



## LMLL MEETING MINUTES      DATE: DEC 1, 2021

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**Call to Order (time):** 7:00 via zoom

President Jason Arseneault chaired the meeting.

Minutes: Liz Page – VP and acting Secretary

### **OMHA Report:**

Dean Johnson shared his report

- Gender Identity online course – is now available. Only new Coaches need to complete the module. It does not expire. OMHA is extending a grace period, it will be up to respective Centres to follow up and ensure their benchstaff have G.I completed and attached to each respective profile.
- Referee Supervision Course remains unavailable at this time. Previously, we had 3600 Officials, we are down to 1800. 600 new Officials have signed, 350 completed, but this leaves us still very short of the necessary Officials.
- Level 1 referee's are 14-15 year olds, Level 2 are 16 and older.
- MD teams cannot play against Local League teams this year, travel permits are being denied for exhibition play, new OMHA rule this year. It is related to how MD was classified.
- South Western Health Unit has decreased their facility limits by 50% there has been no discussion around rollbacks or limiting programming, modifying games etc.
- No mention of mandating double vaccination for the U12 players , but it is important to note municipalities can structure their own rules related to facility use
- Rosters should be submitted as soon as possible. If you are entering a tournament and need a roster approved in a quick turnaround, please reach out to your Roster Convenor and give them as much notice as possible. Rosters

should have been submitted by now, if you haven't already submitted, please do so ASAP

- While listing penalties on gamesheet, please do not guess at the codes, reach out to Dean if you are unsure or have any questions as mistakes can result in complicated outcomes including suspensions
- Match penalties – players cannot play in tournaments, cannot AP..can only practice with their team
- Rule 11 – Discriminatory Slurs – please read and circulate the information related to this rule. Referees will be enforcing it, stringent sanctions for discriminatory slurs. Jason noted, Heather George from Lambton Shores has asked everyone to talk to their players about this issue as their group has been on the receiving end of discriminatory slurs/inappropriate comments.
- Todd Henderson is reviewing U18 OMHA gamesheets to track penalty minutes and issue appropriate sanctions in the event a team surpasses the 36 minute threshold .

**1) Statisticians Report:** Mark Millar has stepped up and assumed the role of Statistician. He is willing to continue in this role until end of season, if everyone is in agreement. There was full support for this plan. Mark has asked if your Center is not receiving notifications, to please let him know as he wants to ensure everyone is having open communication to support the league running smoothly. Mark has spent countless hours “validating” all games up until November 28<sup>th</sup>.

- There are two important spread sheets Mark has created. Each Centre needs to be checking both the “Suspensions” and “Missing Gamesheets” documents regularly, it is a team effort to ensure Mark isn't chasing folks to comply with both. At this time, there are 16 outstanding gamesheets.
- It is important for game numbers to match “gamesheets” to facilitate proper uploading to the One DB
- Mark has found several instances where players were not ejected after the 8 minute penalty threshold was reached. This lead to a lengthy discussion around how to best manage this oversight. We acknowledged there was some ambiguity in the interpretation of the rule, we were unsuccessful in posting it properly on the LMLL site and Centre Reps identified a lack of consistency in how it was communicated to their Coaches etc. We will manage this issue on a “GO FORWARD” basis. We will draft a document outlining the rule, the application of it and the outcome of failing to eject a player and circulate amongst all Center contacts. The information on the LMLL will also be updated to reflect this clarity.

- U8 and U9 Play Off Structure: it was agreed all U8 and U9 teams could play until season end vs having a “year end tournament” there is no Center able/willing to host a “year end tournament”
- **U11-U18 Seeding – teams will be re-seeded for second half of the season using win percentage. After each team’s first 8 games in the second half of the season, Mark will seed teams for play off match ups to be completed. Teams are allowed to play more than 8 games in the second half of the season if their ice time permits, however, only the first 8 games will count toward your win percentage.**

**2) Financial Report:** Wade (Thamesford) was in attendance.

- Some Centres still owe for game sheet and league fees, please remit ASAP
- Gwen has submitted her invoice for scheduling the first portion of the season, it was \$1000.00
- Wade emailed the financial statement, Point Edward motioned to accept the statement, Aylmer seconded, no opposition, financial statement accepted and filed.

**New Business:**

- 1) Scheduler/Stats Role - Everyone is pleased with and appreciate’s Mark stepping up to fill the Stat’s Role on such short notice. At our AGM, we can discuss whether or not the Stat’s Role and Scheduler Role should be combined. It may be too onerous to be one role, but clear definition and job responsibilities, remuneration etc. need to be drafted and approved.**
- 2) Championship Hats: we still need an accurate count of remaining hats. Liz can contact Planet Stitch who previously supplied the hats to get an estimate around costing of hats for this year’s playoff champions.**
- 3) Centre Rep Passes – Liz has mailed out the Centre Rep. If you lose the pass, let Liz know in case she can get a replacement. Please communicate with your Centre gate workers to let them know the passes will be coming through and are legitimate. They are only good for LMLL games. Anyone who has not received one, please check to ensure you have completed the online form or email Liz directly**
- 4) LMLL website: Rules have been updated. The 8 minute penalty threshold language will be clarified and added to the site as well.**

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:42pm by Liz, unanimous approval – Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting date WEDNESDAY December 8 – Executive to meet in camera**

Full LMLL meeting Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm virtually

\*\*\*Table For AGM: Scheduler/Stat's Role – draft parameters, discuss whether it should be one role or two