



LMLL MEETING MINUTES DATE: MARCH 9, 2022

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

President: VP Liz Page chaired the meeting

Minutes: Liz Page – VP and acting Secretary

Attendance: Regrets: Isabelle (Port Stanley),

Previous Minutes Approval: Dorchester motioned to approve and file the February meeting minutes, Ilderton seconded the motion, no objections or amendments noted at this time, motion carried, minutes approved

OMHA Report:

Dean Johnson

- 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
- Discriminatory slurs remain a concern across the Province and locally, are being investigated by Bill Hutton – OMHA risk management. Any concerns related to a discriminatory slur are to be reported to a referee during the game and or forwarded to Dean with pertinent details.
- Mark continues to track U15 and below suspensions while Todd Henderson is tracking U18 suspensions
- OMHA has mandated there will be NO GATE FEES in the 2022-2023 season. Centers are encouraged to consider this change in practice while setting their budgets for the upcoming season. Increase in registration fees or fundraising

may be required to cover the shortfall of revenue previously garnered from gate fees

- If you are unsure about a major penalty or possible suspension, please reach out to Dean to clarify – Coaches will be suspended if they inadvertently allow a suspended player to play a game
- Dean let us know Rich Berman is aware of some of the issues and shortcomings of Game sheet and they assure us, they are working to resolve those issues.
- OMHA insurance will cover teams and Centers playing until the end of April if they continue to have ice available (or a tournament that has been rescheduled)
- Centers should be looking to build capacity with adding new Referees for our upcoming season.

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.
- Mark emphasized the NEED for timely uploads of Game sheets. The Winter reseeding season ends Friday and he needs all Game sheets uploaded by 11pm that evening in order to be able to begin the work around match ups.
- The group agreed Ice Schedulers should be able to book play-off games by looking at other Centers websites and ensuring they are available. This practice was instrumental in our “paused” games being rescheduled timely and effectively. We realize this is a departure from past practice however, this is an unusual year/circumstances and we have a very small window of time to get our playoff series in.
- Playoffs will run March 19-31, first team to 6 points wins their “match up”. Some centers have ice beyond March 31 and will be able to wrap up series the first few days of April – please communicated with Mark and Dean if you need this extension.
- Discussion around series being a tie and referring to LMLL rules to determine eligibility for Overtime being implemented. Mark and Rob will collaborate on a communication to be emailed to Centre Reps for distribution.
- Mark noted Centre Reps are responsible for ensuring they are communicating suspensions to Coaches and or players.
- 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

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

- Wade requires Game sheet Invoices be paid ASAP as the funds are committed to paying incoming invoices.
- If a Centre wishes to e-trans their Game sheet fees, Wade would like you to contact him to arrange that etransfer (519) 281-0435 and “remain on the phone until the transaction is completed” to ensure security.
- Zoom invoice and Centre Rep Cards have been paid
- Wade shared his screen and Reps were able to view the Financials.
- Liz motioned to file and accept the Financial Report, Mark asked that the \$1000.00 invoice be specific around “scheduler” being paid as the Statistician role has not yet been paid. With this amendment, Aylmer seconded the motion, Financial Report accepted and filed.
- The \$1000.00 invoice for the second portion of the season being scheduled remains outstanding, Jason indicated an Executive Meeting would be scheduled to address that , as well as determine the remuneration for the Statistician Role.

New Business:

3) Working Sub Committee Updates:

No updates at this time, tabled until next meeting.

- 4) Championship Hats:** Liz shared the hats are ready for pick up, Wade has issued a cheque to pay for them. The cost was \$3616.00 for enough hats for our 2022 Champions. Only the top team in each respective division will be receiving hats. Please communicate this to your Centers and encourage Coaches to have an on-ice presentation and Congratulate the finalists as well. The challenge will be distributing them to Centers who need them for Championship Series. The Executive will communicate a plan for distribution ASAP
- 5) Lambton Shores** asked for clarification around whether the schedule would be done electronically going forward. Wade reminded everyone we were to seek feedback from Centers/Membership, 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

- 6) LMLL Female Showcase game – tabled due to Playoffs taking precedence, to be revisited earlier next season.
- 7) Point Edward reminded there was an outstanding fine for forfeit/cancellation with short notice without legitimate reason for a recent U11 game between St. Thomas and Point Edward.
- 8) Wherever possible, Centers should be adding a third Official to games for U15 and U18. With the shortage, this may not always be possible, we do not want to see games cancelled because of this proactive decision, rather, when able to, please ensure you do so.

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

Next meeting date: TBA – Jason is hoping to be able to schedule an “in person” AGM. We anticipate meeting at least once more prior to the AGM.

Tabled:

- Female Showcase game
- Working Committee Updates
- Gathering feedback around electronic scheduling

**Tabled for AGM:

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