

Minutes Southwest Bullets Meeting for May 29, 2024

Attendance: Rob Veldman, Ian Vanmiddelkoop, Kristin Antolak, Tyler MacTavish, Katharine Beamish, Erica Quenneville, Erica Parnell, Daryn Mawson, Mike McEachren, Jeff Eberle, Ashley Patton

1. Board Positions filled

-Amendment: April 30th, 2024, the board members met regarding concerns related to Rob James. The board voted unanimously to send Rob James a letter to ask him to step down as president completely or to a smaller more manageable role. On May 13th Rob James was given the letter by Ian V and Mike M in person. On May 26th Rob James informed the board members he had chosen to step down as President of the Southwest Bullets Board.

-Rob Veldman nominated and approved to be Southwest Bullets president

-Erica Parnell nominated and approved to be the Southwest Bullets parent rep coordinator

-Positions that remain open: Director of Development, Sponsorship Coordinator, Vice President, and Four Counties Rep

2. Registration update: Katharine Beamish updated, 12 registrants at this time, a combination of u5/7, u8/9 and u11.

-Katharine notified us that Sean VanBilsen and Rob James are on the registration portal. Plan to remove both and add Rob Veldman to the registration portal.

3. Advertising video/incentive for early registration

-We have started advertising with videos from members of Southwest Bullets. We posted video Kristin Antolak made about Westyn describing the benefits of joining Southwest Bullets. Lots of likes, shares and views of the video. It was suggested we also post the video to Instagram (Kelli Brent will post it).

-Tyler MacTavish also created a video of his son and has shared it with Kelli Brent to post soon for more advertisement.

-It was suggested that we also post about how the payments are broken down and the initial payment is 50\$ with 2 installments on Aug 1st and Sept 1st.

-We also will post in the WhatsApp groups from last season to see if anyone from last season would be willing to share videos/photos of their kids to post on social media. Tyler MacTavish will post in the u5/7 group. Erica Quenneville will post in the u8/9 group. Daryn Mawson will post in the u11 group.

- July 1st "Canada Day" draw for all members registered to be entered into a draw for a free membership for the season. Katharine will get an updated list of registered members for July 1st draw.

4. Ice time update:

- Current Ice time hours booked at Bothwell arena are Tuesdays 6-9pm, Friday 7-10pm and Saturday 8-10am
- Current ice time hours booked at Glencoe Arena are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7-9pm.
- It was noted that having ice time in Bothwell on Tuesdays may be a conflict due to younger members being in CanSkate and Intro to power skating at the Glencoe arena on Tuesdays.
- Rob Veldman has spoken with Sam and Kevin regarding obtaining the 6-7pm time slot back from Glencoe Arena on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are waiting to hear back as they are trying to contact the team who as booked the ice time.
- There is a council meeting on June 19th at 7pm for Southwest Middlesex. We need to email to be added to the agenda. Tyler MacTavish has agreed to email the town to be added to the agenda regarding the return of the earlier ice time. He has also agreed to attend the meeting and bring the concern forward that we have large number of younger players that need the earlier time slot.

5. Equipment:

- Tim Hortons order: Will be placed in August by Daryn Mawson
- The plan for next season is each coach will have a puck bag and carry their own equipment due to lack of storage space at the Glencoe arena and equipment getting lost/stolen last season.
- We need to gather the equipment we do have. There are currently 2 u5/7 sets of goalie equipment. The u9 team has one set of goalie equipment that fits properly.
- We will need to purchase another set of equipment for the u9 team
- We need to collect u11 Jersey's, iPad with charger, pucks, water bottles and first aid kit from Rob James (Ashley Patton has agreed to get in touch with him to return the equipment)
- We need to collect the iPad from Amy MacPherson (Rob V has agreed to get in contact with Amy)
- Rob Veldman will look into cost for Velcro to be added to jerseys for the jersey sponsors logos

6. Summer events- opti-fest, sign-up genius, advertising to get volunteers

- 3 events we will be involved in and need volunteers for: Glencoe Tractor Pull, Optifest, and Glencoe Fair Dance.
- Glencoe Tractor Pull is July 19th, the Agricultural Society has already made a sign up on jotform. We need to advertise. There are 4 hours shifts which will return the 100\$ volunteer fee to Southwest Bullets registrants. A parent,

grandparent, family member can sign up to volunteer. Volunteers need to get their smart serve. Kelli Brent will post about events and need for smart serve. Positions include selling tickets, clean up/set up, selling drinks, admission at gate, etc

-Optifest is Aug 8-10: We also need volunteers for set up/clean up, selling drink tickets and bartending.

-Tyler MacTavish will look into possibly doing some kind of fundraiser or 50/50 draw at the Glencoe tractor pull

7. Tournament dates for next year- advertise on OMHA tournament website once dates are set.

-need to book Silver stick tournament for u11 as soon as possible

-We will be hosting 2 tournaments:

-U8/9 Horvat Tournament on Jan 24th -26th at the Bothwell Arena. (Daryn M and Ashley P will be organizing). Optimist usually will run a skills competition with prizes for fun during the tournament.

-U5/7 tournament Jamboree on Feb 8 at the Glencoe Arena. (Rob V will be organizing). Plan to have 3, 30 min games for each team

-Erica Q will contact the arenas to book the ice time for the tournaments

8. Sponsorships:

- Ian V. has a list of all previous sponsors to be contacted for the upcoming season. We have a letter to send out. Ian V will give information to Erica P and Tyler M to contact businesses.

-Erica P and Tyler M have agreed to look into sponsorships for the upcoming season. Tyler M will also look into fundraising opportunities at the Glencoe Tractor Pull and Glencoe Fair dance.

9. Ashely Patton brought up a bill for Sportzhead. Outstanding balance of \$925.47 for use of the app. The app is already updated for this season with coaches.
10. Ian V has been in contact with Glencoe Minor Hockey with regards to smaller nets for the u5/7 team. They have agreed to putting money towards the nets. An estimate for 4612\$ for the 4 nets has been given to us. We are waiting to hear back from Southwest Middlesex Recreation to see if they will donate a portion to the nets as well.

11. Bills/Check approvals:

- Bingos: Kim 300\$, Cindy 200\$, Ian 100\$
- Outstanding volunteer fee for Kelly De Lancey for 100\$
- OMHA registration for team (u21, u18, u11, u9, u7) 530\$

All payments approved and issued by cheque.

12. Next Meeting set for July 5th at 7pm.

