



South Muskoka Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
169B James St. Bracebridge, ON
November 14th, 2023
Location: Bracebridge Arena

P - Present, R - Regrets, V - Virtual

Jody Somerville	P	Chris Broadworth	P	Julie Hogue	P
Mark Jennings	P	Whitney Middlebrook	P	Kevin Babcock	P
Katie Peleikis	P	Kim Ellis	P	Kristin Livingstone	R
Emma Bennett	P	Tina Hamer	P	Jenna Domalik	R
Krysia Schafer	R	Chris Ledsham	P	Norm Webb	P
		Sarah Wheeler	P		

Chair: Jody Somerville

Recorder: Katie Peleikis

Non Board Members in Attendance:

Agenda Topics		Chair/Presenter
1. Call to order	Meeting is called to order at 7:19 pm on the 14th of November 2023	Jody
2. Approval of Previous Meeting	Minutes: October 10th, 2023 Minutes approval moved by: Emma Bennett Second by: Chris Broadworth	Jody
3. Board member Reports:		

3.1 President	<p>MPS - meeting held last week virtually with all centres. There seems to be a common thread of suspensions in our U15-U18 divisions. Huntsville has had an astonishing number and has put these age groups back in mandatory body-checking clinics.</p> <p>SMMHA - we have had our first bench staff suspension which resulted in a 3-game suspension.</p> <p>Santa Claus Parades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gravenhurst Nov 25th, 11am "marching back in time" Could we get our U5-U11 involved in this one? Our U15 & U18's are in Silver Stick that weekend. • Bracebridge Dec 1st, 6pm "77th annual". Our U11 and U13B teams are away at tournaments this weekend. <p>Fire & Ice would like us to set up a booth during their event. Could we bring Bailey, set up a radar section, and display our banner? We need to check on the shape of our tent and if the radar machine is still in the office.</p> <p>Coaches meeting update: TBA</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	Jody
3.2 Vice President	<p>Trainer meeting is happening Wed Nov 15th. I am still receiving VSS and decelerations. I have not heard of anymore VSS being rejected. I am going to start a new Trophy check list. The Dan Bell has been missing for a few years and I was not aware.</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	Mark
3.3 Secretary	<p>Manager logins are complete.</p> <p>Unfortunately I will not be able to continue with the board and am resigning as Secretary. While I will remain here to support the board until my position is filled, effective immediately I am removing myself from the Discipline & Ethics Committee as well as all Board related WhatsApp chats. I would like to thank all my fellow board members past and present that volunteer to make hockey possible in our community.</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	Katie

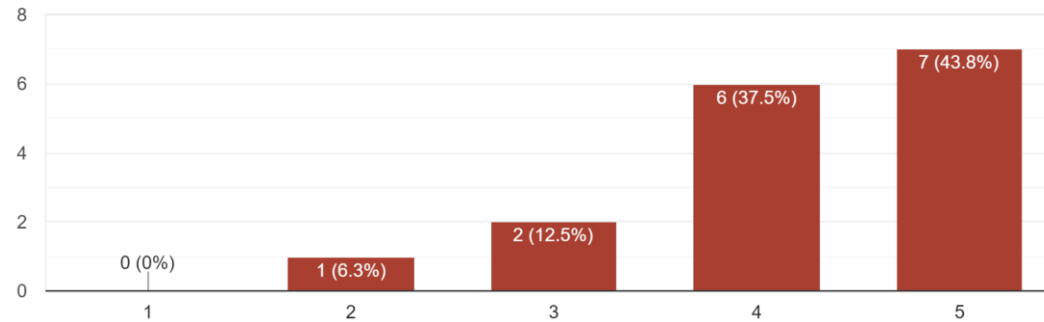
3.4 Treasurer	<p>Can we add Shinny & Co to the newsletter to get the word out? 85% of tournaments paid by SMMHA have been paid back. A few more to collect but they are trickling in slowly Bracebridge Ice has been paid Received majority or rep fees and tournament fees. I don't have some team rosters so I can't confirm everything received. Rosters I do have , I have crossed off who has paid. Can we get larger socks? Lots of kids don't fit into smalls and need medium or large - just feedback I am getting Grayden U15 refund</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	Emma
3.5 Director of Public Relations	<p>-Silent Auction is LIVE (has been so for about a week), there are still items that show as confirmed on our spreadsheet that require more details in order to be added to the auction site. We are also still accepting donations! Please have a look and see where we need to fill in the gaps ASAP. Pictures, values, descriptions are needed. I would hate to see these items not be included. I'm sorry I can't say this in person because I'm not available to attend tonight's meeting but I sincerely appreciate that help from those who have helped get donations- truly thankful! ACTION ITEM for those who have contributed with donations... Visit the doc to look for the ones we don't have up yet: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19xTnGVkBC69AQsbC-HCEkVT8DcvWrl7mAOotaKxlimU/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>- Player Fundraising is currently underway, items from Rich Hill will be ready in time for the holidays for players who participated to distribute to their supporters/buyers. I need to set up pickup times for money and products. Is it appropriate for me to ask managers to help in the collection of monies raised? I think this is what happened last year with Don's Bakery orders. I'm am not available over the coming weeks to collect everything from individual players myself.</p> <p>- New ref post delayed while I was tackling other items on my portfolio, it's on the list, I haven't forgotten about it</p> <p>- Orange Jersey Project: post had been delayed while teams were still submitting photos, some managers say they were missed in the emails that went out about it. I was doing my best to make sure no one is missed.</p> <p>- Content for December Newsletter will be due on November 26th</p> <p>- We have been approached by Bracebridge Santa Claus Parade about participating in the event with a float. It coincides well with the jamboree happening that weekend. Please be advised we may also be too late in responding to ensure a space, spots fill up very quickly. I have put the request to the Events Committee to see if anyone is willing to</p> <p>champion it and unfortunately no one is available. We would need volunteers to step up to run them.</p> <p>- Huntsville Minor Hockey reached out asking if we had a team that we wanted to nominate for OMHA's Team of the Month. They have been noticing our posts about supporting local food banks and wanted to support us should we want to nominate a team (they would toss in a nomination for the team as well). I said I would put it to</p>	Krysia

	<p>the board to decide because I know there are other teams out there in the community doing great stuff as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licensing Agreement: how does the Board advise we deal with missed payments? Recommend a policy be put in place to help us figure out how to handle these. This is in reference to missed payments for Q1 and Q2 for a license agreement holder. - First Shift posts need to go up, just waiting on details - in reference to action items from last month, I've sent Emma the agreement and Source and Edges were notified of Q1 and Q2 payment deadlines for license agreements - Expenses \$50 for added features for Auction Site (sent to Emma) <p>Action Items:</p>	
3.6 U9 Local League Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - U5-U9 teams progressing and developing as per programming - U9 Teams scheduling tournaments. Provided all teams/managers a list of the number of tournaments/jamborees they are permitted as per the pathways. - Some players (parents) are asking to move between teams or up a division. I am looking into these situations and consulting OMHA (Chris B) accordingly. - U9 Select team has progresses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A email was sent to U9 EP players to gauge interest as per our board meeting discussion - Players interested responded and we scheduled evaluation skates - 22 players confirmed interest in the evaluations, 1 was a no-show, and 1 other showed up on the day of to participate. - 3 evaluation skates were completed with non parent, unrelated coaches, and board member evaluators. - Players were selected based on the evaluations and a coach was selected from the selected players. - Greg Albisser was selected and accepted the role of head coach for the U9 Select Team. Greg was selected in part because of his past coaching experience and as he is on a U9 EP bench, but not the Head coach. This allows for less conflict as a EP head coach doing double duty could favor one over the other and 3 coaches working together is believed to be more beneficial for the outcome of the EP teams and the Select Team - Notice as to the Coach and EP players was to be put up on the team page - Requested Goalie coaching for U7 and U9. Coaches and goalies need support. Gary Innes is also available to help when needed. - Need to schedule speciality skating clinic for U9 teams <p>No Expenses</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	Chris L

3.7 U18 Local League Director	<p>-u11-u18 teams are doing well, nothing too exciting to report -in collecting tournament fees for my team specifically I have encountered an issue with a family where the parents are separated and now no one is willing to pay the fees, seeing as this can not be the first time this type of thing has happened, and surely won't be the last, do we have a process for dealing with this? In this case lots of notice was given they confirmed he would be at all tournaments and the rest of the team has paid based on that. -MPS meeting tomorrow, via zoom</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	Sarah
3.8 Equipment Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goalie equipment has went out to U7 & most of the U9 teams - We don't have any medium socks left in the new design, but have a few in the older style which I have already given a couple to a U9 group that reached out - What is the plan for U9 select for tournament situations? (I believe we had planned to use the older gold set, but what if they need a different colour choice for a tournament) <p>Action Items:</p>	Whitney
3.9 Tournament Director	<p><u>U13 B/C</u> 16 teams, including our 2 home teams (Multiple teams were waitlisted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 250 swag bags donated from Howies - 18 cases of Gatorade was sponsored by Edges of Muskoka - Only one suspension of Huntsville coach, unknown cause to date - Zamboni broke - facility staff are able to reach town staff to help a lot other ice - we should should have Baysville, Bala and Port Carling on sanction permit for contingency 	Kim

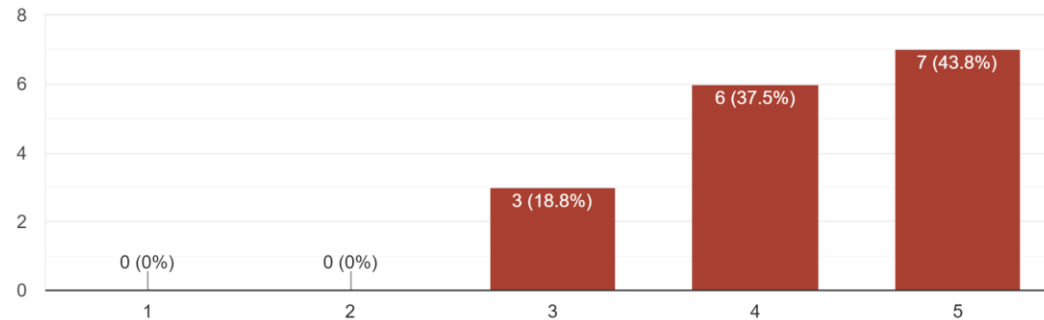
How competitive and fair do you think it was for your team?

16 responses



How satisfied were you with the tournament?

16 responses



Any overall feedback for the tournament?

"Great but C division should be only 2nd rep teams not first C rep teams"

- "Would have been nice to see a semi finals for the top qualifying teams. Going 3-1 but being done was a bit of a disappointment. Overall great experience and great teams. One of the best tournaments we've attend."

- "I think it was well run. I would suggest maybe having the finals a bit earlier, especially for the teams that have a longer drive home."

	<p>- "Communication from the tournament director was always top notch. She went above and beyond to communicate and work with teams. Games ran on time and the facilities were always clean and everyone was super friendly."</p> <p>- "Great tournament besides the unfairness of the U13 Port Colbourne team. Playing in a C division yet playing all B centres in their regular season and beating those teams with major scores like 12-0"</p> <p><u>U11 C</u> 5 of 6 Confirmed, including our 1 home team- will run with 5 teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schedule was posted and sent to OMHA on Nov 2 - No donations of Gatorade or Swag Bags to date <p><u>U9</u> 10 Confirmed, including our 5 homes teams (2 Unconfirmed - Waiting on Payment)</p> <p><u>U7</u> 19 Confirmed, including our 3 home teams (16 planned teams, including 3 home, an additional \$1,800 revenue)</p> <p>YTD Revenue Total \$39,350 YTD Expense Total \$4369.04 (ice costs not reflected) If we achieve allotted registration for U11C (5), U7 (11) & U9 (9). We are still \$12,950 short of Tournament Budget Revenue.</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	
3.10 Off Ice Officials and Volunteer Coordinator	<p>Three quotes were received for Photography and shared in chat, Thornton Photography - Based in Coldwater - Photographer of many organizations - \$1377 (U9 and below_ John Pokocky - \$1350 (U9 and below) Kelly Tomlinson - \$30/player only digital Board should vote and confirm by end of this meeting.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Action Items: Have a conversation with John Pokocky about his quote and what kinds of new picture styles he's able to offer us</p>	Tina
3.11 OMHA Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 new ipads will be going to LL9 and EP 9/Select - All Rep managers are required to update player suspension on The-One -DB, If you need logins, ask Katie - LL managers will notify Sarah about suspension - NHL First Shift Event - has 22 out of 30 spots filled. Krysia will be putting the information on our website for registration <p>Per discussion with Andy & Dan - U5, U7, can not play up.</p>	Chris

	Action Items:	
3.12 Ice Scheduler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baysville arena open and operating normally again - LL, B, and D practices finalized and shared on the calendar - Ongoing work to provide all five U9 teams an opportunity to play some half ice games against other centres before they transition to full ice play in January - First Shift ice times scheduled and shared with organizers <p>Action Items:</p>	Julie
3.13 Player Development Director	<p>Bench staff meeting scheduled (will have report at time of meeting) Goalies assistance/ instruction for U7 and U9 will take place Nov 24 and 25 during their ice times. More to follow.in the future. Suggestion: Bring in someone for checking instruction for U15 and U18 Rep teams. Have rep coaches then go out to LL teams to provide instruction for body position, contact and to give coaches drills to help</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	Kevin
3.14 Sponsorship Director	<p>Nothing to report</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	Kristin
3.15 Registrar	<p>431 registrations. No new registrations since October 23 No new transfers on file Final payments on payment plans were due October 30. So I am going through everyone's profile to reach out for outstanding payments. Hoping to have all emails sent out by then end of this week so can provide full updates on how many people have outstanding balances next meeting. At quick glance it looks like 26 payments outstanding. I will follow up with each one.</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	Jenna
3.16 Referee in Chief	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) U13 B and C Tournament referee fees: \$2673 2) October referee fees: \$3204 3) Five new referees: Welcome to Dave Thomson-Level 2, Ethan Aiken-Level 2, Carter McBride-Level 2, Josh Dyni-Level 1, Wyatt Davidson-Level 1 	Norm

	<p>4) Maltreatment: Starting to escalate. I will be instructing officials to take a zero tolerance approach to disrespect and abuse. Everyone seems to be onboard of curtailing maltreatment until it involves their player or team. Other centers are also seeing an increase of maltreatment.</p> <p>Consider closing down the player hallway entrance in Gravenhurst to players and bench staff only.</p> <p>Action Items:</p>	
4. COMMITTEE Reports (as needed)		
4. Committees	<p>SMMHA Committees:</p> <p>Coach Selection Committee: (2023-24 Rep season) Chris B, Mark, Norm, Katie, Jody External members: Pending- to be approved by Executive Directors 2023-24 LL Season, above list including Local League Directors Additional:</p> <p>Discipline & Ethics: Jody, Chris B, Katie, Norm, Additional: Sarah, Chris L, Kevin, Julie, Mark</p> <p>Ice Committee: Julie, Jody, Emma, Kevin, Chris B, Sarah, Chris L Additional:</p> <p>Purchasing Committee: Whitney, Emma Additional: Mark</p> <p>Fundraising & Events: Krysia, Emma Additional: Katie, Kim, Kristin, Tina</p> <p>Tournament Committee: Kim, Kevin, Julie Additional: Sarah, Krysia, Chris L</p> <p>Local League Committee: Sarah, Chris L, Julie Additional: Katie, Kim, Chris B</p> <p>Awards Committee: Mark, Emma, Chris B, Sarah, Chris L, Jody Additional:</p>	

	Manual of Ops Committee: Katie, Jody, Mark, Emma Additional: Nothing to report. Bylaw Committee: Mark, Jody, Chris B Goalie Committee: Kevin, Mark, Julie, Whitney, Norm	
5. Motions (as needed)	Moved by: Second By :	
Correspondence		
7. Nomination or election of Officers or Directors (As needed)		
8. New business/other business		
9. Meeting	Meeting called at 8:45 pm	

adjournment		
	Next meeting: December 12th, 2023 Location : TBD	