

## March 2016 Meeting - Wednesday March 23, 2016

**In Attendance:** Shonyn Coward, Tracy Heron, Shallon Partridge, Kim Kramer, Mark Sutherland, Scott Bogart, Jeff Kerlake, Rochelle Gibbings, Brad Thompson, Brian Richardson, Jen Kramer, Vicki Scott, Larry Lewis, Sean McCann, Mark Heimrich, Lisa Campbell, Scott Campbell, Joe Boyle

Mark called the meeting to start 7:34 pm. An errors or omissions from last months meeting. Lisa, 1st, Brad Second. All in Favour.

**Secretary Report:** (Jen Kramer) No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Shonyn Coward) Shonyn provided updated report. Attached. Brian adopted the treasury report. Vicki Seconded.

**Sponsorship Report:** (Joe Boyle)Talked with Mike Dykstra - did not sponsor this year and will not be sponsoring for the next years ahead his son is done playing. Joe will not be doing sponsorship next year but would like to get all the jerseys sorted out for next season with Crabbies. Scott Bogart has 40 sponsor bars made up. Jerseys need to be sorted by teams and reorganized with sponsors. Joe ordered 4 sets of Atomic Jerseys (15 skaters with two goalies) that is what was specified that was needed. Joe mentioned combining the sponsorship along with Mark H. doing sponsorships in the town. Sponsorships for next season needs to begin now. Will approach Industrial Supply and Skillen Investments, Huron Tractor and Case, Little Caesars.

**Registration Report:** (Tracy Heron)

- Tracy is not currently able to give an accurate report. There are not enough numbers to provide a report.
- -Tracy has asked what portion of the gate fee is refunded if a girl quits partially through the season. The gate fee would be pro-rated.
- -Lisa has asked if there is a financial assistance section however we do not currently have any links to provide this information. YMCA is also a new partner for financial assistance. This can be used for equipment, tournament fees, registrations, etc. Shonyn will email the flyer to Rochelle to add PDF onto the website. Jumpstart is also available.

- Tracy also discussed that in future seasons we may need to have girls registrar separately especially looking into the future of online registrations.
- Tracy wanted to clarify the rules on can-skate and hockey half and half registration. The half registration can only occur one time. As long as the child is tyke and first year, and only used for one season.

**OMHA Report:** (Brad Thompson) Not much to report play downs are done and no teams advanced past the first round. Mark S. is looking into re-classification to a C centre from a CC as an inquiry only. Discussion was held regarding whether we are going to move.

**Shamrock Report:** (Brian Richardson) AGM April 11/16. 3 proposals to change. All centres travel within one hour one way to Shamrock game and the game start no later than 8:30pm Sun - Thurs and no later than 9:30 on a Friday and Saturday. Also, looking at changing Shamrock for Bantam and Midget to have no playoffs and hold a tournament between December and January and then only have play downs. Tournament after play downs would not be a good idea. Only Midget can decline to play. Try to divide the league into two tiers only play head to head against one another through the season. Teams can apply to move up and down between tiers based on previous years standings. There are many complaints of D centres playing B centres. Discussion was held regarding the proposed changes.

Two teams still playing. Atom AE plays tomorrow night in Dorchester. Brian asked if anyone else wanted to attend the AGM.

**Lamptom Middlesex Report:** (Jeff Kerlake) Things are good no report. Last team just got put out of playoffs. 3 teams made to finals. AGM June 7/16.

**Tournaments:** Dates for the next seasons listed as follows.

Bill Batton November 4,5,6. Silverstick November 25, 26, 27

Pink on the Rink Jan 7,8,9 DQ Tourney- January 13, 14, 15

- Kim would like to make a motion to increase the fees for three of four tournaments. Scott Bogart 1st. Mark H. Seconded All in Favour.
- Committee is looking to streamline some of the way they run the tournaments

- Kim is looking to book ahead for some things that if aren't booked ahead of time they are not able to secure (photographers, OMHA Travelling show, etc.)
- Brian mentioned that we need new sign for Silverstick and Bill Batton. Brian is going to do Bill Batton sign for next season.

**Lower Lakes:** (Gerard Regier) Midget girls going to tournament of champions.

**OWHA Report:** (Lisa Campbell) 4 of 6 teams are going to provincials.

**WOGHL Report:** (Larry Lewis) No report.

### **New Business:**

- Survey Monkey- 131 surveys returned to organization. Kim has downloaded data but have not pulled specific data or what stats should be pulled. Discussion was held around suggestions that were written on forms, etc. Kim has brought up that it was requested that this data be made anonymous by age. Discussion was held whether this data can be used for a high school class to study. Due to confidentiality the data is not able to be released. The idea was also brought up that this could be used as punitive which was not the intended goal of the survey. It is used to be constructive and to gather information to make our system better and improve.
- Pink on the Rink Tournament - Heather has reached out to Lisa & Sean McCann to show her the ropes of the tournament and then have them take it on for the 2017 season. Lisa has asked about the weekend and if the tournament date is able to change. Discussion was held regarding tournament dates. Lisa suggested Jan 27, 28, 29 and play downs begin at that point. No changes to the tournament dates have been made at the present time.
- Golf Tournament Committee- wanted to bring forward what or if any businesses are open to approach for prizes, gift bags, etc as door prizes. Golf tournament is being held May 14/16 weekend. Email will be re-worded and sent out after committee meeting next week that if someone has an item they wish to donate. No sponsors will be contacted or approached for prizes.

- Lisa would like to make a motion (there are 6 bench staff that have not provided police checks) that returning bench staff or any bench staff position will not be considered without proof of a valid VSS prior to next season. Any bench staff position without a valid VSS will not be permitted to be on the Bench Staff. Mark S 1st. Kim 2nd. All in Favour.
- Executive police checks will be deferred to another meeting.
- Women's Hockey Association- Name change - Huron Heat. Blyth Brussels, BCH have amalgamated. There have been some players from Hensal come to play in Exeter to avoid longer commuting and playing South Huron Girls. Response is required by Monday March 28th. Lisa wants to know what to respond - name change has no objections from Executive.
- Lisa- brought to the table about Zurich Girls hockey and moving forward with next years season with sponsoring Zurich Girls Hockey. Suggested a partnership with Zurich Girls. Lisa and Gerard have discussed the idea. Issue was raised on letting some kids play as an entire team. Idea was discussed that some girls will want to play B or C and not an entire HL Team. Mark S. wants to know numbers. How many girls are wanting to come and play. Mark S. is willing to go and meet with Zurich Girls Hockey to discuss ideas further and potential registrations. There will be no decisions until brought back to discuss. Rochelle 1st Larry 2nd. All in Favour.
- Mark S. received an email from a past rep player that was out for injury but the player has requested a release to play for Zurich. If released no other Midget players can be taken in for the team he would have played on.
- AGM is April 20 at SHRC. Need a registration table and ballots set up. Gerard has the drum. Will need people here early to set up for the night and one person to sit at the table. Mark is going to send out a write up on all persons nominated to vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15pm. Doug 1st Brad 2nd.