

BOARD MEETING February 26, 2023

7:30 PM / via Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Ryan M.	Beth F.	Patrick H.
Graham P.	Kevin F.	Jason H.
Brian V.	Steve M.	Ian J. (non-voting)
		Mike O.

Absent:

Alex M.	Sarah W.	Staff Present:
Darren B.	Peter L.	Heather B., Diane D.

Welcome and Call to order – 7:35pm motion by Kevin F., second by Patrick H.

Land Acknowledgment – read by Beth F.

Approval of minutes from January 26, 2023– motion by Steve M. second by Patrick H.
All approved.

Business Arising from minutes from last meeting:

- 1) Super Sunday Update** –ALL (discussion held at the end of the meeting).
 - Graham to prepare a game flow email (send to Directors for review) to send to all coaches to describe the movements of the weekend.
 - Volunteers arranged for the day, music covered for games and anthem singer
 - Ryan and Sarah to confirm set-up time for Audi/VW
 - Dominos pizza ordered and delivery times set
 - Cupcakes ordered and to be picked up Friday by Ryan
 - Beth to pick up water and juice
 - Need email out to advertise weekend and raffle and post on FB
 - Sarah to coordinate sponsor tables
 - Graham to redistribute rules of games to coaches and leave copy in timekeepers box
 - Plans are good to go, will touch base at the end of the week if weather causes issues
- 2) League wide raffle update** – Ryan/Sarah (discussion held with Super Sunday)
 - All team packages need to be collected by Saturday in order to determine who wins the team grand prize
 - Volunteers are organized to sell tickets on Saturday and early Sunday before draw
 - Have banner for table for advertising
- 3) Spring Development** – Jason and Patrick
 - Awaiting ice availability from the city, not much available – Diane following up
 - Would like to start weekend following March 5 (other associations offering)
 - Patrick to follow up for Junior groups (up to U13)
 - Jason looking into IP groups as receiving inquiries, would like 2 ice times/week
 - Would use weekends of March Break and carry as far into April as possible
 - Not much interest to run through March Break

- Will need to use a form system online to fill out as unable to register online through HC as new season not open yet. Will have to collect cheques.

4) Payment Provider– Heather B.

- No need to change provider in Hockey Canada at this time

Staff Reports:

Ice-Scheduler – Diane D.

- Updated results of playoff games on the website and will continue to update over the weekend
- Select teams have been billed, looking at least \$21K owed to AMHL
- Will send Mike room rental and shooter pad agreement for payment for Super Sunday

Referee-In-Chief - none

Registrar –Heather B.

- Will credit all CHIPs accounts for the missed session – Jason and Ryan to confirm amount and send to Heather
- Not able to open registration yet as OMHA has not released new season – expect sometime in March
- Will need to know if we want to include payment plans (yes), 3rd child discount (yes), early bird registration discount (will encourage people to register early)
- U9 programming presentation from OHF:
 - o Vague, little information
 - o All HL to have seeded teams – kids that have skills will be Tier 1, kids who have desire but limited skills will be Tier 2 – need to be offered same amount of ice as Tier 1 (4hrs of ice/wk)
 - o Who will they play, reach out to other associations, set up interlock leagues
 - o Administrative nightmare
- Steve M. indicated that through the Bombers, U9 will look like a local league, Tier 1 loop and Tier 2 loop, will these fall under Bombers or AMHL with NDHL, Tier 3 will be the HL level. Awaiting further confirmation and direction from NDHL and Tri-County but more clarity will come in summer likely.
- Picture release statement will also be included with registration

Head Trainer – Ian G.

- Medical questionnaires will now be part of registration within Hockey Canada
- The form will be sent to a central email and only those with highlighted issues will be forwarded to trainers for the season.
- All forms will be kept centrally for access by trainers to follow-up on if necessary
- In-person training sessions for coaches and trainers – Ian and Patrick to discuss off-line and report back to board
- General reminder to all coaches/trainers that any head injury with symptoms needs to remain off the ice and needs to be assessed by a physician with a return to play plan
- Collect trainers kits in the community room after awards and they will be brought to equipment room for storage and review – Ian to email trainers
- Ian to liaise with McMaster Concussion Research group that will be set-up during Super Sunday.

Director Reports:

Social Events – Sarah W.

- Will follow up on action items from Super Weekend work plan

- Possibly do some lead up events to Super Weekend

Development – Patrick H.

- Consider goalie rebates or discounts to encourage more goalies to sign up
- Offer goalie development program earlier
- ***Patrick to put together proposal for each age group for next meeting***
- Potential information session for IP families to discuss goalie position and training
- ***Jason to check with IP families to gauge interest in information session***
- Confirmed with board that Glancaster Bombers goalies cannot access AMHL discount for goalies.

Junior HL – Brian V.

- Round Robin games done and final playoff schedule set the championship weekend.
- Last few weeks have had a lot of issues with goalies over the last 2 weeks with illness and vacation – ie. 2 goalies for 6 teams all weekend including Select games
 - o Kids and families stepping up to help out
 - o Would like to offer kids that have helped out in these times
 - o ***Brian and Ryan to discuss options.***

Initiation Program –Jason H.

- Jamborees went well, lots of positive feedback
- Will work to roster the younger kids earlier in the year in order to participate in Jamborees next season.
- Teams will need to have all requirements done by a specific date

Senior House League – Graham P.

- ***Proposal to restart U21 – Graham to follow up next meeting***

Sponsorship – Kevin F.

- No new updates

Equipment – Darren (not available)

- Board discussed allowing current registered players to borrow league goalie equipment throughout the spring and summer for further development and interest.
- ***Jason to work with Darren on monitoring who has it and getting it back***

Finance– Mike – provided by email

- On track with overall budget, showed loss of \$45K for the year however, this is down to \$20-25K loss when we take into account money owing from Select teams
- ***Mike to investigate new banking options and will provide update with different banks at next meeting.***

Rep Directors – Steve M.

- awaiting news on Stoney Creek and Dundas rep programs to see how they will affect the Bombers and supporting more teams
- preparing for spring tryouts for U10-U16
- tryouts for U9 and U18 will be held in the fall
- Non-contact level of rep hockey, known as BB for U14-U16 and tryouts will be in the fall.
- Preparing for spring pre-tryout development sessions.

Standing Agenda Items:

Ancaster/Glanbrook Pilot – Ryan and Beth

- By-laws with OMHA and Glanbrook to resolve boundary issues.

Ancaster By-Laws – Beth

- Most comments received from all Directors, Beth to consolidate and send to lawyer for review.

Statement of Claim – Ryan and Beth

- No new updates

Google Workplace Account – Jason and Brian

- No new updates

New Business:

Review Banking Provider

- Mike to provide review for next meeting

Next Season Planning – Ryan

- Seasonal calendar created and shared in a google drive for Directors to review
- Aim to do mass evaluations 15-16 Sept and start season 23-Sept with games starting following weekend
- Plan for pre-skates early Sept.
- Highlight IP development with Pro Hockey Life
- Review options for HL during Bombers tournament weekend (Nov. 10-12)
- Brian to take lead on calendar review and populate important dates
- Plan for Sept. 9-10 for coaches and trainers in-person meeting/training
- Include Christmas and spring development in overall year plan
- Have everything open for registration in the summer
- Review times for CHIPs to make it more enticing for new members
- *All Directors to lay out everything, wish lists, for each division and share for review at next meeting.*

Any Other Business:

- None

Adjournment – 9:37pm - motion by Patrick H. seconded by Jason H.