

Board Meeting: Southwest Minor Hockey Association – May 8, 2019

ATTENDEES: Sarah MacGinnis, Tara Tack, Derek McEachern, Jason Lambert, Sean VB, Mike McEachren, Scott Purbrick, Chris Sterling, Andrea Hauspie, Ian Vanmiddlekoop, Calvin Ritchie, Jay Talbot, Sandra Heynick (Total of 13) + Wendy Gould (Treasurer)

ABSENT/AWOL: Kurt Lovell, Ed Theo, Shannon Hutson, Jimmy Hamilton, Anissa Gurchin, Brent Crandon, (Total of 6)

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 p.m. by Sarah

AGENDA of Meeting Accepted

MOTION to adopt Minutes of Last Meeting (March 20, 2019)

PRESENTATION BY THREE MEMBERS OF DRESDEN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (Ian Avery, President of DMHA; _____ Registrar of DMHA; and _____)

Three Board Members of Dresden Minor Hockey Association put forward a proposal to SWMHA: That a Right of Choice area be created between DMHA and SWMHA to allow kids in Bothwell and area the choice of playing in Dresden, or playing with SWMHA, if SWMHA is not able to field a “rep team” at any age division. The proposal is for 2019-2020 season, with an option that the ROC area become permanent for the 2020-2021 season. This proposal is a counter-proposal to the current OMHA/Hockey Canada rules: that a child must go to his next closest centre (I.e. West Lorne or East Lambton) if there is no “rep team” at SWMHA.

DISCUSSION:

- How would this affect the Bothwell Arena?
- There is nothing to stop Bothwell and area kids from playing with DMHA right now, if they want to play Local League.

PRESENTATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT BY WENDY GOULD

DISCUSSION AND MOTIONS:

MOTION by Tara to accept financials as presented. SECONDED by Andrea and CARRIED. (See Attached Schedule A)

MOTION by Jason to continue to donate \$250.00 to GDHS for a commencement award. SECONDED and CARRIED.

SHAMROCK LEAGUE REPORT:

- Nothing to report.

TRI COUNTY LEAGUE REPORT:

- Nothing to report.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

- Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Sarah MacGinnis	President
Calvin Ritchie	Vice President; Shamrock
Kurt Lovell	Vice President; TriCounty
Jim Hamilton	Vice President; Development (including tyke and IP)
Mike McEachren	Secretary

Andrea Hauspie	OMHA rosters
Derek McEachern	Registration
Jay Talbot	Website
Ian Vanmiddlekoop	Sponsorships – Bothwell
Shannon Hutson	Sponsorships – Glencoe
Jason Lambert	Equipment
Sean VanBilsen	Glencoe Tournament
Anissa Gurchin	Bothwell Tournament
Ed Theo	Tournaments
Brent Crandon	Refs, Timekeepers and Gatekeepers
Tara Tack	Ice Manager
Sandra Heynick	Volunteer/Parent Rep Coordinator

(2) ICE RATES:

- SWM texted Sarah to advise that council had approved a reduction in the hourly rates for ice rental on Weekdays to \$75.00 from Mondays to Fridays during the daytime.

(3) OMHA:

- Andrea advised that we must inform OMHA of how many teams we will have, by May 31, 2019. Our teams must be paid for by that date.

(4) OPTIFEST

- Traditionally, SWMHA and Bothwell Skating Club each provide volunteers to work at OptiFest and they split the profits. The Bothwell Legion needs volunteers to work their food booth. The Legion needs eight (8) to ten (10) volunteers.

- Sarah advises that you don't need to have a kid in SWMHA to be a volunteer. There are lots of volunteer opportunities.

(5) DISCUSSION OF ELGIN COUNTY ZONE

- The minor hockey associations for Port Stanley, for West Lorne and for St Thomas all voted to merge their associations into one large zone. This would result in the loss of any West Lorne players for SWMHL teams. OMHA voted to turn down this proposed new zone for this year. All three associations must re-visit this decision (re-vote) next year if they want to try again.

(6) BO HORVAT CHARITY AND REGISTRATION NUMBERS

- There were questions about the funding of kids sports fees through the new charity announced by Jim Hamilton (funds provided through Bo Horvat). Derek advised that some families were surprised to learn that they still had to pay because they believed that "hockey was free". We need to get updated information and more details from Jim.
- Derek advised that we only had 86 kids registered. Derek asked, "When will we have a discussion about rep teams?" Sarah responded that we should be able to make some decisions as early as June.

(7) MOTIONS:

MOTION by Calvin to give Sarah her volunteer credit for all of the work that she did organising the two (2) Hockey Banquets. SECONDED by Jay and CARRIED.

MOTION by Calvin to ask Zach to step down from SWMHA. SECONDED by Andrea and CARRIED.

(8) FURTHER DISCUSSION:

- First dates for ice are **probably** going to be September 3, 2019 for Bothwell and September 30, 2019 for Glencoe.
- Photo days will be November 4, 2019 for Glencoe and November 5, 2019 for Bothwell.
- Discussion about organising clothing sales for SWMHA clothing and swag.
- Tara advised that there will be a new tryout process for Atoms starting in 2020-2021. There will be a minimum of four (4) skates before “tryouts” formally commence.
- Discussion about recruitment of coaches. Applications are available on the SWMHA website. We need coaches.
- Discussion about posting the dates of all of our SWMHA Board Meetings on the website. The next meeting dates are Tuesday June 11, 2019 in Glencoe and Wednesday July 10, 2019 in Glencoe and Tuesday August 7, 2019 in Glencoe. **Someone needs to talk with SWM (Steve) to make sure we can get the room.**
- Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.