuing a land acknowledgement at SMMHA events and actives.
- A land acknowledgement has 4 main parts: 1. A welcoming/greeting; 2. An acknowledgement of the land that the event is taking place on; 3. Sharing something that we are grateful for; and 5. Our commitment to the truth and reconciliation act.
- Paul W. supported the recommendation that a land acknowledgement be added to the agenda of SMMHA meetings. Executive will continue to discuss and implement this recommendation.

**SMMHA Try Hockey Day:**

- An event will be held in September to encourage increased participating in minor hockey. More details to come.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris B. at 7:40pm. Seconded by Joe W.

**Next Meeting:**

The next association meeting will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 7:00pm at the PRC Endzone.