

Amalgamation Open Session – APRIL 13TH, 2011 @ Bewdley Community Centre

1. It was asked and suggested that this could be an Expensive Proposition for both Centres?

The committee's have been discussing this and are looking at the most efficient ways to proceed with this process and proceed with as minimal cost to both associations as possible, with this said; there will be the following costs ie) lawyer fees (Al Richter has offered to look into this for both associations, and bring to next meeting) Jersey's, logo's – the discussion has been so far and agreed upon by both centres if this goes thru that they will look at which centre has the jersey's available that are in the best shape and change the logo on the jersey, as direction given by OMHA is that all OMHA Team's must have the same logo and the name of the new centre on Jersey at the start of the season. Although, at the end of the day this committee is very conscientious of the cost and will be looking at what is in the best interest of the members in both association and utilize their resources when at all possible.

2. How will ice time be decided between the 2 facilities and Local League and OMHA Teams.

No decisions have been finalized. Although, committee is well aware of the need for both centres to be utilized to their full potential and that each division will need to be looked at for travel. It will depend on the # of teams and the availability of ice time and schedules for teams and where the teams will be playing (ie. Local League – United Counties or Leo League and OMHA – Eastern Ontario or Central Ontario).

3. If this amalgamation goes thru will the registration fee be affected and for the members who have already registered how will they be affected by this.

Both centres are going forward with registration as if they are planning for their regular season to start. Fees will not change from what they were posted prior to each centres 1st registration for the 2011–2012 season.

4. What are the #'s registered in the past for Millbrook and Rice Lake?

Millbrook – 2007/2008 – 191, 2008/2009 – 167, 2009/2010 – 159, 2010/2011 – 179 (including Juvenile Team), 2011/2012 – (anticipating) 187 – including Juvenile #'s. Millbrook ran 2010/2011 – OMHA Teams – Novice, Atom, Peewee

Rice Lake – 2007/2008 – 118, 2008/2009 – 100 (including Juvenile Team), 2009/2010 – 90 Rice Lake – 2010/2011 – no OMHA Teams

5. Concern brought forward by Rice Lake Parent (Raymond Massie) that there are children attending Plainville, Dale Road, Port Hope and Cobourg school, that this would be a challenging situation for the children by amalgamating with Millbrook and not only introducing them to new players, and possibly changing the area they play in. Al Richter reassured Mr. Massie that this transition has happened to many players over the year. Mr. Richter's son has played for Rice Lake and this year due to no OMHA Team being available for his son to play chose to tryout for Millbrook and played his last season on the Millbrook OMHA Team. Mr. Richter shared his experience with the group present and explained the pro's and con's that his son and family had to experience. The season is over and Al's family have now made new friends and his son still gets together with his new team mates and old teammates from Rice Lake, overall this has been a positive and growing experience for everyone involved. Children are very resilient and adapt to new things, so long as they are given the support from everyone involved. With this being said there are children in the Rice Lake Association and Millbrook Association that do not go to school together although may have played their hockey days together.

6. The question about other center's amalgamating around these 2 centres was asked?

The committee is aware that Omemee & Ops, Otonabee (Keene) & Duro. Will this affect our centres. There is a great possibility it could, but at this time we cannot say for sure as they are not finalized in their process.

7. This then lead to the question of boundaries and how this will affect the association and players wishing to play OMHA Hockey. Who will be making the decision on whether we will be going with Hard/Soft Boundaries or can we have both?

OHF – would like to have all centres create hard boundaries.

Rolland – OMHA Rep for Millbrook had brought a map for people to see how we think the boundaries are going to work. With this being said the committee will have to review the centres affected by our boundaries. The committee will have to review how they would have to look at grandfathering players in both centre's in when the amalgamation is passed (the group would have to draft a grandfather clause that will be acceptable to both centres and OMHA). Plus look into the players who have already signed their right of choice at the current boundaries and now that they are being changed how does this affect them. The committee would have to draw a centre point that would be located between the Rice Lake and Millbrook's Post Office, (a suggestion was McCanus Drive and Carmel Line, although this is one of the things that has to be determined prior to the vote. Note: the following centres are affected by our boundaries – Omemee, Port Hope, Baltimore, Newcastle, Orono, Keene, Peterborough, Manvers. Members asked the question if it was possible to have OMHA sign off on the boundaries prior to the vote. Committee to look into to see if this would be possible.

8. Then the question was asked which AAA centre will we be going with if the amalgamation happens?

The committee will have to discuss this with the OMHA Reps and the REM for both centres affected by this. Although, the committee feel it is in the best interest of both centres is for Rice Lake to take on the Millbrook AAA Centre which is Peterborough.

9. The question was raised in regards to a letter being issued to Manvers members indicating they were in discussion with Millbrook.

Millbrook committee said yes they had made several calls to Manvers Executive prior to opening talks with Rice Lake, although were told in no uncertain terms they were not interested in proceeding in talks with them, this is why they decided to pursue talks with Rice Lake. They are not planning to open talks with Manvers at this time or until their talks with Rice Lake are complete.

Things both committee's need to finalize prior to the vote in June/2011.

1. Boundaries - finalized and signed off.
2. Grandfather Clause/Right of Choice
3. Triple AAA Zone
4. OMHA Zone (Eastern Ontario/Central Ontario) & Local League (United Counties/Leo League)
5. Letter of Intent - 2011-2012 or Full Amalgamation Complete
6. Proxy on Website/Available to both centres
7. Eligibility to vote on amalgamation (ie. 1 vote per family or 1 vote per each player registered in good standing)

NEXT AMALGAMATION INFORMATION SESSIONS:

“CANCELLED”

Tuesday, May 17th, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Bewdley Community Centre (Upstairs)

Wednesday, May 18th, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Lion's Den - (Lions Community Centre)

920 Larmer Line

Cty. Rd. #10

Millbrook

NEW DATE:

Thursday, June 9th, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Lake Street/Fleury Lane

Bewdley Community Centre (Upstairs)

**IN ORDER FOR THIS AMALGAMATION TO PROCEED
A VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011**

Each family is entitled to one (1) vote only.

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CAST
YOUR VOTE EITHER WAY ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011**