

December 1, 2009 Minutes of the MDMHA Executive Meeting, Millbrook Arena

Those present: Derek Baker, Nancy McKie, Randy AuCoin, Julie Hartwick, Ken Thomas, Lori Pigeau, Roland Greber, Scott McFadden, Melisande Neal Late: Andy Horner
Regrets: Lynda Mallon, Scott Van Schyndel, Maggie Benson, Jill Szilagyi, Jenn Puk

1. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda be approved as circulated. (AuCoin, Neal)
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of November 3, 2009 be accepted as circulated. (Baker, Pigeau)
3. **Financial Report:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the financial statement for November 30/09. (Pigeau, Baker) This report was submitted by Lynda Mallon by email as Lynda is at home nursing a broken ankle. Best wishes Lynda for a speedy recovery.
4. **Business Arising:**
 - 4.1 **Wheel Chairs on Ice:** Derek reported on behalf of Jenn Puk that, on ice volunteers in wheel chairs are indeed covered by the OMHA insurance, provided they wear a helmet and other appropriate equipment.
5. **Convener's Reports:**
 - 5.1 **Public Relations Convener:** There was some discussion about the banquet gifts.
 - 5.2 **Timekeeper/Gatekeeper Convener:** Julie wants some clarification about the new wall separating the home bench from the public access area. Her daughter, a timekeeper, hurt herself climbing over this wall trying to access the time box. Randy and Andy will be meeting with Brian Millett to discuss this and a few other issues.
 - 5.3 **Team Officials Convener:** Ken reported that the Marlies Association Night will be held at the end of March.
 - 5.4 **Registrar:** Lori reported that there are 160 registrations.
 - 5.5 **House League Contact Convener:** Roland reported that all teams have now been rostered, except for some of the APs. Clarification about on ice volunteer insurance is still needed. A couple of coaches still need their coaching certificates up dated, and this may be a problem with distance and timing. Scheduling meetings are coming up January 3 and 5 for Tri-County and Leo Leagues.
 - 5.6 **Tournament Convener:** Maggie popped in for a minute to report that the tournaments are going well. The LEO League president, Bernard Cain praised Millbrook for its Atom tournament last weekend, for how well it was run.
 - 5.7 **Skills Development Program:** Scott reported that it has become difficult to get volunteers to help. It was suggested to have a speaker come in to bring in some new ideas for the volunteers. It was also suggested to contact all the MDMHA coaches to ask if any of them could rotate in and to poll the parents for help. Scott also is concerned about the splitting of age groups in the lower levels.

New Business:

- 6.1 **Trophy Cases:** Tracy Vousden Welch, an Atom parent, attended the meeting to offer her services to get the trophy cases updated and re-arranged and to coordinate with the Township as necessary. She would like to have a representative from the Township to be invited to the banner hanging ceremony,

and to have a plaque and photo of the winning Novice team (2008) also hung in the arena. It was moved, seconded and carried that Tracy Vousden Welch coordinate with the Township and update the trophy cases that contain MDMHA materials and facilitate the hanging of the Novice champion banner. (Neal, Baker) It was also recommended that Tracy investigate where the team photos that used to hang in the arena went.

- 6.2 **Website Idea:** Derek would like MDMHA to post a 'positive spot' on the website, for example: up beat messages about what our own youth are doing. Everyone thought that this was a great idea and can easily be added to the website.
- 6.3 **Refereeing:** There has been several concerns brought to MDMHA's attention about the quality of refereeing on home ice. Randy will ask the OMHA rep to observe to obtain an impartial judgment.
- 6.4 **Calendars:** There are still several calendars to be sold. Randy will have this put on the website. It was also discussed that a parent could sell them at skills night. Randy volunteered to coordinate this.
- 6.5 **Player Uniform:** Scott reported that players can be awarded penalties by the referee, if they are not wearing the proper team socks. Ken will inform all coaches about this.
- 6.6 **December Events:** Scott informed the executive that there are plans to enter a couple of floats in the Millbrook Santa Claus parade, Saturday December 12 at 1pm for Millbrook players. He is also organizing a carolling evening, complete with horse and wagon and Santa Clause, at the Millbrook Manor and Centennial Place, on December 19 for the Myte, Tyke, Novice and Atom level.
- 6.7 **Officers and Directors Insurance:** Randy will investigate the current insurance situation for the MDMHA Executive.
7. **Adjournment and Next Meeting:** Mel adjourned the meeting at 9pm. The next meeting is January 5. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and have a safe and lovely holiday.

Respectfully submitted by,
Melisande Neal