



Agenda for EHMHA Board of Directors Meeting November 20th, 2023

Start: 8:30 pm, End: 10:30 pm

Location: EH Sportsplex

Attendees: Chris Baylis, Brett Garden, Amelia Pennington, Greg Heard, Cathy Spencer, Chuck Livingstone, James Thompson, Aaron Canon

Agenda Items

1. Call Meeting to order 8:33

2. Review Motions that were Passed Via Email:

Outside of regular board meetings, motions are sometimes required to be passed via email due to the time sensitivity of the motion

- Vote "James Thompson as Events Coordinator": 5 In Favor, 1 Opposed – Motion Carried
- Vote "50/50 Policy to be changed that players who are no longer in EHMHA, their credits are transferred to EHMHA": 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed – Motion Carried
- Vote "Clarify 50/50 Policy that Rep fees can be paid for from 50/50 Credits": 6 In Favor, 0 Opposed– Motion Carried
- Vote "Allow more than 4 players and 1 goalie from outside our association to try out for AAA this year": 6 In Favor, 0 Opposed – Motion Carried

3. Approval of Agenda

4. *Hosting U13 AAA Provincials*

- *They are taking bids for U13 AAA*
- U18 Major Midget has Atlantic's the same weekend and they submitted a bid Apr 4-7th



- Telus cup is in Sydney
 - Bid is due Dec 1st
 - If we due get accepted, set a budget. If the tournament falls apart, EHMHA is on the hook for it; however, it's very unlikely
 - Chuck will follow up
5. Sportsplex AGM Nov 27th
- Next Monday at 7pm
 - Members from the executive plan to attend
 - Ice went up yet the municipality covers the cost of the mortgage
 - Are they looking for corporate investment at this rink?
 - We have asked the municipality for grants and to freeze ice fee's, and we have been told they do not have that kind of authority
6. First Aid Training & Teams with no trained coaches
- Great feedback from the coaches who attended the course
 - We have 9 coaches show up on each day while we paid for 16 coaches each day
 - If nobody on the bench has the certification, the team has to forfeit the game? Chuck will ask Ken Boyce
 - Moving forward, we will need coaches to pay up front and we'll refund them if they show up
7. *Development Ice*
- 8pm is late for U11
 - Our budget was only for 2hrs per week after the first monthly, roughly \$4,500 extra for the year
 - We could use funds from Fall Development to cover the extra hour per week for the older players
8. *Tournaments*
- Bannister 2 spots left, U7 we have 12 teams registered,
 - We will be bringing in food trucks for U7 & Ettinger-Smith
 - Ettinger-Smith is starting to fill up with the exception of U9
 - James will push out to the other associations
 - Emails are out looking for volunteers



- James is building a committee

9. Fundraiser Policy & Parent Contribution

- Motion to change contribution from 75% to 100% for all teams and effective for this season
- Concern with small community trying to fund raise money when we have tournaments that we also look to have fundraising
- The main reason why it was put in that way was so people are more conscious about their spend. In the past teams would fundraise more than what was needed and then they would spend it on unrelated items
- About half of the budgets were not approved for the first round of submissions
- We need to shift the perception that fundraising is for your team and not just for individuals. That is why our sponsor forms speak to the team for ex: U13B East Hants Minor Hockey
- 50/50 allows parents to raise money for their player and that can be used for the parent portion
- We only got into refunds for parents due to Covid
- We need to set the budgets earlier to help parents know what to fundraise for in the community
- It was only 2 years ago that we allowed more fundraising options
- **Vote: 3 in favor, 4 opposed – Motion Denied**

10. Rafflebox Update

- A few hiccups to get started & players had to be re-activated
- Can we use Rafflebox for our tournaments? Chris will follow up with Rafflebox
- *Currently at \$27,500*
- Treasurer will receive reports in January regarding player contributions
- Players will want to use 50/50 from last year
- We will need to send out a communication to the membership regarding fees. Greg will table reports for next meeting.
- GrayJay is working on Rafflebox integration for next year
- 50/50 can be used towards 25% parent contribution



11. Jerseys

- A couple of teams are using jersey's for practices
- We need to send out a communication
- We should get practice jerseys for tryouts – we are using game jerseys for tryouts and we are giving out dirty jersey's.
- We had saved 4-5 sets for exhibition games, they are no longer there
- If we purchase jersey's, we should get reversable jersey's
- We will ask Mark to get quotes
- We have some in really bad shape
- Jersey's are going to sneak up on us
- Socks are a pain for our registrar– next year we will get out of the sock order. We will get the pro shop to bring them in next year
- U13AAA jersey's had some of the badges removed. It's a league rule that the patch has to be on. We will need to order more patches for next year to have some in case we need them next year. Audit jerseys when they are returned at the end of the year

12. Rosters

- Rosters were painful this year
- Aaron received a copy of all team & player rosters, they came in slowly
- Team rosters were not all correct on Central Minor & Dartmouth
- Every time we made a change, it reset the permissions for that team in GrayJay which was painful for teams
- Neither league was quick to get back to us and Chad from GrayJay helped us out
- What worked well is Dan set up a shared spreadsheet and we use that going forward

13. Schedules

- We only have 1 U9 Dev team which created a problem for ice schedules
- U9 Dev got full ice when they should have shared ice to keep their costs down. The association is having to cover the cost of the full ice
- 2 U9 Int teams had a problem because we only had 1 set of jerseys for them
- VP Ops will have discussion with ice scheduler
- U13AAA has 5 games on Sundays vs. having a consistent home game time. This will be reviewed for next year.



- We had 2 extra teams added this year that wasn't anticipated, which created the 7:30am practices and 4:30pm practices
- It's not ideal that Bedford is on KMA practicing when games are on IPB.

14. Coordinators

- We need to review the coordinator position & update it to reflect the current needs of the coordinator
- Messages aren't consistently getting out to the teams

15. Equipment Room (Camera System)

- We will be installing a camera system which is being donated by a member of the association

16. Board Positions for Next Year

- We have a protocol to put out for positions for next year
- At times it can be tough to recruit new volunteers. It's not ideal when 3 or 4 people leave the executive in the same year as there is a knowledge gap for new people joining
- Chuck's term is up and he no longer has players in our association, he will not be back next year
- This topic warrants more time and we will continue the discussion at our next meeting

17. Next Meeting

- Dec 19th 8pm

Meeting adjourned 10:45pm

