



AYR MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2024 – 7:00 PM – NDCC

Attendance	P	A	Attendance	P	A
Amy Reinhart	x		John Vince	z	
Ashley Borden	x		Josh Yost	z	
Becky Zulkosky	x		Kevin Miller	z	
Brad Sayles	z		Mark Zulkosky	z	
Brian MacDonald	z		Melissa Edgar	z	
Candice Markus	x		Mike Thibeau		x
Chris Coleman	x		Rochelle Schumacher	x	
Heather Raby	x		Shaun McLaren	z	
Tyler Leggo		x			

Agenda Items	Discussion & Approvals	Action Items
1.0 Welcome & Approval of Agenda	Chair: Brad S. Call to meeting at 7:01 PM	
2.0 Approval of Minutes	January 24, 2024: Motioned, carried	
3.0 Financials	Township cheques were a bit late coming out but the township is cashing them today Silverstick tournament is still pending but finances seem to be in good shape looking towards the end of the year	
4.0 Old Business	4.1. President update Haven't heard back from OMHA about the player release appeal. Online player release board meeting brought up mention of holding a new amalgamation vote. Southern Counties loop is losing many teams to other centers amalgamating. Brad reached out to OMHA to see if a new vote would be an option, and was told that would not be something we could do for next year. If we hold a new vote it would be to amalgamate for the 2025/26 season. Six Nations was able to join in with Norfolk next season. We were told that was an emergency situation and we won't be able to do that. Delhi/Norwich vote will happen on Nov 18 th but won't be effective until 2025/26 season. Shamrock is growing and are adding 2 more centers next year. We can't join them as a B center but if we were to relook at an amalgamation with Brant, we could potentially join Shamrock at that point.	

4.2. VP Admin update – First Shift: the Township had a scheduling software problem so the welcome night had to be postponed. First Shift is full with a waiting list but we were told we could add 5 more skaters, so there will now be 35 skaters. We need at least 7 coach volunteers.

U16 team meeting – U16 team wanted to set up a meeting. Shaun reached out and email exchanges occurred, but no in-person meeting has occurred as of yet.

Recognition for referees – we could send an appreciation card along with a small gift card to show our appreciation.

Motion to send card and \$10 gift card to all 11 referees
Carried

4.3. VP Hockey Operations update – NRP and PTS registration will need to be set up in online registration store. Today is the first day this can be set up.

4.4. Registrar update – All tryouts will be held in the Fall. Becky will set up online store for NRP and PTS.

4.5. Scheduler update – 3 Rep and 3 LL teams all still in running to make it to the finals

4.6. Tournament update – nothing to update

4.7. Referee in Chief update – nothing to update

4.8. Convenors update –

Rep- nothing to update

LL – nothing to update

U9 – U8 Jamboree 11 confirmed teams. Embro may also join to make an even 12 teams. If not, we can make it work with the odd number. Looking for help from AMHA to cover some of the cost this first year in hopes this tournament becomes an annual tournament

We can reach out to local businesses for support, but it's a tight timeline so may not be able to get funds in time.

Motion for AMHA to cover \$1365 which would take the cost per team down to \$400

4 board members have a conflict of interest as they have a child on that team. They will not vote.

Carried

4.9. Development update – Had a great turnout. Will do a thank you night for the Cens who came out to help. The date will be decided last minute as we need to accommodate their team schedule.

If we are going to move forward in future years with development we will need to start lobbying the Township for more ice during the week.

If Township can't provide that, we may need to reach out to neighbouring towns for ice. As per Kevin we need NDCC ice during the week as right now we only have Tuesdays and Fridays.

Can we utilize the tvs in the lobbys of NDCC to showcase our AMHA teams and initiatives such as food drives and fundraisers.

4.10. Equipment update – 5 LL players are aging out and would like to keep their jerseys. We hadn't planned to give away jerseys and don't have that in the budget and aren't able to replace them before next year. AMHA used to order jerseys as giveaways at the beginning of the year to hand out to the over agers.

**Amy and Ashley will help on ice.
Rochelle will put communication out on the website for high school students needing volunteer hours**

Heather will get cards and send them out

Amy will start discussions with the Township to see what would need to be done

	<p>Motion to put names on the back of old red jerseys to give away to the kids aging out. Carried</p> <p>Working with Cambridge Source for Sports to get new goalie equipment. The CCM gear we want will be arriving in June or July.</p> <p>4.11. Sponsorship update – nothing to update</p>	
5.0 New Business	<p>Motion to look into joining Intertown instead of GRLL to ensure our LL teams get more games than GRLL currently offers Carried</p> <p>Livebarn – Brad contacted OMHA to find out what liability issues AMHA would have for live streaming as one team during a tournament was threatening to call police if we were to livestream the tournament. As per OMHA it's a public venue and we don't have liability issues if we livestream. Motion to open livebarn Carried</p>	
6.0 Other Business	<p>6.1 U15 Rep purchased ice outside of town as they didn't have any scheduled ice for practices in between the first and second round of playoffs. They have heard other teams had out of town ice paid for by AMHA and are wanting to know if their cost can also be covered by AMHA. Response: All teams were offered ice outside of town to gauge interest. There were 3 teams that had been underserved with ice time so far this year. Kevin scheduled those teams first. The point of AMHA securing ice outside of Ayr was to get the 3 teams caught up on ice time. If other teams had passed on the ice time, it would potentially have been offered to the U15 Rep team, but would have gone in order of succession to teams with lower amounts of ice time first.</p> <p>Purchasing official game pucks could be done for next year.</p> <p>AGM date set as May 30th. 7:30 PM McNeil Hall NDCC</p>	Heather will ask Township if McNeil Hall is available that date
6.0 Closing	<p>Adjourned at 8:46 PM Next Meeting: April 8th , 2024 @ 7:00 PM</p>	