



**MDHA Executive Meeting  
Monday July 17, 2023  
7:00 pm via Webex**

**Call to Order**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 and quorum was noted.

**Approval of Minutes of June Executive Meeting**

*Motion to adopt the June Executive Meeting minutes with correction to spelling of name.*

- Moved by Matthew D. Graham, seconded by Maryam Sugrue-Foubert  
MOTION CARRIED

**Review of Minutes from May Annual General Meeting (to be approved at AGM 2024)**

*Motion to present the minutes from the May 2023 Annual General Meeting at the May 2024 Annual General Meeting for formal approval with the one change of adding the text for the bylaw amendments*

- Moved by Cheryl Cooper, seconded by Ward Mallon  
MOTION CARRIED

**President's Report -- Julianne**

The President shared the following:

- There would be no GHA meeting in July

- Cumberland will be joining GHA House League at the A level
  - o Concerns have been expressed about GHA rules being respected and GHA board is committed to monitor closely
  - o If MDHA members have concerned, pass on to Julianne
- Convenors that need help reach as they start preparing for next season should reach out for help and should start sorting out ice staff
- Lesley was working on ice allocations and GHA would be giving out initial allocations in near future

## **New Business/Reports**

### **1. Treasurer's Report – Stacey**

#### **a. Ratification of the Motion concerning 2023-24 Registration Fees**

Due to timing imperatives to be able to open registration for the 2023-24 season, the following motion was voted on virtually by Executive members and supported by the majority:

*Motion to increase 2023-24 registration fees for House League players by 0.5% and Rep B players by 4.5%*

- Moved by Andrew Penner, seconded by Stacey Heins

THE MOTION WAS FORMALLY RATIFIED

In her report, the Treasurer indicated that \$229K was sitting in the main account. Donations from Shroomfest and Canadian Tire (Pro Hockey Life) have been received.

Decisions were required on what to do with investments (GICs) that were expiring. The Financial Assistance Program money is in a cashable GIC and the Jersey Account is in a non-cashable GIC.

*Motion to add \$20K from the General Account to the Jersey Account and place the account funds in a non-cashable one year GIC*

- Moved by Cheryl Cooper, seconded by Matthew D. Graham

MOTION CARRIED

*Motion to rollover Financial Assistance Program account funds to a one-year cashable GIC*

- Moved by Maryam Sugrue-Foubert, seconded by Cheryl Cooper

MOTION CARRIED

#### **b. Team Bank Accounts**

The Treasurer also raised the issue of looking at how team accounts are administered. She noted that the requirement for dual signatures can be burdensome and other controls could be used to ensure the integrity of the accounts. It was noted that the requirement for dual signatures is in the MDHA bylaws. The Treasurer was asked to investigate and return to the next meeting with options for consideration.

## **2. VP Competitive Report -- Julia**

The VP Competitive noted that she was waiting for ice from GHA to start scheduling tryouts.

The President asked if the VP wanted age group convenors more involved with the rep teams than in the past. Julia indicated yes and that she will be looking for help with tryouts.

### **3. VP House Report -- Ward**

The VP House referenced the spreadsheet on important dates from GHA that the President had previously circulated. He emphasized the importance of everyone knowing those dates, particularly the playoff dates.

The Webmaster indicated that once teams have been established, he can add those dates universally to the Teamsnap calendars.

### **4. Ice Scheduler Report – Lesley**

The Ice Scheduler indicated that there would be less ice available for house league this upcoming season due to inavailability of Jim Durrell and Bernard Grandmaitre arenas.

### **5. Equipment and Merchandise Report - Jay**

An equipment swap night will be organized for August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Metcalfe Arena upstairs hall pending availability.

There was discussion about the performance of the merchandise supplier (Lacroix). Some members indicated that parents were not satisfied with the service provided by Lacroix. It was noted that there should be better communication from Lacroix on their order deadlines, etc. Some members also noted that MDHA does not generate any revenue from MDHA merchandise.

The Merchandise Coordinator explained that changing suppliers at this late stage would be problematic. He also noted the need to have a supplier capable of providing jerseys in 2026. Jay suggested that a parent survey

could be sent out to get more feedback from parents and the results could inform a discussion with Lacroix.

It was agreed that there would be a discussion with Lacroix before the upcoming season on MDHA expectations.

**a. MDHA Board Swag update**

All new members have submitted their preferences and an order will be placed.

**6. Webmaster Report - Darryl**

The Webmaster indicated that the MDHA website will be updated with the important dates. He has done some updating to the executive calendar in Teamsnap. Darryl also reminded executive members that MDHA possesses a Survey Monkey license and can issue surveys easily.

The President reminded convenors that Darryl can provide Teamsnap support for team sortouts.

**7. Bursary winners for posting to website and social media**

Stacey has all the information from winners and these will be posted in August

**8. Ideas to promote hockey registration**

Jessica Dearden started the discussion by suggesting that MDHA social media could be used to promote hockey particularly for those families that do not have a hockey background. There was some discussion about various ways to share information and especially to explain topics like what equipment is required and how to put it on. Maryam and Jessica were to explore with Jay the possibility of hosting information sessions in conjunction with the equipment swap night on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. Fundraising ideas to lower costs of playing hockey**

If members have ideas for fundraisers to help reduce the costs of playing hockey, please come forward and raise them at future meetings.

### **Roundtable**

Player Development Coordinator Nick Pommainville indicated that Paul from Action Innovation had been contacted and everything was ready for conditioning camps. There was some discussion about excess demand in certain age groups and how that could be managed. Ward and Nick will look at options to accommodate.

VP House noted that job descriptions will be sent out to Executive members shortly.

### **Adjournment**

#### *Motion to adjourn*

- Moved by Cheryl Cooper  
MOTION CARRIED

### **Important Dates:**

***August Meeting: Monday August 21, 2023***

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE (Present/Regrets)</b>
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	R
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	R
Convenor – U15	Andrew Penner	P
Convenor – U18	Adam Baker Deb Monaghan	P R
Convenor – U21	Deb Monaghan	R
Equipment and Merchandise Coordinator	Jay Kennedy	P
Player Development/Coach Mentor	Nick Pommainville	P
Fundraising Coordinator	Vacant	
GHA Convenor	Chris Rheaume	P
Webmaster	Darryl Swerbrick	P
Tournament Coordinator	Adrienne Duncan	P
Financial Assistance Coordinator	Caitlyn Pommainville	P