



LMLL - MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Call to Order/Quorum – 7:07pm in person meeting (Crabby Joe's Strathroy)

Chaired – Liz Page, President

Minutes – Christine Boersma-Hurd, Secretary

Attendance – Joe Gauthier-LSMHA, Isabelle Marchand-Port Stanley, Curtis Brekelmans-Mt.Brydges, Tim -East Lambton, Joe Robson-St.Marys, Devon Brown-Dorchester, Mike Davidson-Belmont, Christine Boersma-Hurd-Strathroy, Bill Stevenson-Ilderton, Mark Millar-Lucan, Robert M-Thamesford, Liz Page-Point Edward, Mandy Humprey-Lambeth, Jim Denys-North Middlesex, Stephen Douglas-Aylmer, Dean Johnson-OMHA, Mike McLellan-South Huron, Kelli Brent-Southwest, Jamie O'Brian-St.Thomas

Guest Speaker – Murray Mugford-OMHA, Attended until he completed his Maltreatment presentation.

August Minutes- Distributed last minute by Christine. Acknowledged as received not reviewed. Approval pending.

OMHA Report-Dean Johnson

Hockey Canada insurance is now a 6 month term with an expiry date of March 1st. If teams are playing into March to complete the season you MUST re-apply for coverage. Additional coverage is at no additional cost.

OMHA is concerned with the direction Hockey Canada is going. There is a push by OHF to obtain information and clarification from Hockey Canada. Unity and clarity would be beneficial.

Guest speaker Murray Mugford is in attendance to present new measures and regulations being provided to referees.

Website Admin- Stephen Douglas

Rules and contacts have all been updated.

Scheduling-Christine Boersma-Hurd

Team numbers are required ASAP Changes are coming in constantly. With a deadline of October 3rd must be the latest. If there is a shortage or overage of goalies, please advise Dean asap. Good way for centres to share surplus.

Guest Presentation-Maltreatment, Murray Mugford OMHA Lead Supervisor

Murray is here to promote a zero-tolerance standard being taught to referees. This is coming at a critical point in the referee numbers. There is an official shortage with a member count of only 1800 province wide at a loss of 65% to maltreatment. There is also a lack of recruiting to fill those voids. Komoka is holding a L1/L2 course this weekend. The rule book of 166 pages is a lot to learn and officials are being mistreated. Leading to a lack of retention as a result of the slurs, abuse and disrespect. There are 5 levels of the maltreatment offence

- 11.1 Unsportsman like conduct – officials will address disrespect. Example would be comments like “That was ...” or “I think....”
- 11.2 Disrespectful and abusive behavior – game misconduct. Example would be comments like “You are”
- 11.3 Spitting – Match Penalty
- 11.4 Discrimination – Gross Misconduct that comes with a 7-game suspension
- 11.5 Physical Harassment of Officials-Match Penalty

Reminder penalties showing a pattern will be addressed. A fourth offence will result in a hearing. These penalties are also progressive for multiple offences.

Allegations will also be investigated as a requirement. Both benches will be consulted to obtain enough details to make the report on the game sheet. Details will be submitted as known or observed. Bill Hutton is the investigator that will follow up with allegations. The coaches will be required to relay their side of the allegation to their centre representative. This is always witnessed facts and not A versus B. Only 1 in 7 allegations led to consequences. Unwitnessed allegations are not penalties.

A coach’s interaction on or off the bench can be observed as maltreatment by the officials have the potential to also draw a penalty. Zero tolerance will be strictly enforced. Please advise your coaches, parents and players. The goal for this standard is to retain officials and to keep more players in the game rather than in the box. Parents behavior in the stands or at the boards also has the potential to draw a penalty or eviction from the arena. If a parent is seen as a problem the home bench will be approached to remove the spectator, if that results in not my parent then the away bench will be advised. If the trainer is ejected, you can borrow a trainer. If the coach is ejected and no qualified head coach is left on the bench, the game is suspended. This is an adjustment year to get the message out. Officials may not approach the bench when being called by the coaches. The solution is to have the team captain or representative player approach the official to deliver a message “coach needs to speak to you after the period” The officials make the judgement call and you can ask what rule was used for that call but that’s about all. New officials are being trained under the zero-tolerance pathway. The message is being delivered to returning officials.

Officials will be present for ½ ice games to bring meaning to the game. The officials will assist with minor instructions like where to stand.

Dean Johnson will forward the Maltreatment file via email for distribution to coaches and parents. The OMHA portal will be updated as the penalty codes are changing from GM** to numbers.

Treasurers Report-Robert on Wade's behalf

No changes since August meeting. St.Thomas has an outstanding fine of \$250 that needs to be paid prior to the 2022/2023 season start date.

Statistician-Mark Millar

Season Structure proposal was presented. With a seeding, reseeding, March Break, play-offs and year end suggestion. Winter season suggests smaller brackets for more meaningful hockey. We have time to decide on multiple options. Factors to consider are skill, number of teams, U13+ must be round robin and balanced teams.

Motion for U11+ seeding was presented

Motion - Curtis, Mt.Brydges 2nd-Jamie, St.Thomas

March break discussion around if or where to blackout games. Shamrock has voted to blackout the weekend prior to March Break (March 11-17, 2023)

Motion to acknowledge March Break as March 13-17, 2023, with an agreement provision. Meaning if both teams agree to play over that break they are permitted. The agreement must be through the centre reps not set by coaches.

Motion – Jim, North Middlesex 2nd- Mark, Lucan

U9-Going forward U9 will be divided East/West or A/B rather than geographically. U9MD in Shamrock was a one year option. All U9 players will be registered in LMLL. Once rostered, a reshuffle will not be permitted. As per Dean LMLL will set team sizes not the coaches.

Motion to adapt the U9 format noted above.

Motion-Stephen, Aylmer 2nd-Devon, Dorchester

Stats are pulled from the OneDB. Gamesheet has implemented many improvements that will track suspensions. For new players coming from outside organizations, please ask them for their record or outstanding suspensions. If needed Dean will transfer them from the Alliance to OMHA. HCR will hold suspensions as a permanent mark on your profile.

U8/U9 Framework-Curtis Brekelmans

Everyone opted to follow the proposed framework of a blended U8/U9 balanced teams. Divided evenly to avoid centres playing other inhouse teams unless they registered more than 2 teams. Reminder each team must have a minimum of 1 U9 player rostered. Gamesheets are paper until and including January 14th. The gamesheet app will be in place as of January 15th. Must meet the team size minimums and rosters completed by December 1st. Reshuffle will not be permitted once rostered.

Tournament limits and requirements still follow the pathways recommendations. Restrictions not a maximum of three events 2 tournaments/1 jamboree or 1 tournament/2jamborees. Recommendations suggest jamboree-jamboree-tournament. The U11 pathways suggest 3 tournaments spread over development season, winter season and playoffs. Rep teams are permitted 4 tournaments which includes silver-stick.

Southwest U18

The Southwest Bullets U18 team was approved to join our league under a one-year trial. An electronic vote was taken which reflected 11 centres in favor, 2 against and 4 abstained from voting. The reason for the change was competition. Their current situation had teams refusing to play against them. They were not in a position for development, the rep option was removed. It has been a concern for years. With this move the top end of their team has earned a place on a rep team in various centres surrounding them. With Glencoe under construction their home ice will be Bothwell of Fridays at 8:15pm. Kelli Brent will be their non-voting representative for this year.

Next meeting is scheduled virtually for October 20th 7pm.

Link will be sent closer to

Adjournment: 8:57 pm

Motion – Mark, Lucan

2nd – Christine, Strathroy