South Huron Minor Hockey General Meeting 2023/2024 Season- Thursday May 02/2024 7:30pm

#### **Opening Comments** – Darren Kints - Welcome comments!

1st Draw - Mark Heimrich

## **League Reports:**

#### OMHA Report - Jeff Kerslake

- 1 team went to OMHA finals.
- 3 teams made to Shamrock Finals
- Great Season All Around.

<u>\*Note</u>- to be on boys coaching bench - police checks will be different, OHF will take over for screening process.

#### SHAMROCK Report - Bryon Ellerington

- 22 categories- 18 teams that made champs, and 5 were finalists.
- Shamrock will petition OMHA to bring back tournament style finals.
- Will need bodies to help/support to bring hometown series back.
- All rep teams will be considered B all tiers- league will tier them accordingly.
- U9 MD1- Sam Datars -
- U9 Md2 Steve Rasenburg both teams went into tournaments. However, the teams they encountered didn't seem to line up in terms of competition. The SH teams felt a bit defeated.
- U11- Tier 1- Ted Hoffman- went to semis in Bill Batten, B semifinals in OMHA finals posed as a tough category.
- U11 Tier 3- Craig Overholt-tough teams to play.
- U13 Tier 1- Jason Heywood successful, Bobby Orr Hall of Fame, won most tournaments, Fell short in Silver Stick and OMHA series finals.
- U13 Tier 3- Emily Sararas went to finals for most tournaments, ended up in 3rd in the league.
- U15- Tier 1- Derek McLaughlin won regional Silver Stick and were finalist in Internationals...Finalists in Bobby Orr Tournament.
- U15 Tier 3 Ben Brenner comments below
- U18 Tier 1- Scott Overholt won Bill Batten (home tournament)
- U18 Tier 3- Bryon Ellerington lost in semis in home Silver Stick, finished season with 8 undefeated games.
- U21- Darryl McCann-

#### LAMBTON MIDDLESEX Report - Mike McLellan

Lambton Middlesex local league is comprised of 16 different centers which includes a mix of small, medium, and large centers. Our team's travel as far as Port Stanley & Wallaceburg to the south, with South Huron, Lucan & St Marys being at the north end of the league.

This year South Huron Minor Hockey entered 8 teams into the Lambton Middlesex Local League, 1 – U9 team, 1-U11 team, 2-U13s, 2-U15s and 2-U18s. In the not-too-distant past we have typically only had 1 local league team at each age division with a sprinkling of 2 teams per division here and there. Our center is growing. The local league season is split into 3 parts over the course of the year. The first part is the fall season, where teams are scheduled to play against each other randomly. This early part of the season is used to seed all the teams throughout the league into tiered competition as they go into the 2nd part, the Winter Season. In the winter season, teams play in their respective tiers against more like-skilled teams. This is where they compete for the top spot in their tiers to try and earn a favorable spot when the playoffs come around. Finally, in the playoffs, teams are placed in round robin groups to earn their spot for the LMLL championship within their respective tiers. Also, as part of the season, LMLL hosts a wrap up tournament for all the U9 teams.

- Our U9 team, as most of you know by now, started the season on half ice, building up skill through small area game play, and more puck touches. When the full ice season rolled around, they had a successful go, with an overall record of 13 wins and 7 losses. They also entered the LMLL league wrap up tournament where they made it to the championship game but came out a little short losing to Lambeth in the final game.
- Our U11 team had a bit of a slow start to the season but came around towards the end when it really counted. They finished the winter season in the tier 3 grouping and played hard throughout the playoffs to earn the silver medal in their division! Congratulations to the U11s for their successful season!
- U13 Black & Red both had very strong seasons this year. Both teams placed in the top tier in the league after the regular season was done. They finished the season pitted against each other in the final head playoff round to battle our 3rd and 4th place in the entire league. The two teams were very evenly matched, but in the end, U13 Red came out victorious to earn bragging rights as the 3rd best team in the league. Congrats to both- U13 teams on their accomplishments this season.
- <u>U15 Black</u> finished their season with a 15-20-8 record. They competed in our hometown DQ Challenge Cup tournament where they made it all the way to the semifinals, just losing out to Hespler Shamrocks. They ended up finishing 7th in their tier 2 group. For <u>U15 Red</u>, here is a message from their coach, Kris Leppington: "15 RED had a very successful season, finishing the season with a 24-10-7 record. We competed in the top tier of LMLL all season finishing 3 overall. We competed in 3 Tournaments this year, won silver in regional Silver Stick Tournament, strong play landed them an invite to International Silver Stick in Pelham (where we lost in Semi Finals), and they won silver in DQ CUP. Overall having a strong goalie, strong defense, and selfless team play were keys to competing game in and game out all season. Proud of the boys' hard play and work ethic and the way they matured throughout the entire season!"
- <u>U18 Red</u>, here's a note from coach Derek Miles: "The U18LL Red had a great season finishing with an 18-16-8 record. They won their division pool defeating the U18LL Black and ended the season with a thrilling shoot-out victory against Wallaceburg for the DQ cup Championship." U18 Black here's a note from head coach Ryan Munn: "Our team was a very young team of all first years except for two players. They competed with 12 skaters and 1 goalie, then lost one player mid-way through the season. They struggled through the start of the season without

having any wins until January 20th. But from there, they were able to end their season with a record of 9-19-11. They ended up finishing 3rd out of 9 teams in the Tier 2 playoffs. Where they played their final series against the other South Huron U18 team. U18 red ended up taking the season in close battle 2 games to 1."

In closing, thank you to all the coaches that came forward to coach these boys this season. Without you, it wouldn't be possible. Congratulations to all the LMLL teams for a successful season. We'll see you next year!

#### 2nd Draw - Cole Smale

#### OWHA Report- Tim Moore

• 5 teams qualified for provincials.

Darren- acknowledged 2 coaches - *Chad Arnold/Chris Downey* - U18 tier 3 team, they stepped up so that this team could happen and be able to play a full season.

### WOGHL Report - Kevin Dickins

- Added a B-Loop this year (2 teams joined, U11 and U13)
- 8 teams in SH play in WOGHL.
- League and Tourney play were successful for teams.
- U9C Tournament winners in Orangeville
- U11B- WOGHL Tier 1 Silver and Provincial Silver Medalists
- U11C- won a dramatic double overtime in day of champs- to bring home Gold.
- U18B- also brought home Gold in WOGHL Championship

### 3rd Draw - David Kester

4th Draw - Shonyn Coward

## **Provincial Team Recognition:**

### OMHA Team(s):

U15D - OMHA Champs! First year of body checking for many. Completed a team fitness plan, very few injuries. Did community volunteer for the food bank and raised \$1000s of dollars towards it. Only 2 losses (to Strathroy). 22 shut outs for their goalie/team. Made finals in each tournament including Red Hats.

### **OWHA Teams:**

**U11C** - Champs! Year of Growth and Development - collecting hardware along the way. Undefeated, first in their division. 64 games.

**U11B** - went to Provincials and were finalists with a 30sec loss in the end. Finalist at SS, only 1 goal allowed in tournament. Finished at top of league.

**U18BB** - fun to watch younger division teams in their shared tournaments. A 3-year age group, dressing room was great, bonding team experience. Had a loss to Huron Heat and then went into playoffs with grit. Undefeated in their round robins and Undefeated and no goals against in Provincials.

Appreciation to *Darren Hewitt and Adam Skillen* for helping get the Goalie Clinics running this season.

Draw #5 - Krista Douwes

Draw #6 - Jordyn McCann

# **BUSINESS PART OF AGM**

Minutes from previous AGM May 16th, 2023 Motion to accept minutes: Jason Tyler and Paul Grant

Financial Review - Shonyn Coward

- Credit Card Options won't be used going forward for Tournaments costs money.
- Questions for this review there were none.
- Tournaments allowed us to reduce registration this year.

Motion to accept Statement: Jordyn Geoffrey and Paul Grant

### Nominations for Executive Positions Up for Election:

 Chair - Nomination –
 Mike McLellan - declined.

 Kevin Dickens - declined.

 1st Vice - Nomination –
 Steve Farquhar - accepted.

 2nd Vice - Boys - Nomination – Lauryn Marion – accepted.

 2nd Vice – Girls – Nomination – Charlie Rau - accepted.

 Director of Registration – Girls – Nomination – Kelly Smale - accepted.

 Treasurer – Nomination – Shonyn Coward - pending/ Leanne Dobson – offered/pending.

 OWHA Rep – Nomination – Tim Moore - accepted.

 WOGHL Rep – Nomination – Pete Broeders - accepted.

 Directors – Nomination – Shonyn Coward - pending/ Leanne Dobson – offered/pending.

-Shannon Veldman - accepted -Jason Tyler - accepted -Justine Clarke - accepted -Dave Vandenbussche - accepted -Darren Hewitt - accepted -Rose Glavin - accepted

- -Jocelyn Steckle accepted -Melanie Bedard - accepted -Stacey Jeffery - accepted -BJ Theophilopoulos - accepted -Mark Sutherland - accepted - Krista Douwes - accepted - Shannon Ford - accepted - Jacquee Leppington -accepted - Sarah Glavin - accepted - Paul Grant - accepted - Leann Dobson- accepted - Shawn Farndon - accepted - Kevin Dickens- accepted
- Kevin Dickens- accepted
- Jenna McBride accepted - Lindsay Barton – accepted
- Linasay Barlon accepted - Shayne Mudge – accepted
- Sarah Sadler accepted

Closing comments from Darren about a successful year once again for SH, with lots of mention from other organizations how well SHMH is run.

The organization will need a strong voice with the Municipality for ice structures/youth sports going forward.

### <u>Q&A:</u>

1. Liz Cooper - Can players get individual feedback from evaluations so they can learn and progress?

answer- individual feedback is hard as it is numbers in a spreadsheet and not specifically broken down. This will come more from coaches. (Darren Kints)

2. Jenna McBride- How was the U9 division set up this year? Will U9 be set up differently next season?

answer- U9 is a bit wild right now. Entering tournaments as MD and is not a classified level.

- Shamrock AGM says a possibility of tiering U9s more to help make them more competitive/compatible which may trickle into Year End Tournament.
- Season Tournaments, there are no classifications, so you won't know what kinds of teams you are playing against. (Bryon Ellerington)
- 3. Darren Boyle- Potentially Change the Hawk's sign at Victoria and Main St can we come up with idea to change the sign from simply Hawks to share with SHMH/Sabers?

answer- does not want to spend SHMH \$\$ updating the arena any further. The Municipality needs to budget for it. We could submit a joint letter to support an upgraded sign firstly and vote with the exec. (Jeff Kerslake) 4. Mark Sutherland – to help with controversy with goalie situation/tryouts – it would be great having McKeegan come in to evaluate goalies in general on their own to include all aspects (ex. Puck handling as a goalie)

answer - it would be a great idea to do this. A possible conversation for the fall season. (Darren Kints)

## **Other Comments:**

Jeff K - Discussions on Amalgamations with St Marys will be happening - a young parent's conversation between boys' side and potentially girls as well. Looking to have conversations with parents, specifically young parents which it will impact.

Motion to adjourn-9:14pm: Tim Moore, Paul Grant