

**St. Marys Minor Hockey Association Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 – 7pm – PRC Endzone**

**In attendance:** Mark Brintell, Joe Wilhelm, Rich Ballantyne, Brayden Lord, Todd Dittmer, Greg St. Clair, Jake Wiegersma, Rachael Torrance, Kerry Craigmile, Kim Jones, Paul Williams, Jenny Roth, Jocelyne Gall, Lori Martin, Julie Pickering, Donna Levy, Kelly Craigmile, Sarah Jeffrey, Brandon Boyd, Raymond Singer, Adam Zubrigg, Pat McLean, Jim Craigmile, Jaden Ropp, Jen Switzer, Jayden Rooney, Nathan Brown, Ryan Harris, Amy Crummer, Derek Laidlaw, Kathleen Heinbuck, Burt Pickel, Doug Zub, Vanessa Lively, Bryan Foley, Eileen Matheson, Mike Johnson, Katharine Found, Tyler Dingman

**Regrets:** Jessica Chateauvert

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by SMMHA President, Mike Johnson

Attendance was taken for all of those in attendance and attendees were asked to note which team they were representing at the meeting. All attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

Acknowledgement of the land and territory for which we meet on was made by Mike Johnson.

**Motion to approve the agenda**

- Made by Rachael T. Seconded by Donna L.  
Carried.

**Minutes from the September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting:**

- Approved as presented by Joe W. Seconded by Jocelyne G.  
Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report: presented by Rich Ballantyne**

- Account balances were presented orally by Rich B.
- Account balances as of October 3, 2023:
  - o Operating Account (chequing): \$365,606.79
  - o E-transfer/Registration Account (Savings): \$76,940.55
  - o Trust Account: \$42,612.22
- No major expenses for the 2023-2024 season, such as ice costs or referees have been billed at this time.

**Approval of the 2023-2024 SMMHA Budget: Rich Ballantyne**

- A deficit budget was presented to membership. The budget details 2022-2023 actual spending and 2023-2024 proposed spending. Given the association is still in a healthy

financial position, Executive feel it is fiscally responsible to continue to operate at a moderate deficit in an attempt to keep hockey affordable for all families. Once the jersey replacement program has completed in 2024-2025, it is recommended that the board look to approve a more balanced budget.

- **Question: Given the recent discussion of amalgamation, would it be prudent to consider holding off on the jersey replacement cycle for the last year?** No, no amalgamations will occur in St. Marys Minor Hockey for at least the next year due to new OMHA policies and therefore it is recommended to proceed with the completion of the jersey replacement cycle.
- Paul W. moves to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget as presented. Seconded by Donna L. Carried.

#### **Registrar's Report: Jocelyne Gall**

- Try Hockey on September 24 had 8 skaters attend and resulted in 4 new registrations.
- There will be a push to get all player profiles confirmed and all documentation (ROC, birth certificates, RIS) up to date.

#### **OMHA: Mike Johnson**

- Rick H. will be busy working with teams to get all rosters and bench staff approved. Coaches are requested to ensure all credentials are obtained and submitted for themselves and all bench staff prior to October 31
- OMHA has changed the rule with respect to amalgamation. They have now instated a deadline of November 24<sup>th</sup> of each year where centers must submit their amalgamation package, that has been approved by their home centers, if the amalgamation is to be approved for the following year. Therefore it is not likely that amalgamation will take place for next season, for Ilderton-Lucan-Parkhill, or the Mitchell-WOHA league.
- OMHA has made a declaration to attempt to closely monitor tampering of the recruitment of players to ensure a fair landscape for all associations. This was a significant issue that resulted in SMMHA having to fold the U18C team for the 2023-2024 season due to insufficient player numbers

#### **Development Committee: Mike Johnson**

- Successful coaches clinic was held on September 24 with 21 coaches in attendance
- U9 development program has started: falls in line with the Hockey Canada and Ontario Hockey Federation pathway goals of tailoring ice time by desire and not by skill. 49 U9 players have opted in to the \$280 – 19 week session, run by TPH.
- There are 6 Tuesday night sessions available (5pm). Notice will go out – TPH to run a session with 15-20 skaters total - \$150/player for the 6 sessions

#### **Shamrock Report: Brandon Boyd**

- If there are tournament or other conflicts with game schedule, coaches are to let Brandon know ASAP to allow sufficient time for rescheduling.

- Shamrock is looking for a host for the U10-U15 All Star game. The game is subsidized by players paying to attend (~\$100 per player)
- There will be no U18A team in Mount Brydges. St.Marys and Dorchester expressed concern to the Shamrock league regarding the process that took place to allow those players and coaching staff to go to a neighbouring center, as this had negative outcomes for our U18C team that was also looking for players.

**LMLL: vacant (Report provided by interim rep Mark Brintnell)**

- Team games have now been scheduled and uploaded into the calendar. If adjustments are required, coaches are to reach out to Mark
- A representative is still needed to fill this position. Commitment is 1 virtual meeting per month with a report back to the board or executive. Please provide names of interested individuals to executive.

**OWHA: Amy Crummer**

- Rosters have been submitted but waiting for coaching and bench staff qualifications to be finalized with a deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Amy is to copy Joe W. on emails to coaching staff who still need qualifications
- OWHA volunteers are encouraged to upload their items (VSC, proof of residency, coaching credentials) into their profile in RAMP

**WOGL: Tyler Dingman (updates provided by Mark Brintnell)**

- Coaches have been actively scheduling games, given there is no central scheduler. There will be a delay in U11 game play, as some centers have not assigned their teams. October 10<sup>th</sup> has been set as the deadline, with scheduling to come on line after that.

**Photo Day Coordinator Report: Jen Switzer**

- Photo day schedule is set: October 14-19<sup>th</sup>. Notice will go out on the website. Team lists, coaching staff and sponsors need to be sent to Jen by Friday. Katharine (U7/U5), Joe W/Jocelyne (OMHA), Amy (OWHA) will send names. Rachael will have website updated with correct sponsors. Photo envelopes will be in mailboxes soon to hand out to players

**Sponsorship: Ryan Harris**

- Jersey sponsor still required for U11C and U9LL3
- Rachael requested updated logos for the website, which Ryan will provide.

**Awards: Brandon Boyd**

- 2 new OMHA plaques will be hung on the walls in the Rock Rink soon
- Brandon announced that the University Hockey Game, hosted by the St. Marys Lincolns, will provide \$1100 donation to SMMHA. Mark expressed appreciation to Brandon and the Lincolns organization, for their ongoing positive partnership with SMMHA.

**New Business:**

- None

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul W at 7:56pm. Seconded by Joe W.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 7:00pm at the PRC Endzone