



MDHA Executive Meeting

Monday January 15th, 2024

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 December 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of December 2023 meeting.

- Moved by Cheryl Cooper, seconded by Matthew Graham

MOTION CARRIED

President's Report

The President in her report raised the following points:

- The HEO Minor Council minutes were circulated for info. Take note of the changes to the U13 pathway and discipline rules.
- Regarding the Dressing Room Policy Changes – there were four information sessions open to coaches and team officials.
- The Presidents' meeting is in February. Let Julianne know if any issues to raise. She expected the agenda to cover the splits (based on standings) and rules for playoffs.

- Teamsnap should have start dates for playoffs added so families are informed.

New Business/Reports

1. Treasurer's Report – Stacey

The Treasurer reported that the bank balance was approximately \$183K, which is normal for this time of year. Most ice time has been paid. HEO insurance and participation fees, Amped goalie training, jerseys are to be paid out. All rep teams have repaid their tournament advances.

The President asked if there was any progress on the financial audit. The Treasurer indicated that she was about to turn her attention to that.

2. Registrar's Report –Tamara

The Registrar reminded that the deadline for rosters and affiliations was upcoming on February 15th, 2024 at 7 pm. U9 players could now be affiliated to U11 teams.

Tamara was doing a final verification that all fees had been paid as tracked through HCR.

3. VP House Report – Ward

- a) Coach surveys**
- b) Referee costs for U9C**

The VP House was not present but the President noted that coach surveys would be sent out to house league teams shortly. Referee costs was discussed as part of the U9 Convenor's report later in the meeting.

4. VP Competitive Report – Julia

The VP Competitive reported that the U18 Canucks went to Forest, Ontario to compete in the International Silver Stick finals and came up just short with a silver medal. She thanked the Board for agreeing to provide some financial support to the U18 Canucks for their participation in the tournament. B League meeting on Thursday.

She also reported that it appears that the merging of District 5 Rep B with the Ottawa B League was proceeding at the U14/U15/U16 levels as a pilot for next season. HEO wants to see it happen. The criteria for success for the pilot was still to be determined and Julia was soliciting input from Executive members. She indicated that the determination of the location of games was a hot topic and noted the maximum 2 hour and 20 minute commute required for some in the Russell district.

Julia also noted that she and the Ice Scheduler had met with the B League to discuss playoff ice allocation.

5. VP Risk & Safety, Discipline – Matt

Nothing to report.

6. Ice Scheduler Report – Lesley

The Ice Scheduler also noted the meeting with the Ottawa B League to discuss playoff ice. She also asked convenors to remind teams to notify Lesley in the event of a weather-related cancellation and indicate whether ice was being used or not.

7. Equipment and Merchandise Report – Jay

a) Tender for new supplier

The Equipment and Merchandise Coordinator was unable to attend the meeting and did not submit anything to report.

8. Player Development/Coach Mentor Report – Nick

The Player Development coordinator informed the Executive that he successfully got all the players interested in becoming coach mentees matched with coach mentors. He hoped to have the initiative ready earlier next season.

He also noted that the development ice times on Tuesday nights were concluding at the end of January.

9. FAP Coordinator Report – Caitlyn

a) U18 Bursary Application

On behalf of the FAP Coordinator, Nick shared that information on the MDHA Bursaries had been distributed to all schools and that social media and website awareness would start soon. He also noted that the Coach of Year and Volunteer of Year nomination forms were ready.

10. Fundraising Report – Kellie

a) Trivia Night

On behalf of the Fundraising Coordinator who was absent, the President reported that Brian was working on forms for rental of the Greely Community Centre May 4th from 3 pm to 11 pm (3pm to 6 pm would be setup and decorating; 7 pm trivia starts; 10 pm trivia ends; cleanup done by 11:30). Kellie will have sign up for volunteers ready by the next meeting and communication to send to convenors.

There was a question about whether the event would be licensed for liquor. The President responded that it would need to be ascertained who would put their name on the license and that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Tournament Planning – Adrienne

- a) U18A and U18B Tournaments**
- b) U7 Fun Day**

The Tournament Coordinator was absent but sent a written report saying that the U18A tournament schedules had been sent out to Jets teams for volunteer signups. Last minute cancellations required modifications to the schedule.

For the first time, the U18B tournament will be over three days involving 16 teams. Trophies and medals have been ordered for both tournaments.

As for the U7 Fun Day, planning was proceeding and Adrienne has reached out to the fire department about doing the pancake breakfast.

12. Convenor Reports (U7-U21)

- a) U7 – Nathaly**

The U7 Convenor indicated that she had notified teams about the need for gift baskets and volunteers for the U7 Fun Day. The acquisition of sponsorships would be discussed with the Tournament Coordinator offline.

- b) U9 – Maryam**

The U9 Convenor reported that the U9 A and B teams had moved to full ice games. Families from the C teams have been asking questions about why they do not have access to full ice as well. Maryam indicated that in discussions with the VP House, they had agreed that the Jets C teams could do full ice exhibition games during their practice times. Maryam wanted to ask MDHA to reimburse the teams for the costs of officials for these exhibition games.

Motion to reimburse U9C teams for the costs of officials for exhibition games (to a maximum of three games) for the 2023-24 season only.

Moved by Maryam Sugrue-Foubert, seconded by Julia Tuff

Regarding the motion, there were questions about setting the precedent for other teams to ask MDHA to reimburse for officials for exhibition games. Maryam explained this was a special situation since the U9C teams were unable to get official full ice games due to the lack of available ice and that Leitrim was proceeding this way for their U9C teams, with the blessing of GHA for exhibition games.

MOTION CARRIED

c) U11 – Jessica

The U11 convenor reported that all Jets teams were in the top 2 of their divisions and having tournament success.

d) U13 – Todd

Nothing to report.

e) U15 – Andrew

The U15 Convenor reported that the U15A team was successful in the Cougar Cup tournament, with lots of affiliates playing. One B team successful in the B side of a tournament a few weeks ago.

f) U18 – Adam/Deb

Nothing to report.

g) U21 – Deb

Nothing to report.

Roundtable

For the information of the Executive, Nick raised that his team had signed up for a tournament in Renfrew which subsequently changed the date of the tournament by a week very late and developed a schedule where his team was the only team who had to play four times in one day. The tournament organizers were unwilling to modify the schedule. Julianne responded that we should advise at next season's Coaches and Managers meetings about our recent experiences to inform their tournament choices.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

- Moved by Cheryl Cooper

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	R
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 R
Convenor – U21	Deb Monaghan	R
Equipment and Merchandise Coordinator	Jay Kennedy	R
Player Development/Coach Mentor	Nick Pommerville	P
Fundraising Coordinator	Kellie Blue	R
GHA Convenor	Chris Rheaume	R
Webmaster	Darryl Swerbrick	P
Tournament Coordinator	Adrienne Duncan	R
Financial Assistance Coordinator	Caitlyn Pommerville	P