



South Muskoka Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
169B James St. Bracebridge, ON
September 14, 2021
Location: Google Meet

Committee Members "R" is regrets

Sarah Geer	P	Andrew Guthrie	R	Kevin Babcock	P
Shannon Zedic	P	Curtis Morrison	P	Ryan Venturelli	P
Katie Peleikis	P	Lyndsay Jeanes - Present virtually or by phone.	P	Mark Jennings	P
Sheena Besseau	P	Kristin Livingstone	P	Kristy Bonitatibus	P
Jody Somerville	P	Local League U9 - Chrish Ledsham	P	Norm Webb	P
		Local League U18 - Jeff Barnes	P		

Chair: Sarah Geer

Recorder: Katie Peleikis

Agenda Topics		Chair/Presenter
1. Call to order	Meeting is called to order at 6:43 pm on the 14th, of September 2021	Sarah Geer
2. Approval of Previous Meeting	Minutes: August 10, 2021 Minutes approval moved by: Kristy Bonitatibus Second by: Ryan Venturelli	
3. Board member Reports:		
3.1 President	What a successful start up to hockey this past week! Thanks to each and every one of you. Lots of hard work all around. Meeting Sept 15th with both Gravenhurst and Bracebridge arenas to discuss the screening process of spectators and the new guidance provided today (14th) about vaccine passports.	Sarah

	<p>We are awaiting guidance from OMHA regarding Ford's new policy on vaccine passports.</p> <p>Working to see if we can accommodate more players from the waitlist. Muskoka Rock U11 & U15 teams have folded and some are looking to play for SMMHA. Will talk to the Rock and arenas to work on getting more ice time to get all kids on the ice..</p> <p>Insurance - We will not be insuring our equipment at this time.</p> <p>Logo/ymca - YMCA in Gravenhurst would like to use our logo to encourage parents to work out while their kids play</p> <p>Luke Larock from Ringette would like to borrow black foam dividers on Tuesdays</p> <p>Action Items for next meeting: Ongoing COVID rules - Town Advertising decision - YMCA Logo</p>	
3.2 Vice President	<p>Have gotten quite a few VSS' from coaches and volunteers- still waiting on some Board VSS' Tournament Trophies are being cleaned from Awards r us in Gravenhurst this week. Gravenhurst arena has an empty trophy case at the arena where they will house old Gravenhurst Minor Hockey Trophies, and we will have more space in our office!! COVID Vaccine receipt started on Sunday- I have a total of 55 as of noon today- not the numbers I am hoping for, I have asked Kristin and Kristy to help reach out to U13 and above parents and Volunteers. Board members please forward as well. The QR code is working well for now- most are signing in- trying to keep an eye on what groups seem to be missing a lot of sign in. Over 1,000 participants have used it so far.</p> <p>Action Items for next meeting: Vss from Board and volunteers - Vaccine receipts</p>	Shannon
3.3 Secretary	<p>Full website update is to be completed by Wednesday September 15th - Will allow for new users to subscribe from all devices/computers. I'll generate an article once it's complete to encourage subscription. Sportzhead App can be used when we are ready to set it up - suggested that we do so once teams and rosters have been finalized. Manual of Operations updated to reflect we will not be issuing volunteer credits for 2021/2022 season and will be reviewed for next season. Moose FM would like to share our scores on their sports segment Working on the silent auction for the golf tournament - hoping to make it live on FB Thursday or Friday until Sunday - still looking for more prizes. Will be announcing registration contest winners next week. Working on bylaws</p>	Katie

	<p>Action items from last meeting: Sponsors for website - Bylaws - Sportzhead App</p>	
3.4 Treasurer	<p>Bank accounts have been switched. Registration fees are now going into the new account. TD account will be cancelled after a few more cheques have been deposited. Started the month with approximately \$300,000 which is before paying out typical fees like ice time.</p> <p>Action Items from last meeting: By end of Aug all new Registration should be going into new account at Kawartha/ Director of Public Relations has asked that the \$850 from the Source be moved to the Year end Banquet Budget</p>	Sheena
3.5 Director of Public Relations	<p>Golf Tournament is this weekend - we need more volunteers for the day as well as silent auction items. If you have a silent auction item or hole sponsorship cheque and will not be attending the tournament please let me know and I can pick it up.</p> <p>We have a total of 22 hole sponsors and 9 teams registered at this time.</p> <p>I will package up what swag we have from previous years and bring it to the tournament on Saturday.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone for your time and dedication on the Golf Tournament...any crazy amount of Whatsapp messages :)</p> <p>Fundraising - I would like to go with Don's Bakery again this year. It seems to be an annual hit and will be delivered at the end of November in time for the holidays.</p> <p>Chicken on the run is another great somewhat local business that can either do orders to benefit the association or the player individually. I'm aiming for this one in November as well.</p> <p>I have also been in contact with All-Star Coffee, Little Caesars and Purdy's chocolate...I'd like to pick one of these as well...thoughts?</p> <p>Swag - I have a quote for a number of different swag options but will find it hard to obtain 3 quotes for each as only a few companies sell the majority of items. So far, I have prices on travel mugs, hockey tape, clothing, hats, lanyards, stickers (helmet and car), ties, bracelets and hockey pucks.</p> <p>Need board approval to proceed with doing our own swag shop again or outsource a company willing to set up a website to directly order (order online, ship directly and they handle the payment with HST) items from and we will just receive the select percentage back.</p> <p>Skate-a-thon - I have been in contact with Tracy from Fire and Ice and she would love for us to partner</p>	Jody

	<p>and do a Skate-a-thon on the weekend of the event. I will set up a committee after the golf tournament to start our brainstorming...anyone interested in joining?</p> <p>Swag bag - Katie and I can put these bags together on Saturday for our 2 winners.</p> <p><i>Action Items for next meeting:</i> Send out email to vote on 1 of 3 individual fundraisers - Setup swag either with swag shop or through third party supplier - Consider an order swag in advance system for families</p>	
3.6 Local League Director(s)	<p>Next MPSLL meeting is September 15 in Bracebridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to report our expected number of teams at each division. • I contacted Gamesheet Inc. I pads are the only device that can run the gamesheet app. It cannot be used with an iphone. • All centres are short on referees. • Scheduling meeting will be October 6. <p><i>Action Items from last meeting:</i></p>	Vacant
3.7 Equipment Director	<p>Jerseys have been ordered and an email has been sent to the board to view them. Timbits and Atom jerseys have been received. Pucks set up in Bracebridge and Gravenhurst. Will talk to coaches about taking responsibility for pucks for the season. If 40 pucks are needed per team we may not have enough. Need U7 coach info to distribute jerseys. Need Mark to look into First Aid kits from Canadian Tire. If staff need in the equipment room, reach out for the code to the lock.</p> <p><i>Action Items for next meeting:</i> Puck & Jersey Distribution - Consider having players keep black jerseys and managers collect and wash white jerseys</p>	Curtis
3.8 Tournament Director	<p>Tournament Updates: Rep:</p> <p>U-18 Tournament - 6 teams registered. 2 spots left. U-15 Tournament - only 1 team registered. Lots of inquiries but no one is signing up.....am sending out emails directly to clubs. U-13 Tournament -FULL U-11 Tournament - FULL.</p> <p>AE: Do not normally sign up until after Rep tryouts are done. There is no AE for Midget in any event, so our first AE tournament would be U-15 in November.</p> <p>Hotels are problematic this year. The best hotel that we have dealt with in the past is the Marriott Residence in Gravenhurst. They were not committing to being able to host us and also, wouldn't give us the usual "deal" unless</p>	Lyndsay

	<p>we had our parents sign a code of conduct for the hotel (which we have no right/ability to do). After much back and forth, I have finally confirmed with them that they will take hockey bookings and they have given me (today) the information to post on the website. Other hotels are also not confirming that they will take groups. My suggestion to the teams coaches and managers who have signed up has been to have parents sign up individually and not book blocks - otherwise it is signalling "massive amounts of people" and hallway hockey!</p> <p>I have also been advised that for the U-11 Tournament in February there is a massive pond hockey tournament that same weekend. I have emailed the teams and advised them to get their hotels early.</p> <p>Given there is no LL co-ordinator yet - I will defer that meeting until they are appointed.</p> <p>Jersey Cleaning - I got an estimate from Fabricare to clean the jerseys that are in "better" shape for tryouts. It was far too expensive; just under 3K to have them "sanitized". I have been simply taking them home in batches to wash myself. Atom (AE and Rep - Black and White are done and hung up downstairs in the refs room). Am working on Pee Wee - although we only have one set of Pee Wee jerseys; I think that was noted earlier....</p> <p>Action Items from last Meeting: Meet with Kevin to discuss ice limitations for tournaments - Plan LL Jamboree with Chirs & Jeff</p>	
3.9 Off Ice Officials and Volunteer Coordinator	<p>Covid screening is going well, thanks to all the volunteers. Have created a list of volunteers broken down by division from registration process.</p> <p>Action Items for next meeting: Add score update within 24 hrs to managers package</p>	Kristin
3.10 OMHA Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All centres except for us currently have lower registration numbers than normal • MPS scheduling meeting will be on October 3. Will most likely split into two sessions to accommodate everyone and stay within the limits of the meeting room. Need to book the hall at Bracebridge arena. • There has been a lot of discussion about the season structure and the number of games each team will play. OMHA is still working out some final details. The season will be split in two, for the first season teams will play within MPS and Georgian Bay. Around mid-January the first season will end and based on results teams will be placed in 3 tiers. For the second season teams will play a round robin series with teams in their tier. The top teams in the tier will play in the OMHA playoff weekend at the end of March. • We have two shut down periods this season. Christmas eve to January 2nd and March break including either the weekend before or weekend after. SMMHA should decide which weekend we would prefer and take it to the MPS as a recommendation. <p>Action Items from last meetings: Determine which weekend Lovable Losers is to shutdown for the weekend with March Break</p>	Andrew

3.11 Ice Scheduler	<p>Working on ice...restrictions are posing problems for ice times. Have sent tryout schedule for approval. Waiting on what is needed and teams to be formed to post regular schedules. Port Carling only has 1 hour available a week and Baysville can only offer 1-2 hours a week. Rep teams are currently only able to have 1 practice a week. Current ice restrictions mean Midget tournament will not be able to run. Won't be available for October 6th LL scheduling meeting.</p> <p>Action Items for next meeting: Meet with Lyndsay to discuss ice limitations for tournaments</p>	Kevin
3.12 Player Development Director	<p>Clinics are going well.</p> <p>Board Feedback/Ideas: <i>The development skates are challenging under the alphabetical grouping as you have beginners in drills with experienced players. Suggestion to divide players based on who has purchased a try out card and then do alphabetical grouping from there. Consider renaming beginner programs to include the word initiation again as "U" titles may have deterred families new to the sport. Host an introductory BBQ before registration to allow families to understand what hockey and the divisions are about,</i></p> <p>Action Items for next meeting:</p>	Ryan
3.13 Sponsorship Director	<p>All teams have sponsors with the exception of 1 U18 LL and all U9. I am still actively looking for LL team sponsors. You have any local businesses interested to sponsor please let me know.</p> <p>Action Items for next meeting: First Aid kits from Canadian Tire</p>	Mark
3.14 Registrar	<p>We currently have 387 fully registered players. We have had 9 players that had originally registered withdraw before taking the ice. We have 4 on the waiting list that were offered spots but have not completed the registration form. We have 19 on the waiting list that we do not have spots for at the moment and that list is growing every day. I have encouraged all new parents to complete the respect in sport and will continue to audit that. I have also been working with Spordle tech support to deal with some payment issues. They are continuing to implement updates and hopefully we can have the last of the issues resolved this week. (Though they were supposed to have it in place 3 weeks ago, and then on Friday and then on Monday, so fingers crossed!) All funds should be collected by our final installment date, October 31st. We need to review the refund policy given vaccine requirements.</p> <p>Action Items from last meeting: Determine whether we need a last call for try out cards - Provide Kristen link to look up volunteer certifications - Review refund policy</p>	Kristy

3.15 Referee in Chief	<p>1) SMMHA has 10 confirmed returning officials for 21-22 season. Waiting to hear from 3 other officials if they are returning but i highly doubt it.</p> <p>2) Only officials who registered last year are allowed to ref games until recertification course completed. If they did not register last year, they can't do any games until course is complete.</p> <p>3) I do not know when the entry level courses for new refs will be. Have had 4 inquires about entry level.</p> <p>Action Items for next meeting: Entry level clinics</p>	Norm
4. COMMITTEE Reports (as needed)		
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5. Motions (as needed)	<p>Moved by:</p> <p>Second By :</p> <p>Moved by</p>	
6. Correspondence		
7. Nomination or election of Officers or Directors (As needed)	<p>Local League Directors Appointed:</p> <p>Jeff Barnes - U11 and above</p> <p>Chris Ledsham - U9 and below</p>	
8. New business/other business		
9. Meeting adjournment	Meeting called at 8:34pm	
	<p>Next meeting: October 12, 2021</p> <p>Location : TBD</p>	

