



MDHA Executive Meeting

Monday November 20th, 2023

7:00 pm via Webex

Call to Order

Due to technical difficulties, the President asked the Past President to assume the chair. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 and noted that quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of October 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of October 2023 meeting.

- Moved by Todd Lockett, seconded by Stacey Heins

MOTION CARRIED

President's Report

The President was present to make her report. From the GHA meeting, she noted that there were changes to ice allocations for U9 and U18. The City of Ottawa is investigating using LiveBarn to live stream games. Thanks to the ice scheduler and everyone's patience around disruptions to schedules due to unforeseen circumstances (such as scheduled power outages).

New Business/Reports

1. Metcalfe Santa Claus Parade

The Metcalfe Community Association usually invites MDHA to put in a float in the Santa Claus Parade. If anyone is interested in spearheading that, let Julianne know.

2. Treasurer's Report – Stacey

The bank balance is \$251K after various ice expenses have been paid.

The Treasurer has reached out to an accounting firm to do audit. Updated statements will go to the audit committee shortly.

One outstanding reconciliation with Russell for Rep B is about to be finalized and will be sent to the signing authorities for approval.

3. Registrar's Report – Tamara

The Registrar reported that most rosters were done and she was focused on some outstanding Rep B top-up fees and affiliate player requests.

4. VP House Report – Ward

The VP House was absent and indicated he had nothing to report.

5. VP Competitive Report – Julia

The VP Competitive wanted to congratulate the U18 Canucks for their tournament victory last weekend and noted the success of other teams.

6. VP Risk & Safety, Discipline – Matt

a) Neck Guards

The VP Risk & Safety, Discipline asked convenors to communicate to coaches to ensure players are wearing neck guards properly for games and practices.

b) Helmet Chin Straps

Likewise, the VP Risk & Safety, Discipline asked convenors to communicate to coaches to ensure coaches and players have helmet chin straps done up on the ice at all times.

7. Ice Scheduler Report – Lesley

The Ice Scheduler thanked everyone for their cooperation in the rescheduling of ice times around the planned power outage in Metcalfe. The City had just informed MDHA that the power outage was cancelled and so the schedule would be reverted back to the original.

December practice ice has been scheduled and the Ice Scheduler is now starting to work on January.

The Ice Scheduler will be sending out a document shortly to show ice allocation by team to date for information.

8. Equipment and Merchandise Report – Jay

a) Locker room coaches boards

The Equipment and Merchandise Coordinator indicated that he would like approval to purchase Fox40 Locker Room Coaches Boards for the dressing rooms in Metcalfe.

There were questions raised about whether it would be better to wait until after the Metcalfe arena renovation for the installation of new boards. There were also questions about whether there was space to install these boards in the existing dressing rooms.

The Past President indicated that she had been in touch with Councillor Darouze about the timing of Metcalfe arena renovations. The renovations will begin in mid-2025 and will be completed by the end of 2027. She requested that there be a meeting with the affected parties to discuss use of the arena during construction, which will be held closer to the start of construction.

The President asked the Equipment Coordinator to take measurements of the dressing rooms to determine whether the board installation was feasible and return to the next meeting.

9. Player Development/Coach Mentor Report – Nick

The Player Development Director reported that the Tuesday night development had started with no negative feedback. Convenors were asked to remind coaches that goalies can come to all sessions, not just the sessions for their teams.

Amped goalie training was set up and goalies were now booking sessions.

There was a question about a previous idea around mentoring older players who were interested in coaching. The Player Development Director responded that he had a couple of coaches interested in trying this out and hopes to have a pilot set up by December 1st.

10. FAP Coordinator Report – Caitlyn

Nothing to report

11. Fundraising Report – Kellie

The Fundraising Coordinator reported that the planned Winter Fun Day was cancelled for this year and will try again next year with more time for planning.

She was continuing planning for the Trivia night post-hockey season. She will return to the next meeting with a more detailed plan for consideration of the Executive.

Kellie also raised the idea of a pre-season fundraising barbecue event, possibly joined with the equipment exchange, in August.

12. Tournament Planning – Adrienne

The Tournament Coordinator reported that the U7 Fun Day was sold out. For the U18A tournament, there were only three spots left which was much better than last year's registration. And for the U18B tournament, there were only two spots left. The Tournament Coordinator will be sending out another email blast to associations to try to fill the vacant spots.

13. GHA Convenor – Chris

The GHA Convenor was absent and did not submit a report.

14. Secretary Report – Brian

a) Photos

The Secretary reported that the photo days ran smoothly and that there were positive reviews of using the Vernon Community Centre as the venue. The photos were almost completely distributed to teams. There was a small issue with the use of the old Metcalfe Jets logo in the printing of the pictures that should be rectified for next year.

15. Convenor Reports (U7-U21)

a) U7 – Nathaly

The U7 Convenor was absent and indicated she had nothing to report.

b) U9 – Maryam

Nothing to report.

c) U11 – Jessica

The U11 Convenor indicated that one last player received medical clearance to play and will be added to a team.

d) U13 – Todd

The U13 Convenor indicated that despite previous concerns about balancing, he had observed the teams play and sees no issue. He noted that one player was injured (not on MDHA ice).

He also noted that quality of ice in Winchester was a problem this year. The President asked the Ice Scheduler to convey our concerns to her contacts in North Dundas.

e) U15 – Andrew

The U15 Convenor reported that all four U15 teams were doing well and were in the top 4 of their respective divisions. There was an instance where one coach was suspended but discipline has been served.

f) U18 – Adam/Deb

The U18 Convenor (Adam) reported that the player who was injured in the balancing games had returned to action. He also noted that the U18A game had been cancelled the previous night due to ice conditions in Metcalfe.

g) U21 – Deb

Nothing to report

Roundtable

Nil

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

- Moved by Cheryl Cooper, seconded by Todd Locket

MEETING ADJOURNED

POSITION	NAME	ATTENDANCE (Present/Regrets)
President	Julianne Oelke-Simonsen	P
Past President	Cheryl Cooper	P
VP – House Operations	Ward Mallon	R
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	R
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	P
Player Development/Coach Mentor	Nick Pommerville	P
Fundraising Coordinator	Kellie Blue	P
GHA Convenor	Chris Rheaume	R
Webmaster	Darryl Swerbrick	P
Tournament Coordinator	Adrienne Duncan	P
Financial Assistance Coordinator	Caitlyn Pommerville	P