

## IMHA Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 18, 2022

**MINUTES – Approved August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



Present: Todd Copeland, Kendra Bloomfield, Brooke Ross, Paul Walkom, Mark Read, Scott Parker, Jeff Reid, Chris Dixon, Andrew Ward, Kerri Dixon, Pat Conlin

Regrets: Mike Harding, Jeff Sutherland, Randy Sheaves, Andy Marshall, Bill Stevenson

1. Todd Copeland agreed to chair the meeting in MH's absence.
2. PW made a **motion to begin** the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by SP. Carried.
3. **Marty Dudgeon: Head Trainer**

Marty shared with the board his role as Head Trainer. He shared what has been done in the past and what his goals are for the future of the role. Marty has vast knowledge and experience and is passionate about supporting IMHA and team trainers to be proactive when looking at player safety.

- Historical issues the Head Trainer has fielded is injury management, injury reporting, trainer qualification, pressure in the role as trainer and school complaints.
- Marty runs trainer clinics to help to prepare trainers to feel more comfortable and confident in the role. He will also meet with all bench staff to help define and communicate the role of trainers, emergency action plans and scenarios. **Dates for this year are currently TBD.**
- Open lines of Communication: Trainers are to communicate with Marty about injuries, not coaches. But lines of communication need to be open between coaches, trainers, parents, IMHA board and Head Trainer.
- If an injury occurs where ice time is missed by the player, Marty should be contacted about the injury and he can help support a back to play plan.
- Player safety: Medicals are crucial as a proactive measure. It is important that these are completed before players step on the ice. **ACTION:** KD will investigate the app PRIVIT to collect medicals and communicate with trainers, Marty, and coaches about medical information.
- Covid – With the uncertainty, it is good to be proactive and possibly prepare. IMHA follows guidelines given by the health unit.
- Trainer Tab is on the Ilderton Jet's webpage and has lots of valuable information.

JR and the board acknowledged how valuable Marty is to the organization and to the trainers. The proactive approach to support and prepare trainers for the safety of the players is an asset to IMHA.

4. PW made a motion to **approve the minutes** from the June 20<sup>th</sup> IMHA Board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PC. Carried.
- **ACTION follow-up** – KB will send out communication that Boys U18 teams are looking to have a second Tier 2 D division team and want a better idea of how many players are interested in trying out.

## 5. Ice Schedule Update

MR presented the ice schedule showing available ice times. The 2022-2023 season we have additional U18, U15 and 2 U11 teams. There is not enough ice to give everyone a full ice game and full ice practice. MR presented different scenarios and we are short 2 hours of ice time.

- No teams are currently assigned to ice time slots because revisions might be made.
- MR has reached out to Huron Park for extra ice and they have not committed to give ice. **ACTION** Mark will look into Parkhill and other arenas for extra ice times.
- Sunday morning ice in September is not currently in our ice contract. Mark will reach out to the township to get this ice time back in our contract.
- We can get ice time Tuesday at 4:00 in Ilderton which will be used for extra or development ice throughout the season. Mark will move forward in getting this ice.

## 6. Coaching Requirements

JR: coaches are eager to get started and he would like to get information to them promptly about pre-tryout, schedule and qualification changes for OWH and OMHA.

- Early August there will be information about first skate schedules and registration for these skates will be open.
- Coaches meetings will be scheduled for after tryouts when bench selections have been made. Marty will also be communicated with about when these meetings are so he can attend.

JR: U8 boys, U5 boys and U9 girls teams do not currently have LEAD coaches. Anyone interested in these positions should fill out an application for coaching.

JR talked about feedback from coaches about how the pre-tryout skates are ran. LEAD coaches want to be running their own age group which helps begin to develop relationships.

- PW made a **motion** that the LEAD coach can run the development skates without any other parent involvement from that age group. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PC. Carried.

PW: **Coaching requirements have changed** and all LEAD coaches for ages U12 – U21 must be D1 certified. This must be completed throughout this hockey season, or you will lose your certification. Communication will be sent out to all the current coaches.

### D1 Certification Process

- i. Each Head Coach will need to become D1 Certified prior to the end of the 2022/2023 Season.
- ii. In order to obtain your D1 Certification, each coach will be required to complete the D1 Certification Workbook and submit it for review.
- iii. Once complete the Workbook is submitted to the D1 Evaluator, and a request for Evaluation is included.
- iv. The D1 Evaluator will then schedule a time to proceed with the on ice evaluation and/or to return the reviewed Workbook.

## 7. OMHA Classification

This portion of the meeting was done 'In Camera' with the board members who were present.

## 8. OWA Team Categories

SP: The intent to register needs to be completed for the classification of each age group.

- U9 girls: house league
- U 11 girls: 3 teams - B, C, house league

## 9. Shamrock League Update

PW: Proposed Season structure has been made.

### League Start Dates and Games Played:

- U9: Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - 12 half ice games, 12 full ice games (full ice begins January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023)
- U11 and U13 REP and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> : 24 regular season games to be played.
- U15 and U18 REP and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022: 24 regular season games to be played.

Holiday Blackout Days: No League Games are to be played during these dates.

- Holiday: December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- March Break: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## 10. Welcome Back to Hockey BBQ

KB: Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00. There will be a IMHA Back to Hockey BBQ which will include a hockey equipment gear swap, vendors selling products (TILT, Pete's sports), raffles, and an IDP information sessions.

## 11. IMHA Hosting UWO Men's Exhibition Game

MR has been in contact with head coach Clark Singer for IMHA to host a UWO Men's hockey game on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in Komoka. It is a great opportunity continue to develop the partnership with UWO hockey and IMHA. IMHA must cover ice rental, and referees for the game.

- TC made a **motion** to move forward and book the ice for the Exhibition Game on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PW. Carried

## 12. Round Table

- KD: IMHA will be running the **beer tent for Ilderton Fair** that will be open Friday evening and Saturday mid-afternoon through the evening. The fair board will pay for the tent, lighting for the tent, security, and police. IMHA will buy the supplies and liquor license to run the tent. IMHA gets the revenue after the overhead costs have been covered.
  - Someone from the board must be at the tent at all times. It's important we come together as a board to cover the times needed.
  - All volunteers must have their SMARTserve if serving liquor.

- PC: There are new **jersey sponsorships**: Render Construction (Chris Warren) and Bryanston Storage. Keep spreading the word or asking anyone who might want to be a sponsor.
- PC: The 3 raffles from **Rafflebox** netted \$8000. The first raffle was most successful.
  - o PC made a **motion** to have one Super Raffle rather than 3 raffles throughout the season. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PW. Carried.
- PW made a **motion** for any tryout fees paid by **Girls U9** to be refunded. 2<sup>nd</sup> by AW. Carried.
- PW: **Silverstick registrations** are due. All IMHA Boys teams should be registered.
- PW: We are allowed to begin **Spring U15 and U18 boys' tryouts** May 9<sup>th</sup> and we will be planning to meet these timelines next season.
- PW: **Exhibition games for tryouts** against Lambeth and South Huron have been pre-scheduled in the past. This year coaches will set up their own exhibition games for tryouts.
- AW: Small committee of AW, MR and AM will go over the **numbers for U8 and U9** boys to see if they need to be combined.
- TC: **No cheques** for approval.

**13. Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00, in person.**

**14. MR made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by KD. Carried.**