

**AMHL December Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday December 19, 2023 @ 7:00PM Via Zoom**

<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Cindy            Andrew Jason            Darren S. Steve            Ian Gerry            Rod Ryan            Christine *Diane Joined late	Darren B. Patrick Heather

Ryan – motion to begin meeting, Steve seconded

Approval of November meeting minutes – Rod motioned to approve, Steve seconded (all in favour of acceptance of November minutes)

**Staff/Director Reports:**

Ian

- Injury reporting still not being done properly
- How can we ensure that all injuries are being reported, in order for all players to be properly covered by insurance?
- Steve will go and see if there are any more effective methods for injury reporting that other associations are using
- Any injury where time is taken from the game must be reported (especially broken bones or possible concussions)
- Teams are rostered so the players are properly covered by insurance should an injury occur
- If a trainer is injured, they are also covered by insurance
- There was an injury at Skate with Santa - should a report be filed? (Yes)  
- does event insurance cover this incident?

Gerry

- Steve and Andrew have been taking ipads home to make sure they are fully charged when needed
- Chargers should be brought into the box as backup should an ipad lose charge during a game
- Games running 10 minutes late – problems with run time occurring in both house league and select games
- It seems Rep games are running longer which is cutting into house league game times
- With U7/U8 house league, games should be running 50 minutes instead of 60 minutes to allow for removal of the ice dividers
- We need to speak with Diane about ice times/schedules to see if anything can be done
- Ryan and Gerry will follow up with Rep board and Diane about scheduling

- Steve: U18 – has talked to Diane – outcome: Rep games cannot be curfewed, therefore there will be an update to the U18 Monday night game schedule to reflect game time changes. Game start times will now be 8:00, 9:00, and 10:00PM start times, beginning in January 2024

#### Andrew

- U18 gold and U14 went to London Tournament
- U14 team won Championship (win was posted on social media)
- Cindy has been doing some social media posts about select teams
- All select teams were emailed about attending a 4<sup>th</sup> tournament – some interest coming in

#### Ryan

- Budgeting/planning process – how can we improve? Any suggestions?
- Before our January meeting, Ryan, Rod and Darren will meet to identify structure when developing a template for budget (specifically registration fees and financing).
- Also, roles for next season need to be addressed – need to determine interest in returning
- Jason commented: roles returning/roles not returning/vacancies must be a huge focus for the 2024-2025 season. Need to recruit for vacant roles, as having all roles filled really positively impacts the association. A consideration should be given to full time vs. part time roles
- Cindy suggested possibly having an association manager role
- Ryan suggested we take a good look at tasks and role assignments

#### Rod

- Sponsorship for this season will close shortly
- Sponsorship banners need to be ordered and the website needs to be updated with current sponsors
- Board positions should be clearly defined
- Attendance for board meetings should be addressed
- Registration fees should be going up to reflect budget needs
- Championship weekend sponsors needed

#### Darren S.

- Budget at a loss for the season
- 144,000 in bank
- Total expenses 330,000
- Going forward, a better plan is required to help with loss
- 2024-2025 season registration fees should increase to help balance the loss

#### Jason

- IP – late registration interest – prorated rate is being developed for late registrations
- Tuesday night skills and drills – late start openings available to start January
- Holiday skills and drills development – 50 + registrations

Dates	Junior	Senior
December	15	16
January	18	10

- Is there an opportunity for spring development?
- Ryan suggested possible try out ready development sessions
- Email blasts going directly to parents is a more effective way of attracting participants rather than hoping parents will visit the website for information
- Equipment comment – in January the board should decide equipment needs for the following season as it is important to place equipment orders much sooner for the 2024-2025 season

Brian

- Via email – playoff schedule to be developed

Steve

- Playoff schedule to go to Diane
- SHL issues – not enough goal tenders – how can we address this? Reduce fees for goalies?
- Both lock boxes at Morgan and Spring Valley are broken AND one ipad screen is broken with an approximate 700.00 cost to fix all items.
  - Steve Motioned to approve spending to fix listed items
  - Cindy seconded
  - All in favour – motion passed
  - Andrew will purchase new lock boxes and will be reimbursed

Cindy

- Skate with Santa 2023 was a success – approximately 265 participants registered
- 1/1.5 hours would be good for next year
- Santa attended
- Hot chocolate, timbits, as well as chocolate/strawberry milk (donated by Summit dairy) was offered to all participants
- Approximately 480.00 in expenses
- 576.00 in cash donations collected
  - Cindy motioned to donate all funds raised to Ancaster Community Services
  - Seconded by Jason
  - All in favour
- Championship weekend
  - Information given regarding past championship weekend to use
  - Ancaster basketball gave 11:00am ½ gym, 12:00pm full gym to use on Sunday
  - Esso – U6/7 to U11 Ambassador of the Game certificates given to coaches to give out

Diane

- Joined late for ice scheduling update
- Monday nights, Bombers gave ice time to AMHL to use, therefore we cannot curfew Monday night rep games to accommodate house league games as this is originally Bombers ice time

#### Covid Credits

- Approximately 12,000 worth of outstanding credits from covid season
- Approximately 4000.00/5000.00 worth of credits were used this season
- Do these credits have an expiration date? Ask Heather for guidance on this matter
- Darren will look at family names of credit holders to determine whether or not they are still part of the AMHL association

Cindy suggested we purchase a zoom account for uninterrupted meetings.

Bombers zoom account that AMHL can use? Christine to contact Beth Forbes regarding this issue

#### Next meeting dates:

- Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> (earlier meeting date to accommodate championship weekend planning)

Adjournment - motioned by Jason, seconded by Christine