

# BLACKHAWKS

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Face to Face Meeting

July 26, 2022 @6:30 pm

Attendees: Liz Page, Lynz Jackson, Jane Sokol-Kennedy, Steph Purdy, Rob Shortreed, Erin Callahan

Regrets:

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting – unanimously approved
2. Financial Report: Lynz & Liz
  - Lynz updated us on the balance of our Operations account
  - Donation cheque from the Village to be deposited soon
  - Liz shared balances for BINGO & Meat Raffle accounts - new jerseys will be paid out of Bingo account
3. Hockey Registration: - Liz
  - A few players have paid in full or provided first installment
  - A reminder of first payment will be posted on social media
  - Some teams are full with waitlists and other teams are either close to full or have waitlists starting
  - Lottery for teams is being done on Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> – time TBD – Jane will be preparing lottery players names for the ballots
  - New online registration format is working out very well! Darryl has been working diligently on keeping the master sheet up to date.
  - U5 team – roster will be filled as per R.O.O. then process for registration TBD by Jr Convenors since all players are first year
  - Player Registration forms received during the Point Resident & returning players only time' that did not meet the stated criteria will be processed with the open/new player registrations for the appropriate team. Families that have registered a non-resident or non-returning player will not be automatically given a spot on the team roster all in agreement, we must adhere to the language in the Rules of Operation.
4. Soccer Update: - Liz
  - Help is needed for each teams last night of soccer to hand out pizza, pictures and end of season medals/ice cream coupons (U14)
    - Lynz will be at the field Mon & Thurs, Liz Thur & Erin Tues & Thur. Help for Wednesday is still needed
  - Medals & Ice Cream vouchers have been ordered – Honorariums have been paid to our Lambton College Students/Convenors
  - Huge thank you to the Village for maintaining the field to ensure it was ready each week – social media post and email sent to the Village

5. LMLL/OHMA - Liz

- Liz Page is the newly appointed President of LMLL
- LMLL Rules have been reviewed and updated where needed & shared
- PEMAA should remind and inform our families that we are a part of the LMLL league and let them know that Liz is the rep for our center. So that the people in our organization can share with her any feedback they have about the league.
- There are lots of new reps around the table from each center this year
- League fees have increased from \$70 to \$75 – first increase in a several years
- Game scheduling will be electronic again this year – Coaches need to let Liz know tournament dates they register for as they become available
- Port Stanley & St Thomas centers have merged – LMLL league will be out of one of the centers this year not both
- OMHA – is doing mandatory black out dates for regular league play again this year for Christmas thru New Year's, March Break blackout dates are TBD
- Dean is our OMHA rep again for this season again!
- OMHA does not have a masking or vaccine mandate for this season thus far

6. Correspondence Incoming/Out Going Coaching: - Liz

- There was a late head coaching application submitted. Unanimous decision we are unable to consider late applications
- Email received from Kevin Devine (coaching support liaison) that during interviews he saw that we would benefit from a mentoring program for our coaches, his correspondence mentions the Coaches at the younger age levels in particular. All in agreement - tabled until our next meeting
  - Board members to compile their thoughts on how to best deliver
- Darryl applied thru his work (Enbridge) for an honourarium related to his hours of volunteering. We have received a donation. We are most appreciative of Darryl's hard work on our web admin and assisting in streamlining registration.
- A letter was sent to the Village in support of Red & Ko running concession stand at the rink again this year

7. Coaching: Steph, Lynz, Erin

- Coaching interviews have taken place; head coaches for each division have been notified
- Date for Bench Staff: By August 8<sup>th</sup> for each division – PEMAA Board will then review – Steph to email Head coaches and also STRESS the importance of a good manager, Liz posting on social media as well.

8. Ice Times: Lynz

- Due to the merging of U9 minor & major this year we will not require ice on Monday, Wednesday or 8am Saturday this season. We have asked to have option to pick up Monday & 8am Saturday ice time again next year if needed.
- 5 home ice Saturday black out dates
- If we want to host All-star games this year, we need to book ASAP

9. COVID Guidelines:

- Rob will reach out to the Health Unit for the most recent to date guidelines are
- Point Edward arena does not currently have a masking or vaccine mandate for this coming hockey season – Liz contacted Jim Burns to confirm.

- See LMLL/OHMA last point for their COVID update
- Discussion around how we will proceed around players who didn't play due to vaccine mandate & their years of service – in camera discussion, Rules of Operation were the deciding factor, specifically, language around a player “choosing” to play elsewhere vs. not having a choice due to policy or mandate. We unanimously agreed, players who were forced to sit out during the vaccination mandate would not lose their years of service but would not gain any years for the years they did not play.

#### 10. U7 Games: Erin

- We have been asked to join in with Mooretown & Petrolia to schedule games with them for our U7 teams
- Liz has talked with LMLL & this is fine as long as we follow the outlined rules of play for that age group
- Erin will be the main point of contact for right now
- We have shared that we have 1 team of our minors and one team of our majors for this coming season
- More information to follow as it becomes available

#### 11. Meat Raffles: - Liz

- Would like to assign meat raffle dates to each age group, to be responsible for specific dates.
  - This would include the Manager/Coach getting parents involved for 1 -2 meat raffles
  - Discussion about if a team works a meat raffle – that team would receive full amount of tournament/Jamboree budget to use towards tournaments/Jamborees. If they do not do a meat raffle, they only receive a percentage of tournament/Jamboree budget.
- It is becoming increasingly difficult to gather volunteers for the meat raffle. Most of our volunteers do not even have family in our program.

#### 12. Tournament/Jamboree Budgets:

- Lynz motioned for \$2,000 per team for tournament/Jamboree budget
  - Pricing has gone up for tournaments/Jamborees this would be a \$500 per team increase from last year
  - Jane motioned to add clauses to the budget as follows:
    - 1 tournament/Jamboree fee will be paid by PEMAA, for an additional tournament/jamboree 1-2 meat raffles must be worked by the team to release the remaining balance of the \$2,000 budget. (Doing extra meat raffles does not provide a larger budget). Steph Seconded this motion – All in favour
- Only 2 tournaments/Jamborees per team will be supported by PEMAA up to but not exceeding \$2,000 budget. Additional costs over \$2,000 budget or additional tournaments/jamborees will be the responsibility of the team/players to pay
  - If a team qualifies for Silver Stick the team can submit a letter to the board asking for more support

#### 13. Cost Comparison: - Jane

- Jane provided a cost comparison of the LMLL centers registration fees and their extras.

- We are still one of the most inexpensive centers and one of the only ones without extra fees based on our 2022 – 2023 registration fees
- Most centers are charging extra for volunteer fees that can be waived if you work your time off. – We currently are not doing this...this would most likely be met with frustration and be difficult to track.
- Most centers are collecting mandatory addition fees for fundraising – fees are waived if you participate – we currently are not doing this.... this would most likely be met with frustration and be difficult to track.
- Also, game passes have been implemented in many Centres, to replace gate fees at other centers as well for their fans – we currently are not doing this... this would most likely be met with frustration.
- Jane will have our total cost of operation per player that we can post. With some rough numbers due to outstanding information at the time of the meeting we are operating at a cost per player that exceeds our current registration fee. This is not new, but something most members are likely unaware of.
  - This is why we need our families to be more active in our fundraising and support our meat raffles.

#### 14. Logo Images:

- There are 4 images for the new logo now.
- Board members to send any changes in colours or fine tweaks to Liz ASAP
- Board members to send Jane their top 3 picks in order of preference
  - Jane will then take the votes and tally.
- Top 3 images will go out to the membership for voting – quick turn around
- Image decision must be done prior to Middle of August

Next Meeting – TBD

#### Topic for next meeting

- Finalize 1<sup>st</sup> tournament/jamboree \$\$ max allowed – w/o meat raffle participation
- New logo reveal
- Coaching mentoring ideas
- U7 game update if available
- Approve team benches
- Soccer wrap up
- Coach Meetings

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm

Erin purposed & Steph seconded

