



## **MDHA Executive Meeting**

**Monday February 26th, 2024**

**7:00 pm via Webex**

### **Call to Order**

The President started the meeting at 7:01. It was noted that quorum was attained at 7:08.

### **Approval of Minutes of January 2023 Meeting**

Approval of the January 2023 minutes was deferred until the next meeting since there was no quorum at this point of the meeting.

### **President's Report**

In her report, the President shared the following debrief from the GHA Presidents meeting held in February:

- Cumberland would be looking to join GHA house league at all levels next season. The President asked for any feedback from the board as she anticipated this to be considered at the next GHA meeting.
- Jenn Primeau introduced a motion, which passed, to create a committee to develop criteria for determining how to consider declarations from associations on how many teams at each level within an age group. The aim would be to have a consistent approach based on criteria.
- Kevin Graham, GHA Referee-In-Chief, reminded coaches to hold the bench after the game to avoid incidents.
- The end-of-season jamboree for U9 will include two full ice games for all levels.

The President also thanked all volunteers for helping with the U18 tournaments. There were ice problems in Metcalfe at the U18B tournament in the Sunday morning which required quick rescheduling of games elsewhere. Thanks was given to the U7 and U9 teams who gave up their ice to make this happen.

**a) AGM prep**

Once the GHA annual general meeting date was set, the AGM date for MDHA could be scheduled. Board members were asked by the President to start considering changes to bylaws, etc so that everything would be ready to post 30 days in advance of the AGM as required.

**New Business/Reports**

**1. Returning Board Membership**

The President indicated that the Past President would be reaching out to executive members to see about their intentions for next year.

**2. Trademark Update – Todd**

The President noticed that the Canucks logo was being used on a European website. Todd had been looking into the matter and if MDHA wants to apply for a trademark. He has indicated that we are finally at the point of proceeding with paying for the application, which could then be filed. Todd will confirm the amount for the application and mentioned there could be some minor incremental costs arise after that. The President asked that the trademark application proceed.

**3. Winchester Ice – Nathaly**

The U7 Convenor indicated that there have been issues with the Winchester ice. The bumpers in Winchester are owned by the North Dundas association and are locked up and inaccessible to the MDHA U7 teams who use the ice. She was looking for advice on how to resolve the issue.

The President asked the VP House to call his counterpart in the North Dundas association to see if an understanding could be reached about the use of bumpers in Winchester.

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

The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance was approximately \$170,000, which is as expected for this time of the season. No major expenses were paid in the last month.

The Treasurer indicated that she had met with an accountant about auditing MDHA's financial statement. The accountant's recommendation, based on MDHA's status as a non-profit corporation around the \$500,000 income level, was to conduct a review. His recommendation was a review, which would cost about \$7,000 for the first year to establish a baseline and \$5,000 for subsequent years and the review should be done every year.

The Past President suggested reached out for additional quotes from other accountants and suggested that we should reach out to other local associations to see which accountant to use.

Stacey pointed out that the accountant would not be available to complete the review until after tax season had completed (June/July).

The Past President indicated that the audit should be done prior to the annual general meeting to be presented to membership. Stacey indicated that timing would be extremely difficult.

The President concluded by asking the Treasurer to continue exploring options for an accountant in the hope of finding a solution where the audited financial statements could be done for this year's annual general meeting.

## **5. Registrar's Report –Tamara**

Nothing to report.

## **6. VP House Report – Ward**

The VP House reported that the U9 Jamboree would be this weekend with two full ice games for all teams. House playoffs start on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **a) Coach surveys**

Ward indicated coach survey responses (107 total) came back and summaries were sent to convenors. Ward has been discussing results directly with convenors. He shared some of the notable comments that were received with the Board for potential future consideration. There was some discussion about transparency around the sortout process and some agreed on need to improve communications to parents.

## **7. VP Competitive Report – Julia**

### **a) Reconciliation with Russell for this year**

The VP Competitive thanked the Ice Scheduler for her work in scheduling Rep B playoff games. She also reported that the reconciliation with the Russell MHA was almost complete. She also informed the Board that the VP Competitive for Russell will be leaving which would be a great loss for Russell and the success of the Canucks.

Julia pointed out that the U16 Canucks were in Consolation finals and the U18 Canucks were in the Championship semi-finals. The U11 Canucks were also still in playoffs.

Julia indicated that for next year's tryouts, she would be seeking an additional hour for goalie-specific tryouts. She will also be sending out another coach survey to Rep B families in mid-March.

#### **8. VP Risk & Safety, Discipline – Matt**

The VP Risk & Safety, Discipline was absent and did not submit a report.

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

The Ice Scheduler reported that she would be releasing schedules for the first part of March very soon after playoffs become more clear. And then the post-March break schedule will come out once house playoffs are determined.

##### **a) Allotments year to date**

The problems with the Metcalfe ice associated with the U18B tournament took some time out of the allotments for some groups. The younger age groups are behind in their allotments of ice time and will be caught up over March. The U13/U15/U18 have already received their full allotment of ice time but will still receive additional ice as it becomes available. U11 is on track to hit their allotment target. The allotment for Rep B teams were all over budget.

#### **10. Equipment and Merchandise Report – Jay**

##### **a) Equipment return for Rep B teams**

##### **b) Tender for new supplier**

The Equipment and Merchandise Coordinator was absent and no written report was submitted.

#### **11. Player Development/Coach Mentor Report – Nick**

The Player Development Director reported that the reviews from the Coach Mentoring Program that started in January have been very positive from coaches, player mentees and players' parents. To address a problem that arose with bench credentials will be addressed next season by offering the required courses early in the season in Metcalfe so the mentees can be on the benches.

Nick was starting to plan for Try a Goalie, body contact clinic and conditioning camps prior to next season. The Ice Scheduler indicated that she already had ice set aside.

He mentioned that he had received mixed reviews concerning the provider of power skating development and sought advice on looking at other potential providers.

**a) Pool of volunteers for evaluations and scheduling**

Nick was looking at compiling a pool of evaluators who would conduct the house league sortouts and relieve some of the workload for the convenors. He mentioned that he would like to explore including the CMP mentees in the sortout evaluations as well. Nick had also given thought to developing a more detailed document to explain what is being evaluated in the process.

**12.FAP Coordinator Report – Caitlyn**

**a) U18 bursary application**

On behalf of the FAP Coordinator, Nick indicated that information regarding the bursary program had been distributed to all schools. Caitlyn has received two applications already. There will be an email going out to all U18 parents soon sharing information about the MDHA bursaries, as well as the HEO and Silver Stick bursaries.

The President asked that another notice go out regarding the Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year nominations.

### **13. Fundraising Report – Kellie**

#### **a) Trivia Night**

The Fundraising Coordinator indicated that the Greely Community Centre has been tentatively booked for May 4<sup>th</sup>. Brian has agreed to help with organization. She will be sending out a detailed list of volunteer jobs to the Board in the next few weeks and a letter will be drafted to send to coaches. A preliminary budget will also be developed.

Kellie indicated that she was forwarded information about Summer Skates (sandals) where there was a fundraising element and 25% of the sales could go to the association. She has reached out to the company for more details to see whether MDHA could put together a bulk order as teams consider year-end gifts.

The President encouraged Kellie to get more details on the Summer Skates and share the information with teams to gauge interest.

### **14. Tournament Planning – Adrienne**

#### **a) U18A and U18B Tournaments**

The Tournament Coordinator was absent. The President noted that the tournaments were well received and a team from Iqaliut attended the U18A tournament.

The Secretary raised that Isaac and Bernie Visser had contributed significant volunteer hours to support the U18 A and B tournaments and wanted to introduce a motion to provide them with an honorarium for their extraordinary contributions to those events.

*Motion to provide Isaac Visser and Bernie Visser each \$50 gift cards from MDHA as appreciation for their extraordinary volunteer service to the U18A and U18B tournaments.*

Moved by Brian Gear, Seconded by Cheryl Cooper

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**b) U7 Fun Day**

No report submitted.

**15. Convenor Reports (U7-U21)**

**a) U7 – Nathaly**

The U7 Convenor just indicated that she was helping with the preparations for the U7 Jamboree coming up.

**b) U9 – Maryam**

Nothing to report.

**c) U11 – Jessica**

On behalf of the U11 Convenor who was absent, the Secretary read her report indicating that U11A won gold at their Montreal tournament and U11B1 made it to the semi-finals in their Rockland tournament.

**d) U13 – Todd**

The U13 Convenor indicated that U13A team was improving and the U13B teams have moved up the standings while the U13C team is at the top of their bracket and performing very well.



**e) U15 – Andrew**

The U15 Convenor was absent and no report was submitted.

**f) U18 – Adam/Deb**

Nothing to report

**g) U21 - Deb**

The U21 Convenor was absent and no report was submitted.

The President and VP House shared that GHA was considering reducing the game length of U21 games and instead providing more games with the goal of cutting down the number of incidents that happened during the latter parts of the games.

**Roundtable**

The Past President advised the Board that an exhibition game for U18 graduating players was being planned.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn*

- Moved by Cheryl Cooper

MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Monday March 18, 2024 at 7pm**

<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	R
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	R
Convenor – U13	Todd Lockett	P
Convenor – U15	Andrew Penner	R
Convenor – U18	Adam Baker Deb Monaghan	P R
Convenor – U21	Deb Monaghan	R
Equipment and Merchandise Coordinator	Jay Kennedy	R
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	R
Financial Assistance Coordinator	Caitlyn Pommerville	R