



South Muskoka Minor Hockey Association  
 Board of Directors Meeting  
 169B James St. Bracebridge, ON  
 September 10, 2024

Location: Titanium Office, 456 Ecclestone Drive, Bracebridge

P - Present, R - Regrets, V - Virtual

Jody Somerville	P	Jeff Barnes	P	Julie Hogue	P
Mark Jennings	P	Whitney Middlebrook	P	Sarah Wheeler	P
Jessie Dureen	P	Kim Ellis	R	Tanaya Lusk	P
Emma Bennett	P	Tina Hamer	P	Jennifer Lennie	P
Carmen Bliss	P	Chris Ledsham	R	Norm Webb	P
				Paul Raynor	P

Chair: Jody Somerville Recorder: Jessie Dureen Non Board Members in Attendance:

Agenda Topics		Chair/Presenter
1. Call to order	Meeting is called to order at 6:05 <b>pm</b> on the 10th day of September 2024	Jody
2. Approval of Previous 3. Meeting	Minutes: August 13, 2024 Minutes approval moved by: Whitney Middlebrook Second by: Emma Bennett	Jody
<b>3. Board member Reports:</b>		

<p><b>3.1 President</b></p>	<p>We are in full swing with tryouts for U11 - U18 and Local League skates starting September 7th. Thank you to all involved in getting these organized and staffed.</p> <p>MPS season start date is October 4th - December 8th 1st season. REP scheduling meeting will be held in Midland on Sunday, September 29th, with times to be confirmed (11 am U11 &amp; U13 and 1 pm U15 &amp; U18).</p> <p>A decision needs to be made if we want to offer U11 &amp; U18 select teams this season. We have ice time in Bala that the two age groups can share in rotation weekly. Other centres in our loop are hoping to have select in U8 and U9 only this year.</p> <p>Our registration numbers have surpassed last year and currently sit at 457.</p> <p>Second-entry coach applications close Friday, September 13th at 11:00 pm with interviews to follow. Second-entry tryouts commence Monday, September 16th.</p> <p>MPS/GB is proposing semi-final games 2 of 3 (4 pts system) revised season structure will be available shortly.</p> <p>No hockey between December 24th - Jan 2nd. March Break blackout dates 1st &amp; 2nd weekends unless both teams agree to play.</p> <p>Next MPS meeting October 2nd</p> <p>Managers/trainer meeting: Tuesday, October 1st, 7:00 pm? Bracebridge auditorium? Tina, Carmen, Chris L, Jeff?</p> <p>Mark and I are meeting with John Penny this evening to discuss our season and his involvement.</p> <p>Should we be posting our agenda on the website before board meetings? This will allow members to see topics up for discussion.</p> <p><b>Action Items: Look into Select Team Options for possible U9, U11 Teams</b></p>	<p>Jody</p>
<p><b>3.2 Vice President</b></p>	<p><i>I had a meeting with the town of Bracebridge with regards to our trophies going into the new arena. The amount of space will be fluid and be determined by other users groups. I am going to get as many trophies updated and refurbished for the October 10th Grand opening. Most VSC are being uploaded to OHF without issues. There is approximately a month wait to receive a completed VSC.</i></p>	<p>Mark</p>

<p><b>3.3 Secretary</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Going to go with Sportsheadz Team Managing App this Season it is free as we already pay to use them for our Website.</li> <li>- Confirming next meeting October 8th at 6:00pm locations TBD</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Nothing else to report</p> <p>Action Items: Booking Meeting at Gravenhurst Arena , meet at Managers Meeting to discuss Team Managing App and process.</p>	<p>Jessie</p>
<p><b>3.4 Treasurer</b></p>	<p>Nothing really to report.</p> <p>Action Items: Update budget sheet for next meeting.</p>	<p>Emma</p>
<p><b>3.5 Director of Public Relations</b></p>	<p>Nothing to Report.</p>	<p>Carmen</p>

<b>3.6 U9 Local League Director</b>	<p>Successful first weekend of skates. Hoping to have teams split evenly skilled in all divisions by end of this weekend with all bench staff in place. U9 select? That has been my #1 question asked this past weekend</p>	Paul
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<b>3.7 U18 Local League Director</b>	<p>LL skates started last weekend and went well, thank you Tina for your help finding coaches where I was having trouble!! U13 and U15 will be an easy split (not many cuts coming from tryouts) u11 and u18 are a different story, working with Julie on ice time to set up some games for those groups to check for team balance once we do get them split up after tryouts.</p> <p>I currently have no coaches/next to no bench in u13 and only one in u11, U15 I have one team covered and still need the majority of the bench for the second team. I'm sending emails but people are just not committing. Hopefully some interested parties trickle down from tryouts (in U11 at least). If anyone has any leads send them my way!</p> <p>Scheduling meeting will be inl bracebridge Oct 3, games to start the weekend following thanksgiving and end the weekend before family day weekend. Playoffs will be similar to last year. Likely The 2 weekends following family day.</p>	Sarah
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<b>3.8 Equipment Director</b>	<p><b>Pinnies seem to have worked well for tryout / we will wash and get ready for D tryouts</b> <b>Organizing puck buckets and pylons for teams</b> <b>Looking to use some money from the goalie fund to purchase some knee protection for the goalie bags</b> <b>Do we have any word on the storage area at the new arena?</b> <b>Do any U11 teams need goalie equipment this season?</b></p>	Whitney
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<b>3.9 Tournament Director</b>	<p>SUPPLY COMPARISON (These items are allocated for in budget and grant application)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1092 1663 1369"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Vista Print</th> <th>Imprint Now</th> <th>Banner Buzz</th> <th>4Imprint Canada</th> <th>47 PromoWear</th> <th>Source For Sports</th> <th>Howies Hockey</th> <th>Canadian Tire</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Stretch Table Covers - 6ft, Open Back (2)</td> <td>\$907</td> <td>359.83 plus buy 2, get 1 free (3 in total)</td> <td>\$306.88</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Retractable Banners - 33x81, Polyester</td> <td></td> <td>625 x</td> <td>\$718.47</td> <td>\$764.80</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Vista Print	Imprint Now	Banner Buzz	4Imprint Canada	47 PromoWear	Source For Sports	Howies Hockey	Canadian Tire	Stretch Table Covers - 6ft, Open Back (2)	\$907	359.83 plus buy 2, get 1 free (3 in total)	\$306.88	x	x	x	x	x	Retractable Banners - 33x81, Polyester		625 x	\$718.47	\$764.80	x	x	x	x	Kim
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Fabric (2)								
Water Bottle - 600 with logo	1,071.00	949.61	x	\$768.00	x	x	1800	x
Skate Towel -300	x	x	x	594	975			
Stick Wax - 300	x	x	x	x	x		1468 (Tote Bag, Stickers, catalogue etc)	2397

TOURNAMENT NAME	DATE	REGISTERED	CONFIRMED
KRIS CLEMENT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT	October 25-27 2024		7 (including 2 of ours)
BAILEY'S CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR	Nov 29 - Dec 1, 2024	1	6 (including 5 of ours)
JOHN JENNINGS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT	Dec 6-8 2024		7 (including 2 of ours)
BEAR COUNTRY CHALLENGE	January 3-5 2025		
DON COLLISON OFFICIAL CLASSIC	Feb 7-9 2025	2	5 (including 4 of ours)
DAP & DUNCAN MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	March 21-23 2025		

- I am currently waiting on medal comparisons. This will need to be an electronic vote as I must order these before our next meeting.
- We are currently ahead on registrations from last year's successful season. This time last year we received only 12 registered, not including our teams. We currently have 16, not including our teams.

Financials

- Revenue
  - \$18,100

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Including \$4000 advance from the Town of Gravenhurst grant</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$3.25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Waiting on ice costs exclusively for tournaments to include</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accommodation Partners have all come on with 5% room revenue to association. Minimum 2X budgeted (\$2500) revenue with a projected value of well over 5X.</li> </ul>	
<b>3.10 Off Ice Officials and Volunteer Coordinator</b>	<p>Tryout Pre-Skates were organized and completed.  LL pre-skates organized and completed with Sarah's help.  Our first Tag Day was a success - Raised Approx. \$1170  Second Tag Day scheduled for Friday Oct 11th 3-6 pm at Sobey's in Gravenhurst .  Like to organize an on ice coaching clinic for new and returning coaches  Managers/Coaches/Trainer meeting should all be scheduled in one night</p>	Tina
<b>3.11 OMHA Director</b>	<p>First entry team tryouts are underway and early season travel tournaments are starting Sept 20th. We are already hitting a pinch point on the VSS update- the new system wont allow bench staff to be tagged to a team (even conditionally without VSS proper upload completed in Spordle. So no roster creation (even tentative rosters) and no travel permits can be issued.  We have created a draft of a Volunteer-At-Large form to allow proper insurance coverage on any on ice volunteer. Soliciting suggestions on form and how to get success complete adoption.</p>	Jeff
<b>3.12 Ice Scheduler</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalized and signed all ice rental agreements for Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Baysville and Bala for the entirety of our season</li> <li>- Kyle with Township of Muskoka Lakes will notify us early October if there is any ice available in Port Carling (potential rental for March's U9 tournament?)</li> <li>- All arenas have been provided with our updated insurance liability certificates</li> <li>- We get our Baysville ice early this season, October 7th if all goes as planned on their end!</li> <li>- Our regular practice schedule can commence Oct 7th, with the exception of the few hours we hold in Bala (one of U11LL's practices and select ice). Will be shared on calendar soon</li> <li>- Practices until Oct 7th will vary week to week for all teams while we make due with limited ice</li> <li>- No Gravenhurst ice Sept 20-22nd, they're hosting a tournament for another user group</li> <li>- All rep tryout ice on calendar</li> <li>- An exhibition game for all 4 Tier 1 rep teams has been scheduled for home, a similar opportunity will be offered to D coaches once they have been chosen</li> <li>- Rep teams encouraged to travel elsewhere for a second exhibition game opportunity</li> <li>- Rep scheduling meeting Sept 29, season 1 games will appear on calendar 1st week of Oct.</li> <li>- Rep games can begin Oct 4th</li> <li>- LL games may begin Oct 18th</li> <li>- Working with TOG to book their meeting room for our board monthly meetings, awaiting contract to sign</li> </ul>	Julie

<b>3.13 Player Development Director</b>	<p>Started the season off with goalie camps and checking clinics and new to hockey skates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 goalie clinics for U11 and below - well attended with 10+ goalies</li> <li>- 2 goalie clinics for U13 and up - well attended with 10+ goalies</li> <li>- 2 - U18 checking clinics - refreshers - poorly attended, need to consider making these mandatory as its always good to get a refresher etc...?</li> <li>- 4 - U15 checking clinics - well attended, but some senior U15 did not attend both as it was a part 1 and part 2 clinic. If we decide U18 is mandatory same should be true for U15 Senior. This was tracked this year so it is on their profiles.</li> <li>- 2 new to hockey skates for first time to SMMHA players went well about 10 new to hockey skaters at each session U7 to U15.</li> <li>- Development skates got off the ground for Rep, the coaches were great and the development skates were well received - Thank you Tina</li> <li>- Development skates started for LL this past weekend - Thank you Tina and Sarah</li> <li>- Rep tryouts have all started, U11B and U18B have made their first round of cuts</li> <li>- Rep D coach applications are starting to come in and close September 13th</li> <li>- Thanks Whitney for getting us all the goalie gear, pucks, pylons, pinnies etc..</li> <li>- Would like to buy some knee pads for our U9 and below goalie gear as the top of the players knees are exposed when they go down. Could come from the goalie fund.</li> </ul> <p>No costs to date, but some should come in for the hitting clinics \$1,000 in sponsorship money coming in for PD - will enter into sheet once funds are received</p> <p>One arena issue, at the far end of the ice there is a door. The little nets are there and the black bumpers, but there isn't any rubber on the floor. Can we ask the arena to rubber that area?</p>	Chris
<b>3.14 Sponsorship Director</b>	All current teams are now sponsored for the 2024/2025 season. I am assisting Kim by reaching out to some companies about sponsoring tournaments.	Jennifer
<b>3.15 Registrar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><i>Have been working on making sure players are all set up with confirmed addresses and profiles.</i></b></li> <li>-</li> </ul>	Tanaya
<b>3.16 Referee in Chief</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b><i>Any official under the age of 18 must wear a green arm band as part of fighting abuse towards refs. "No refs, No games" is what is on the arm band. Any maltreatment penalties issued while a ref with green arm bands is reffing, the penalties will be more severe.</i></b></li> <li>2) <b><i>Recertification clinics have started. 14 returning officails-7 level 3 refs and 7 level 2 refs</i></b></li> </ol>	Norm

4. COMMITTEE Reports (as needed)		
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<p>4. Committees</p>	<p>SMMHA Committees:</p> <p><b>Coach Selection Committee:</b>  (2024 - 2025 season) Chris L, Jody, Mark, Jeff, Jessie,  External members: Pending- to be approved by Executive Directors</p> <p>2024-25 LL Season, above list including Local League Directors  Additional:</p> <p><b>Discipline &amp; Ethics: Jody, Jeff, Mark, Norm, Jessie</b>  Additional: Sarah, Chris L, Paul, Julie,</p> <p><b>Ice Committee: Julie, Jody, Emma, Paul, Jeff, Sarah, Chris L</b>  Additional:</p> <p><b>Purchasing Committee:</b> Whitney, Emma  Additional: Mark</p> <p><b>Fundraising &amp; Events: Carmen, Emma, Jessie</b>  Additional: Kim, Jennifer, Tina</p> <p><b>Tournament Committee:</b> Kim, Jennifer, Tina, Julie, Carmen, Jeff  Additional: Sarah, Paul, Chris, Kevin</p> <p><b>Local League Committee:</b> Sarah, Paul, Julie  Additional: Kim, Jeff</p> <p><b>Awards Committee:</b> Mark, Emma, Jeff, Sarah, Paul, Jody  Additional:</p> <p><b>Manual of Ops Committee:</b> Jody, Mark, Emma, Chris L  Additional:</p> <p><b>Local League Committee:</b> Sarah, Chris L, Julie  Additional: Kim, Chris B</p> <p><b>Awards Committee:</b> Mark, Emma, Chris B, Sarah, Chris L, Jody  Additional:</p> <p><b>Manual of Ops Committee:</b> Jody, Mark, Emma</p>		
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<p>5. Motions (as needed)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. We purchase two Stretch Table Covers - 6ft, Open Back from <u>Imprint Now</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Motioned by: Kim Ellis</li><li>b. Seconded</li><li>c. Outcome</li></ol></li><li>2. We purchase two Retractable Banners - 33x81, Polyester Fabric from <u>Vista Print</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Motioned by: Kim Ellis</li><li>b. Seconded</li><li>c. Outcome</li></ol></li><li>3. We purchase 600 Water Bottles from <u>4Imprint Canada</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Motioned by: Kim Ellis</li><li>b. Seconded</li><li>c. Outcome</li></ol></li></ol>	
<p>Correspondence</p>		
<p>7. Nomination or election of Officers or Directors (As needed)</p>		

8. New business/other business		
9. Meeting adjournment	7:45 pm	

	<b>Next meeting: TBD</b>	
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