



LMLL- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES DATE: JUNE 1 , 2021

ATTENDANCE: 13 CENTRES WERE REPRESENTED – NO FINES ASSESSED

Call to Order (time): 7:10pm – via zoom

President Jason Arseneault chaired the meeting.

Minutes: Liz Page – VP and acting Secretary

Motion to begin meeting: Jason Arseneault

1) Statisticians Report: Unavailable due to Joe's absence – Item tabled

OMHA Report:

Dean Johnson shared his report

- June 12 is the OMHA AGM, Centres are encouraged to register and attend virtually. Motions and notices are available for review, on their site, www.omha.net
- Centres with new Presidents and Registrars must contact Martha Dickie @ OMHA to forward appropriate contact information to facilitate online training through the Hockey Canada Registry. Training around roster inputting and registration requirements will be available online.
- OMHA center mailings are circulated frequently, check to ensure your Centre's OMHA rep is current and mailings are being received as there is important information covered in the memos.
- OMHA is looking to offer a Novice MD option, Dean feels Local League is a good fit for this type of tiering. Centers able to offer this option are encouraged to consider doing so
- All Local Leagues are advised they need to offer "MEANINGFUL HOCKEY PROGRAMMING" until March 1, 2022 – this means, no teams shall be eliminated

from play-off competition prior to March 1st. This will impact scheduling of LMLL league play and Play Off Series.

- Debbie Munn has stepped down as our OMHA Convenor. She has accepted a position on the West Lorne Board of Directors. Debbie was a dedicated, hardworking volunteer for decades. She will be missed!
- Debbie's departure leaves a vacancy for an OMHA Convenor. The stipend is internet fees are covered for the entire year, anyone interested, please reach out to Dean.
- OMHA has decided there will be no league games between December 25th and January 1st – inclusive. Also, no games during March Break and one of the weekends (before or after) that week. More to follow!
- Dean shared information about the Minnesota "Fair Play" program where teams are able to earn points for having penalty free games or staying within a specific threshold of penalty minutes. OMHA may be looking for leagues willing to pilot the program and Gamesheet has a "real time" penalty tracking feature that might make this venture sustainable to track. Dean will forward the information about the program to Centre Reps in advance of our next meeting.

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3) Financial Report: Wade (Thamesford) shared our current financials via email and again virtually. We are in good shape, carrying over a healthy balance. The main expenses are Championship trophies (hats) and the Statistician Honorarium. Wade does not see the need to consider increasing league fees as we are able to meet our financial commitments and carry forward a small balance. Two centers still owe for GameSheet fees. Belmont and Strathroy must remit payment before the new season begins. Liz (Point Edward) motioned to accept the 2020-2021 Financial Report, Shawn (Alymer) seconded the motion, Financial Report was unanimously approved.

New Business:

1) *Standard of Play*

Following a fulsome discussion around the outcome of our implementation of the "Standard of Play" rules, Rob (Dorchester) made the following motion: "delete all sub-sections of the previously approved Standard of Play Rules – save and except for 10.1-0 and 10.1-1

(10.1-0 and 10.1-1 are related to the accumulation of 8 penalty minutes in a single game). The consensus was, the 8 minute accumulation language was helpful and Centres were able to enforce the application of this rule. Peggy (Lambton Shores) seconded the motion, following a vote, the motion was approved.

Therefore, the “Standard of Play” rules will be amended to reflect this change and reposted on our website. Centre reps will be encouraged to update their membership, Coaches and Officials.

2) 6 Game Seeding Practice

Rob (Dorchester) put forth a motion to “eliminate the six-game seeding process across all divisions and revert to round robin style competition”. Peggy (Lambton Shores) Following a discussion about the risks and benefits, Rob launched a zoom poll which resulted in the motion passing, 8-5 . Therefore, the six-game seeding practice will be discontinued for the 2021-2022 upcoming season.

Electronic Scheduling

Jason suggested we consider moving to using the program for Electronic Scheduling. Gwen Fickling from Mount Brydges is willing to work with LMLL and train someone to use the software. It would eliminate the need for the two scheduling meetings Coaches attended in the past. All Centers were in favour – in principal however, no formal vote was recorded as we need to consult Joe (Statistician) to ensure he is willing to work with Gwen and learn how to use the scheduling program etc. Jason will reach out to Joe to discuss. Decision around Electronic Scheduling was therefore tabled to our August meeting. Wade (Thamesford) suggested Centers be prepared with their available ice times/number of teams etc. in the event we move to Electronic Scheduling, it may need to be organized with a short turn around time.

Elections for LMLL Executive for the 2021-2022 Season

Secretary: Liz nominated Peggy (Lambton Shores), Shawn (Aylmer) seconded, Peggy agreed to stand for one year.

Vice President: Shawn (Aylmer) nominated Liz (Point Edward) , Rob (Dorchester) seconded, Liz agreed to remain on as Vice President

President: Dave (Mount Brydges) nominated Jason (Strathroy), Rob (Dorchester) seconded, Jason agreed to stand as President. Shawn (Aylmer) nominated Rob (Dorchester) Rob respectfully declined nomination, one nominee, Jason, no need for an election/vote.

Treasurer: Liz (Point Edward) nominated Wade (Thamesford) to continue on in the role of Treasurer, Shawn (Aylmer) seconded, Wade graciously agreed to continue to manage the financial affairs for LMLL

Web Admin – Rob (Dorchester) is willing to continue to manage our LMLL website and coordinate zoom meetings.

- LMLL President Jason Arseneault Adjourned the Meeting @ 8:48pm

Next meeting date August 3, 2021 – hoping to be in person!

Centre reps are encouraged to send any changes in representation our web admin Rob, to ensure the contact information on our website is current and accurate.