



MDHA Executive Meeting

Monday December 18th, 2023

7:00 pm via Webex

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 and noted that quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of November 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of November 2023 meeting.

- Moved by Cheryl Cooper, seconded by Julia Tuff

MOTION CARRIED

President's Report

- At the GHA December meeting, new enforcement of equipment (neck guards, helmets) was emphasized. If a neck guard is altered or unsuitable for use, there could be a resulting 10 minute misconduct assessed. Chin straps on players and coaches must be done up at all times on the ice.
- There will be a Presidents meeting in February. If anyone has any issues to raise, please send to Julianne.
- There was an issue of maltreatment involving an MDHA team brought to the attention of the Executive. The investigation has been completed and disciplinary actions have been served. There were lessons learned from this situation and Julianne committed to work with the VPs to ensure

MDHA policies are comprehensive enough and a way ahead to handle similar situations should they arise. Julianne expressed appreciation to those that helped with the investigation and the hearings.

- Finally, The President thanked Executive members and encouraged them to enjoy some relaxation during the Christmas break.

New Business/Reports

1. Treasurer's Report – Stacey

The Treasurer reported that the bank balance was approximately \$176,000 after ice payments for January, February and March have come out, as well as paying Lacroix invoices for equipment and socks.

2. Registrar's Report – Tamara

The Registrar reported that she was chasing down the last of the Rep B top-up payments. Her last reminder on this would indicated that players would not be able to take the ice after Christmas unless the top-up payments have been made.

3. VP House Report – Ward

The VP House provided the following updates:

- Full ice games for U9 will be starting January 15th for House A and House B only due to ice limitations. He assumed that House C would be included in the future when ice is available.
- The U13C teams will play teams outside of GHA for 5 games which will be added to their standings. This was done because there are only 3 teams in the division. Merging divisions is being considered for the future.

4. VP Competitive Report – Julia

- The VP Competitive reported that the U18 Canucks had won the Silver Stick Regionals in Pembroke at the beginning of December. This made them eligible to participate at the Silver Stick finals tournament in Forest the first weekend of January.

Motion to provide \$700 to the U18 Canucks team to support their participation at the Silver Stick finals in January.

- Moved by Julia Tuff, seconded by Cheryl Cooper

MOTION CARRIED

- The VP Risk & Safety suggested that there be an allotment in the MDHA budget going forward for support to teams in similar situations
- The VP Competitive reported that there were merger talks at B League with Upper Ottawa Valley. A pilot project would be forwarded for next year for U10 and U11. GHA would have to be able to provide weekend ice for these games.
- There was a pilot project in D4 with a two-referee system anticipating that an extra referee would result in a decrease in penalties. The result was actually a significant increase in penalties so the pilot will be ended in January.

5. VP Risk & Safety, Discipline – Matt

The VP Risk & Safety, Discipline elaborated on the maltreatment issue mentioned in the President's Report. The issue involved a U18 team and there were 3 player suspensions assessed as well as coach suspension for insufficient supervision. Matt recognized the big commitment from Executive members to help address the issue. He feels that the issue has been addressed the team can move forward. He supported the President's statement about clearer policies being needed.

6. Ice Scheduler Report – Lesley

- The Ice Scheduler reported that some teams lost ice time at the Winchester arena due to ice problems and that time has not been rescheduled yet.

7. Equipment and Merchandise Report – Jay

- The Equipment Coordinator was absent but sent in a written report indicating that convenors could tell teams if they need ice packs or band aids for trainer kits, to reach out to him since he now has these in stock.

8. Player Development/Coach Mentor Report – Nick

- The Player Development Director reported that the Tuesday development sessions have been running smoothly.
- He also mentioned the start of the coach mentoring program for older hockey players with an interest in getting into coaching. The interest from coaches to be mentors has been quite high while the interest from the prospective mentees has not be as high.

9. FAP Coordinator Report – Caitlyn

a) U18 Bursary Application

The FAP Coordinator indicated that application forms for bursary applications have been updated and sent to local schools.

10. Fundraising Report – Kellie

- The Fundraising Coordinator noted that documents were sent out proposing a fundraising plan for the next fiscal year. She had a more detailed proposal for the trivia night in the spring.
- Ward Mallon offered to MC the event since he has previously hosted. Kellie indicated that a big task needing executive leadership will be securing prizes and sponsorships for the event.

11. Tournament Planning – Adrienne

a) U18A and U18B Tournaments

b) U7 Fun Day

- The Tournament Coordinator was absent but sent in a written report that the tournaments were all sold out and she planned to work on schedules over the holidays. She also indicated that U7 and U18 convenors will be hearing about the need to collect raffle baskets from the teams.

12. Convenor Reports (U7-U21)

a) U7 – Nathaly

Nothing to report

b) U9 – Maryam

- The A and B teams were moving to full ice. The parents of C players are not happy about the not also being able to play full ice but this was a decisions made based on ice availability. She also noted that second year U9 players were eligible to start affiliating with U11 teams in January.

c) U11 – Jessica

Nothing to report

d) U13 – Todd

- The U13 Convenor has observed a lot of affiliate movement up to the Rep teams and U15 which was encouraging.

e) U15 – Andrew

- Teams were doing well. The B2 team won a tournament in Pembroke a couple of weeks ago.

f) U18 – Adam/Deb

Nothing to report

g) U21 – Deb

Nothing to report

Roundtable

- A lunch was being organized for Executive members available to attend prior to Christmas. Brian will send out more information.
- Tamara asked if we could have a container for the referees to put gamesheets in, similar to Blackburn arena. Julianne said we could source one for Metcalfe.
- Julianne advised to tell all teams that referee dressing rooms are strictly out of bounds and officials should not be approached before or after games. If there is an issue that requires clarification, go through the VP Risk & Safety and Discipline.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

- Moved by Todd Lockett

MEETING ADJOURNED

POSITION	NAME	ATTENDANCE (Present/Regrets)
President	Julianne Oelke-Simonsen	P
Past President	Cheryl Cooper	P
VP – House Operations	Ward Mallon	P
VP – Discipline, Risk & Safety	Matthew D. Graham	P
VP – Competitive	Julia Tuff	P
Registrar	Tamara Brittain	P
Ice Convenor	Lesley Parker	P
Treasurer	Stacey Heins	P
Secretary	Brian Gear	P
Convenor – U7	Nathaly Barnett	P
Convenor – U9	Maryam Sugrue-Foubert	P
Convenor – U11	Jessica Dearden	P
Convenor – U13	Todd Lockett	P
Convenor – U15	Andrew Penner	P
Convenor – U18	Adam Baker Deb Monaghan	P
Convenor – U21	Deb Monaghan	P
Equipment and Merchandise Coordinator	Jay Kennedy	R
Player Development/Coach Mentor	Nick Pommainville	P
Fundraising Coordinator	Kellie Blue	P
GHA Convenor	Chris Rheume	R
Webmaster	Darryl Swerbrick	P
Tournament Coordinator	Adrienne Duncan	R
Financial Assistance Coordinator	Caitlyn Pommainville	P