

**MMHA Meeting Feb 5, 2024.
Forestry Building 7:00**

Meeting called to order 7:04pm

In Attendance:

Molly Brigden Brittany Beers
Kim DeRose Angela Russell
Mike Simpson Jenny Stirling
Mike Mouland

Motion #1: to accept Minutes from Jan 8, 2023.

Motion: Brittany Beers, Second: Mike Simpson

Financial Report:

Operating: \$120 616.24(Adjusted)

Plan \$79 691.90

Term \$32 247.87

Gaming \$1388.01

Expenses/Profit for tournaments

- U7 was \$326
- Profit for other division was \$1500-\$2000 dollars
- Have not seen bills for Shulus ice for U9 and U18
- Angela will send grid and it will be attached to minutes

Motion #2: to accept financial report for February 5, 2024.

Motion: Kim DeRose, Second Jenny Stirling. All in favour. Carried.

Executive Reports

Mike Mouland: Presidents Report

- No Report

Jenny Stirling: Vice President

- No Report

Brittany Beers: Treasurer

- No Report

Dave Garcia: Ice Ambassador

- No Report

Molly Brigden: Secretary

- Final reports have been sent to Tournament Reports have been sent to BC Hockey for the tournaments that have occurred this season.

- Bauer First Shift is up an running. There are 11 kids involved.
- Submitted maltreatment to BC Hockey.

Kim DeRose: Risk Manager

- No Report

Vacant: (Program Director at Large)

- No Report

Mike Simpson: (Senior Division Director at Large)
SENIOR DIRECTOR/IT ASSISTANT REPORT TO THE BOARD

Website and RAMP Team App:

- Added Rafflebox ticker to the website home page and unused monitor in the office.
- Rafflebox ticket sales to date \$1130.
- Thoughts on advertising BCHL games on website? Does this put us in violation of Hockey Canada direction?

Senior Teams:

U13A~No reports

U13C~No reports

U15C

- Received information that the U18C goaltender was utilized as goaltender relief for one of the U15C teams.

U18A

- Sponsor required.
- Will HUBBARD was nominated for OMAHA's John Bosha Award (U18A MVP).
- Two games cancelled due to unavailability of qualified officials. One game rescheduled to take place out-of-town and the other forfeited due to unavailability of ice.
- **Recommend all games schedule for 2.25 hours (3x20 minute stop time periods with 2 ice cleans); ice significantly deteriorated with only one ice clean.**

Governance Committee:

- Continue to work independently on reviewing policy and procedures.
- Learning that most policy is already in place through Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and OMAHA, making it redundant for Merritt Minor Hockey to parrot the policy. May be prudent to "refer" to affiliate policy except in cases where Merritt Minor Hockey policy is more restrictive.

OMAHA Regulation/Policy Submission:

- **MOTION: Merritt Minor Hockey forward two submissions to OMAHA regarding official compensation in preparation for the OMAHA AGM as follows:**

Official compensation is a frequent topic of many MHA conversations, both at the Board levels and between MHAs. The general outcome of these conversations is that official compensation varies greatly between MHA within OMAHA.

SUBMISSION #1:

We submit that OMAHA adopt a regulation and schedule of official compensation, including travel rates and per diems, which would standardize official compensation for all MHAs under OMAHA's purview.

To list all current schedules of official compensation for review by the membership would be timely; however, Merritt Minor Hockey's current schedule of official compensation was adopted this season following a review of several schedules of official compensation, including the schedules adopted by PCAHA and VIAHA. During this review it was learned that both PCAHA and VIAHA have adopted regulations that standardize official compensation for all MHAs under their respective purview. Links to Merritt Minor Hockey's 2023/2024 On-ice and Off-ice Official Compensation Schedule, PCAHA's 2023/2024 Rulebook, and VIAHA's 2023/2024 Officials Handbook are provided below.

Links:

[MMHA 2023-2024 On-ice and Off-ice Official Compensation](#)

[PCAHA 2023-2024 Rulebook](#)

[VIAHA 2023-2024 Officials Handbook](#)

SUBMISSION #2:

We submit that the OMAHA Board be required and authorized to review and update the schedule of official compensation, including travel rates and per diems, by March 15 of each calendar year, which would come into effect on July 1 of the same calendar year.

To request the regulation be amended at each OMAHA AGM for the sole purpose of reviewing and updating official compensation seems inefficient and could be detrimental to previously approved MHA budgets; therefore, to permit the OMAHA Board to amend the compensation schedule prior to the MHAs developing their respective budgets, seems reasonable and necessary.

Although not included in Merritt Minor Hockey's schedule of official compensation, it is recommended that travel be compensated for only the distance in excess of 50km (e.g., 160km round-trip from Kamloops to Merritt, compensation would be provided for 110km), which would ensure parity between all MHAs, considering some larger MHAs may have greater distances between arenas within their service area.

Kim DeRose: (Junior Division Director at Large)

- No Report

New Business:

1. Canucks Reffing Recognition: There was some concerns brought up as child that attended the Vancouver Canucks game in the ref recognition event was not one of the nominated kids. The family sent their younger son instead of giving it to the other nominated applicant. Jenny will ask Dave Garcia to compose an email to voice concern from the board.
2. Maltreatment Letter from U11 in 100 Mile. Letter of concern brought forward by a manager of U11. Molly will submit to BC Hockey.
3. Scorekeepers for playoffs. Adriane will schedule these once the schedule is out. Cost were included in the bill to Omaha along with scorekeepers, ref costs and ice costs.
4. 50\50 for playoffs: Yes, there will be, done via raffle box not paper. The winnings will go back to MMHA team seasons are done; this will help to recoup costs of playoffs. We ask that U11 teams hang the QR codes in the arenas.
5. OMAHA official compensation: Mike has asked that we forward a recommendation to OMAHA regarding getting all the official compensations regulated across the OMAHA district. Mike S will draft and email and Molly will send to Sherry.
6. February development ice: Bauer first Shift is happening in the Monday slot, but there is no plan for Thursdays. What is the plan?
Motion #3: motion to spend \$25 on Gift Cards for the volunteers who have run extra ice slots (safe contact clinic, female ice, Bauer first shift) Motion: Molly Brigden, Second: Brittany Beers. All in favour, carried.
7. AP concerns: Some concerns have been brought up about the use of Aps from u9. There have been incident where players from U9 have been missing their slotted ice times (games or practices) to participate in U11 games. Reminder email to be sent regarding use of AP's and policy for all coaches. Any questions can be directed to Jr/Sr Directors.

8. Mini nets for the little. We will need to replace mini nets prior to the beginning of the season. Brittany reached out to Ryan about suppliers and we have received a quote for 2 nets for \$1310.00.

Motion #4: Motion to purchase 4 nets to replace the broken nets for next season. Motion: Brittany Beers, Second Mike Simpson. All in favour, carried.

9. Equipment return date: Would like to have a few dates set to have teams bring back their equipment. Brittany will look at her calendar to see when will work.

Motion #5: Motion to spend up to \$100.00 on a collapsable clothing rack to help deal with jerseys at the arena. Motion: Kim DeRose, Second: Jenny Sterling. All in favour, carried.

**Next Meeting: March 4, 2024 7:00pm @Foresty office
Adjourned 9:30pm**