



## LMLL MEETING MINUTES      DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022

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

**President:** Jason Arsoneault chaired the meeting

**Minutes:** Liz Page – VP and acting Secretary

**Attendance:** **Regrets:** Dean Johnson

**Previous Minutes Approval:** St. Thomas motioned to approve and file the January meeting minutes, Thamesford seconded the motion, no objections or amendments noted at this time, motion carried, minutes approved

### **OMHA Report:**

(Mark Millar for Dean Johnson)

- OMHA will not be changing/amending Vaccination requirements, status quo
- Despite pressure to cancel the black-out period after “the pause” in play, the Black Out period during March Break will stand
- Centre Reps are asked to remind their Coaching Staff, Parents and Players to be respectful of our Officials. We have a serious shortage of Referees; some are skating more games than ever and some of our newer Officials are still learning positioning etc. on ice evaluations were suspended for a period which could be a factor in the learning curve around positioning, be patient and respectful
- Mark continues to track U15 and below suspensions while Todd Henderson is tracking U18 suspensions
- Reps are asked to be mindful Shamrock is entering playdowns and ice time will be tight, work collaboratively wherever possible

**1) Statisticians Report: Mark Millar reported:**

- Mark continues to see many instances of game sheets being incorrect. Wrong game numbers or information missing altogether, he reminded us fines may be levied. On his current spreadsheet, there were 34 instances of errors, mainly the U11 group, some U9 etc. this is a time-consuming fix
- Mark noted there has been an increase in Suspensions, unsure if this is related to “the pause” and players being ramped up, Reps are asked to be proactive and remind Coaches and Players about demonstration self-control and discipline.
- If a Center is sharing a Trainer with the opposing team, reminder it must be noted on the game sheet. Every game sheet MUST have a Coach and a Trainer listed on the game sheet properly – suspensions have been implemented for incorrect sign ins.
- Center websites/team pages need to be kept up to date so opposing Centers looking at dates for “rescheduling” can be sure the information is current and accurate while scheduling games through Reps
- Coaches should be reviewing gamesheets at the end of the game to determine if there are any major penalties to be served. “Not knowing” is not an acceptable excuse for allowing an ineligible player to play when they should be sitting out.

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

- One Centers still owes for game sheet and league fees, please remit ASAP
- Wade pointed out there were some slight discrepancies in the amounts Centres paid for U9 teams due to numbers reported. If a Centre is due a credit, it will be applied to their Gamesheet invoice from Wade. If a Centre owes more, Wade will invoice as needed
- Discussion around Executive Meeting to determine fair remuneration for Gwen who did some scheduling and training for our League as well as Mark who has spent countless hours re-organizing, tracking stats, being trained to schedule and completing the latter portion of the season. The Executive proposed we treat this season as “exceptional” and without precedent or prejudice, understand scheduling and stats compensation will be higher this season. Going forward, we are planning to draft a job description and fair and appropriate remuneration structure.
- Wade emailed the financial statement, Point Edward motioned to accept and file the statement, Aylmer seconded, no opposition, financial statement accepted and filed.

## **New Business:**

- 3) Peggy identified a Timekeeping/Referee incident that occurred in Lambton Shores which left them unsure if their player is suspended or not. Peggy advised timekeepers need to be vigilant and properly trained to avoid similar situations in future. Mark agreed to follow up with Peggy and involve Dean, if need be, to sort out this instance.

### **4) Working Sub Committee Updates:**

*Liz:* – initial thoughts and draft of the “LMLL Director Manual” has been sent out to committee members, awaiting feedback, meeting to follow.

*Mark:* Season Structure discussions have been focused on our current season – for good reason. Regular season will end March 11<sup>th</sup>, observe black out period...match ups created by March 18<sup>th</sup> and a “best of 5 game series” will begin March 19<sup>th</sup>. There was not enough time to fit in a “best of 7” series as many Centres lose their ice by end of March. Top ranked teams will have the home ice advantage entitling them to 3 games at home. If the top ranked team is unable to offer three home ice times, flexibility and collaboration will be the key to scheduling the series.

*Curtis:* The U8/U9 Sub-Committee met last night. They reviewed concerns and feedback forwarded to them. The concerns were related to combining U8/U9, mandating team numbers, U9 Rep being elimination (rumour). They will be scheduling a follow up meeting and seeking input and information from Dean to determine the future of U9 Rep etc. At this time, the committee supports keeping U8 and U9 separate, tiering those teams and not implementing team numbers mandate.

- 5) Championship Hats: Liz shared the quote from Planet Stitch \$3616.00 for enough hats for our 2022 Champions. We are concerned we will not be able to round up the left-over hats from last year as some Reps have left the board etc. Point Edward motioned we approve this expenditure, Aylmer seconded the motion, no objections, hats will be ordered asap as timeline is tight for delivery in time for series wrap ups.
- 6) Liz suggested we seek feedback from Centres/Membership via electronic survey, to see if electronic scheduling was preferable. If the majority were not in favour of using it going forward, it is conceivable we could revert to Coaches Scheduling meetings which could impact our need to develop two separate job descriptions and pay structure for scheduling/stats. The Executive can discuss how to capture this feedback and perhaps Rob could assist in developing an electronic survey

- 7) LMLL Female Showcase game – Liz shared an idea that was forwarded to her, about highlighting our female players who most often, are not selected to attend the All-Star Game. Discussion around combining age groups to make it feasible, Liz will gather numbers of female players around the League to determine if it might be doable. Ilderton is hosting the Shamrock Allstar Game toward the end of March/early April and suggested it might be possible to have the Female Showcase Game the same day.
  
- 8) Point Edward motioned LMLL consider implementing the \$200 fine for forfeit/cancellation with short notice without legitimate reason for a recent U11 game between St. Thomas and Point Edward. Short discussion around past practice and intent of the fine being to pay for referees and timekeeping etc. which would still expect to be paid with such short notice. Aylmer seconded the motion, no opposition noted, motion carried, St. Thomas agreed in principle with the decision as well.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm by Mark, unanimous approval – Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting date: TBA – likely coinciding with end of Regular season**

#### Tabled:

- Female Showcase game
- Gathering feedback around electronic scheduling

#### \*\*Tabled for AGM:

- Scheduler/Stat's Role – draft parameters, discuss whether it should be one role or two