

SSMHA Board Meeting Minutes January 30, 2024

- 7:09pm Meeting Called to Order
- Regrets – Vanessa Bolivar and Melissa Spitzig
- Minutes Approved from January 11, 2024 – Motion Brad Murray / 2nd Sonya Brosha

Reports – as per below

- **VP** – nothing new
- **VP Risk** - 2 Risk Management Issues – U15 AA Game on Sunday January 28th in Yarmouth / U18 A Handshakes between Head Coaches. Both will be further investigated by Relevant Association Board Members, as the 4 teams involved have upcoming games this week.
- **Treasurer** - 1 person outstanding for payment / funding assistance has 5 players remaining / Payables error - double counting refund - \$6000 addition / \$1300 lower on ref fees due to limited number of officials / fundraising credits being uploaded – Based on estimates \$9000 + / - depending upon ice needs prior to end of season up to provincials.
2 officials from Board will now sign off on bank statements.
- **Ice Coordinator** – Going well – March 2nd / 3rd Black out weekend / Western Riptide complaint SS U9 late leaving ice – caused by half-ice boards being slow to move / An issue with Rink Conduct – U15 AA – will be investigated further by Travis, and hopefully quickly resolved.
- **Registrar** – Jacob Barkhouse – wants to be goalie in future –currently player and emergency goalie U13 A team – Looking for Goalie Development. Discussion began about various options, local and in HRM. Board maintained stance that Jacob is only to be a goalie in an emergency basis, as per stipulations outlined from U13 Coordinator Sonya Brosha to U13 A Team Officials.
- **Fundraising Coordinator** – met with Sport NS – Nicole Ramey – inviting her to a future Board Meeting. Discussion of combining programs. Trying to get up to \$5000 from Sport NS for Equipment with 25% from Jamborees. Coaches’ programs for grants.
- **RIC** – busy time / organizing the officials for playoffs and regulations / Travis to recommend all teams print out a copy of the playoff rules to make things easier for officials when a dispute arises. Immediate forecast we are potentially losing 5 refs for next season.
U15 AA situation – Mike Greek – to review / U18 A – nothing further on the handshake incident.

Non-Voting Member Reports

- **Communications Coordinator** – Not present
- **Development Coordinator** – proceeding with plans as previously discussed.
- **League / HNS Representative** – playoffs starting – communication sent to all teams / HNS no major updates
- **Team Certifications** – Melissa Not Present – Appears to be only 1 concern, and now that issue surrounding Safety Rep situation has been ironed out at U13AAA

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- **Rink Conduct** – LCLC – stick wax mashed into floor, checked all possible teams. One of players from U15 AA admitted to making mess. Head Coach – solution – proposed entire team go to LCLC for 1 hour of community service. Board has asked - U15 Coordinator – Travis Vaughn - to issue letter to team manager / Travis will report back to board if further concerns arise.
 - **GLW Tournament** – Sponsorship and Tracking Sheet Created –organizers need help obtaining funds and auction items.
 - **Financials / Team Budgets** – Covered in Treasurer’s Report.
 - **Injured Player Discussion** – U15 A Injury - doctor has not signed clearance letter for a U15 A player to return to ice, but the player’s parent wants to sign waiver – board declined as must have medical professional complete and sign appropriate documentation.
 - **Storm Policy** – Motion to adopt the HNS Weather policy, with a “point person” (Amanda Mosher – Ice Coordinator) to contact rinks when a home game is involved.
Motion – Brad Murray / Second Andy Selig – Motion Carried – Unanimous.
 - **Fundraising Policy** – still under review – differed to next Board Meeting
 - **Bylaws** – still under review – differed to next Board Meeting
 - **Board Vacancies – Secretary position** – Tyler Smith has offered to fill the position – unanimous vote yes. Tyler was called and accepted the role.
 - **President** – Jennifer Mason offered to fill vacancy – Jennifer left room while remaining board members discussed – unanimous vote yes
 - **VP Risk Management** – Travis Vaughn offered to fill vacancy – Travis left room while remaining board members discussed - unanimous vote yes
- All Vacancies have been filled in accordance with the Association Bylaws.**

Adjournment –9:21pm

Next Meeting – February 22, 2024 – LCLC – 7pm