

November 3, 2009 Minutes of the MDMHA Executive Meeting, Millbrook Arena

Those present; Nancy McKie, Maggie Benson, Roland Greber, Julie Hartwick, Andy Horner, Jenn Puk, Lynda Mallon, Derek Baker, Mel Neal, Scott McFadden

Regrets: Lori Pigeau, Randy AuCoin, Ken Thomas, Jill Szilagyi

Absent: Scott Vanschyndel Nancy McKie chaired the meeting in Randy's absence.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda be approved as circulated. (Puk, Scott)
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of October 6, 2009 be accepted as circulated by email. (Baker, Greber)
3. **Financial Report:** It was moved, seconded and carried that the financial statement from October 1 to November 3, 2009 be accepted as circulated. (Mallon, Baker)
It was noted that our first ice bill for \$2164.00 and the OMHA insurance bill for \$8988.00 have been paid.
4. **Business Arising:**
 - 4.1 **Wheelchairs on Ice:** Jenn to inform MDMHA by email of her findings.
 - 4.2 **Financial Assistance Program:** Criteria has been developed by the subcommittee for families to qualify for assistance because it is not possible to fully assist all the families that apply. This year 20 families applied. Randy will format the criteria for our files. It is noted that the criteria was developed before the subcommittee reviewed the applications.
Lori submitted a written report in her absence, that states that every applicant was reviewed according to the criteria and has been contacted in regards to the level of assistance that they qualified for. Every effort is made to make payment plans for those who applied for the portion that wasn't covered by the assistance.
 - 4.3 **Walk of Shame October 25 Update:** Scott reported that over 350 people attended this event where they toured Millbrook and guest speakers discussed the shortcomings of different sites. (ie: the arena and the mill)
5. **Convener's Reports:**
 - 5.1 **Registrar:** Most teams are at a capacity level and we will no longer accept any more applications unless there is room on a team and the coach has agreed to take on the extra player.
 - 5.2 **Skills Development Program Convener:** Scott reported that they have dropped the supplying of water bottles for the skills development program. Players may bring their own labelled bottles to skills if they wish. OMHA recommends that absolutely **NO SHARING** of water bottles should be allowed due to the H1N1 Flu outbreak. In addition, MDMHA regular teams must supply one labelled water bottle for each player.

Registration for Skills is now closed as we can not manage any new participants. It was moved, seconded and carried that we purchase four new goalie pads at the very good price of @ \$78.78 each including taxes and when loaned out to the teams that a damage deposit of \$100 be charged to the team. (Neal, Baker)
Two are 20" long, one is 22" long and one is 24" long and will be used at the Myte, Tyke and Novice levels. They will be clearly labelled with MDMHA identification.

Scott is still trying to collect on an NSF cheque issued to MDMHA one year ago from a coach clinic participant from Orono. Our next step is to inform him of the consequences of his actions in writing. This will involve contacting OMHA regarding him not being in good standing. Jenn and Scott will be contacting OMHA about this.
 - 5.3 **Timekeeper and Gatekeeper Convener:** Julie reported that it is difficult to

find, train and keep good timekeepers. There is only about a two year window of retention of these staff. She had 18 applicants at the beginning of the year and that has dropped to about 11 and now to about 6 only. Part of the difficulty is the nights and hours available.

- 5.4 **House League Convener:** Roland reported that at the Tri-County meeting it was very well received that the Atom team had moved into the AE Loop. He will be contacting them regarding the reimbursement of the fees for that team.

It was noted that some officials from the Tri-County League have free door passes wherever they attend games and that we need to honour that. The Tri-County league has recommended that the door price can be raised to \$4 as a maximum.

January 15 is the final deadline for registering affiliated players. (AP) It is recommended that, due to the possibility of illness, injuries and suspensions that teams definitely roster the maximum number of affiliated players , including goalies.

The executive was reminded that MHDMA pays for on-ice volunteers.

- 5.5 **Tournament Convener:** Maggie reported that the Midget, Peewee and Atom tournaments are full already. It was noted that on November 14 at the Midget tournament the team will not be running any activities or serving food. Therefore another team could use this for their own fundraising opportunity. It was noted that the Midget team has not yet submitted their roster to Maggie for the tournament. This will be taken care of asap by Derek Baker.

The executive was reminded that there are no free tournaments this year for the teams. This has been the practice for the last couple of years but the budget is too tight to allow this.

Maggie will send out to the executive the protocol from the referee-in-chief, regarding refs who do not show up.

1. New Business:

- 6.1 **Community Grants Funding:** The deadline for this is coming up in January. It was decided to apply for funds to pay for our financial assistance program, and the meeting room rental fees, and for other things such as the Skills Development Program. As of next year the Township has terminated the fee waivers for room rentals for community groups and are urging groups to apply for the grants instead.
- 6.2 **New Arena:** Scott outlined some discussions that took place at the last Township council meeting that he attended. Reference to a new arena was made by the Reeve. Neal Cathcart wants to see what kind of funds MDMHA can come up with to support this project; what land could be donated for the project; and who in the township would have deep enough pockets and commitment to help. MDMHA needs to be in on this more fully. Scott will ask the Township for clarification of what they are expecting MDMHA to do.

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned by Nancy McKie at 9:15pm. The next meeting will be held Tuesday December 1st at 7pm at the arena.

