



MDHA Executive Meeting

Monday March 18th, 2024

7:00 pm via Webex

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 7:01. It was noted that there was no quorum so all items were for information only.

Approval of Minutes of January 2023 and February 2023 Meetings

Deferred to a future meeting for approval.

President's Report

The President debriefed from the GHA Presidents' meeting:

- Cumberland is likely to join at all levels. A copy of the agreement will be circulated before being finalized. Issues to be covered include consistency of refereeing; agreeing to follow GHA rules and agreement on how disciplinary hearings will work.
- Changes have been made to U21 playoff rules including the use of 2 referees and 2 linesmen. Gross misconduct, match penalties and fighting will result in suspension for the rest of the playoffs.
- Registration for referee tryouts will open late March/early April with tryouts taking place in June.
- Livebarn (live streaming) has been approved for all HEO arenas next year.
- The date for the Leitrim U9 jamboree has shifted to mid-January.

The President wished all MDHA teams well in house playoffs and noted that GHA officials will be observing games and particularly looking to ensure the fair ice rules are being followed.

New Business/Reports

1. Returning Board Membership – Cheryl

The Past President canvassed all executive members and found that one member (Matt Graham) would not be returning for the 2024-25 season. Stacey Heins is looking to switch roles with someone so if anyone is interested in becoming treasurer or knows someone who may be interested, please come forward.

2. Volunteer appreciation dinner

Jessica submitted the following details which were shared with Executive by the President:

- The dinner will be held at Metcalfe Golf Course on May 24th. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner will be at 6:30.
- It will be roast beef buffet at a cost of \$55 a person (including taxes and gratuity). MDHA will cover the cost of bench staff. Additional attendees can purchase tickets.
- DJ Bobby B has been booked for entertainment.

The VP Competitive asked if Russell-hosted Canuck teams could be invited to attend and it was agreed this would be allowed. The Coach Mentor/Player Development Director also suggested invited the young coach mentees and that was also agreed.

3. Trademark Update – Todd

Todd was absent and no report was submitted.

4. Treasurer's Report – Stacey

a) Update on Audit

Stacey was absent and no report was submitted.

5. Registrar's Report – Tamara

Nothing to report

6. VP House Report – Ward

The VP House mentioned the plan to change U21 games from 90 minutes to 60 minutes.

He also reported that the U9 Jamboree went well despite some complaints about there only being 2 games instead of 3.

7. VP Competitive Report – Julia

Nothing to report.

8. VP Risk & Safety, Discipline – Matt

Nothing to report.

9. Ice Scheduler Report – Lesley

The Ice Scheduler reported that she only had two more days of practice ice before finals for playoffs. The President asked about the possibility of purchasing extra ice but Lesley noted that many arenas are closing on easter weekend.

10. Equipment and Merchandise Report – Jay

- a) **Equipment return for Rep B teams**
- b) **Tender for new supplier**

Jay was absent and no report was submitted.

11. Player Development/Coach Mentor Report – Nick

Nothing to report. The President noted that she has received positive feedback about the coach mentor program.

12. FAP Coordinator Report – Caitlyn

- a) **U18 bursary application**

The FAP Coordinator noted that there had been one application submitted but expected more leading up to the deadline. She also reported that there were several nominations for coach and volunteer awards submitted. One award for a coach mentee will be sponsored by Cooper Physiotherapy.

13. Fundraising Report – Kellie

- a) **Trivia Night**

The Fundraising Coordinator reported that she has designed tickets and will be getting those printed and ready for distribution. An email to solicit donations has been drafted and communications to each team will be coming out soon.

b) Summer Skates

Kellie reported that she had received 6 team orders for Summer Skates and orders would remain open to March 24th.

14. Tournament Planning – Adrienne

a) Final report on U18A, U18B Tournaments and U7 Fun Day

The Tournament Coordinator reported:

- The U18A tournament on February 2-3 worked well with no major issues and featured a visiting team from Nunavut.
- The U18B tournament on February 16-18 was the first 3-day tournament and sold out within a month. There was miscommunication with the GHA on ice time which caused major changes to the original schedule. Then there were ice issues in Metcalfe that caused the relocation of Sunday morning games. Adrienne wanted to thank those who helped figure out a solution.
- Adrienne wanted to recognize the efforts of Isaac and Bernie Visser for volunteering to run the clock and scoresheet and went to the relocated games in Winchester and then returned to Metcalfe for the playoff games.
- The final proceeds will be determined once the final costs for ice and officials are determined.
- For the U7 Jamboree on March 2nd, there was a great turnout. The breakfast was successful. Adrienne thanked parents for donating the baskets and to the bake sale. The coaches participated in the pie in the face which was very popular with the kids. In total, \$1450 in donations was raised.

15. Convenor Reports (U7-U21)

a) U7 – Nathaly

Absent and no report submitted.

b) U9 – Maryam

Absent and no report submitted.

c) U11 – Jessica

The U11 Convenor was absent but submitted the following report:

- Round robin playoffs start this weekend. U11 B1 and C each receive a bye. Semi-finals are April 3rd and finals April 6th.
- U11A is in third place, U11 B1 is first, U11 B2 is second and U11 C is first place.

d) U13 – Todd

Absent and no report submitted.

e) U15 – Andrew

The U15 Convenor reported that one of the B teams won a tournament in Kingston. U15A finished first overall after the regular season. The B teams finished first, third and fourth.

f) U18 – Adam/Deb

Nothing to report.

g) U21 - Deb

Nothing to report.

Roundtable

Nothing was raised.

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: ***Monday April 15, 2024 at 7pm***

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	R
VP – Competitive	Julia Tuff	P
Registrar	Tamara Brittain	P
Ice Convenor	Lesley Parker	P
Treasurer	Stacey Heins	R
Secretary	Brian Gear	P
Convenor – U7	Nathaly Barnett	R
Convenor – U9	Maryam Sugrue-Foubert	R
Convenor – U11	Jessica Dearden	R
Convenor – U13	Todd Lockett	R
Convenor – U15	Andrew Penner	P
Convenor – U18	Adam Baker Deb Monaghan	R P
Convenor – U21	Deb Monaghan	P
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	P
Financial Assistance Coordinator	Caitlyn Pommerville	P