



Kanata Minor Hockey Association (KMHA)
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday November 1, 2022
Location: Virtual
Present: Erin Murphy, William Burnie, Chris Greenwood, Nik Mclean, Terry Zanatta, Chad Mariage, Sarah Brearey

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Erin Murphy (chair)

2. Agenda review

- June meeting minutes to be circulated later for approval

3. President Report - Erin Murphy

- KMHA registration went well; some issues with AAA combine communications. Nik Mclean mentioned that this will be discussed at AAA meeting next week

4. VP Hockey Programs Report - Terry Zanatta

- a) Competitive program:
 - Comp tryouts went well; no complaints. Some coaching adjustments at U14AA level
 - Imports: U16AA/B (players); U13B (goalie)
 - U11B and U18B teams had to be dropped due to lack of players. Working on potential comp development program for U11
 - All comp teams having issues fielding full teams due to sickness/injuries, especially U13 and older. Also difficult finding enough call-ups; also seeing a lot of coach suspensions
- b) House league program:
 - Sort outs and convenor assignments all went well
 - KMHA coach-to-coach training series being launched in Nov/Dec
 - Suggestion from Chad Mariage to consider reversible sort-out jerseys

5. VP Hockey Operations Report - Chad Mariage

- Registration process went well, but Hockey Canada system (HCR) could be better
- No equipment issues reported; old tryout jerseys, comp jerseys, and socks are for sale – contact Louise Foley, KMHA equipment manager. Comp jerseys were replaced this year, will need to plan to replace HL jerseys in next year or two, depending on finances
- Comp photo day went well, HL photo day coming up this weekend. Working on alternate day for teams that are away
- U15 charity tournament is sold out, 36 teams registered, mostly at B level. Working on sponsorships and gifts for draws. Kanata BIA considering hosting a “hockey experience” – to be confirmed
- Tournament will support Kanata Food Cupboard and Shepherds of Good Hope (Kanata)

6. VP Finance Report - Chris Greenwood

- As of October 14th net registration revenue of 859K after refunds/discounts (25K increase from last year); registration numbers have not changed significantly so monetary growth is from fee increase
- U15/18 registration is strong, but numbers at U13 and down are lower – need to find a way to replenish at lower levels and backfill U7/9/11 age groups
- **MOTION:** that the board approves the repayment of the CEBA interest-free loan of \$40K immediately. Moved by Chris Greenwood, second by Terry Zanatta, all in favour. **Motion passed.**

7. VP Communications Report - Sarah Brearey

- Four returning sponsors: Canadian Tire, Maverick's Donuts, Pita Pit, Pro Hockey Life
- Focusing on social media updates, KMHA member contests (Halloween, holidays)
- Discussion on how to increase overall engagement and interest. Ideas include:
 - o "Why I love hockey" contest within KMHA membership, with sponsor support/prizes. Submissions could be used for larger community campaign
 - o Community events such as "hockey day in Kanata", pond hockey/outdoor rink tournament, "try it out" event for new players
 - o House league vs Comp team wear – should we consider common brand?
 - o Engagement with community associations

8. Director at Large (Risk and Safety) Report - William Burnie

- Several issues noted lately: team staff not following 2-deep rule, players not wearing neck guards, trainers not wearing helmets when attending to injured player, arguments with referees, player/coach suspensions. Coaches need to set expectations and reinforce appropriate behaviour on teams
- Messaging will be developed and shared with coaches after HEO risk and safety forum taking place this weekend. Hoping for clarification on HEO maltreatment policy.

9. Director at Large (Officials) Report - Nik Mclean

- AAA league - meeting next week. Will seek information about where KMHA players are
- AA/B leagues – no major updates
- KMHA has sanctioned U11AA tournament (November 11-13) but advertised as AAA by Sensplex – HEO issue? Erin to confirm.
- HL schedules only coming out 1-2 weeks in advance, which can present scheduling issues for referees
- Frustrations with HEO maltreatment rule – standard is unclear
- Three KMHA officials will be attending upcoming NHL referee workshop

10. District Chair report – Ralph Petersen (in absentia)

- Report attached
- Confirmation provided by Erin that First Shift ice time provided by KMHA; will receive funding back from First Shift and HEO. KMHA should not incur any out of pocket expenses

11. Meeting Adjournment (9:29pm)

- motion to adjourn meeting presented by Erin Murphy. Second by Chris Greenwood. All in favour.

District Chair Update Nov. 1, 2022

First Shift Program

Our hosted First Shift programs are well underway, we had our “Welcome Event” last Tuesday at the Nepean Sportsplex. The event went extremely well and lots of excited participants are eager to start the on-ice sessions.

The on-ice sessions start on Nov. 6th and run every Sunday until Dec. 11th. After that, our programs will offer participants a transition option, they can either register with their MHA or continue with our program in January for an additional cost of \$75.00.

Financial commitment to KMHA for our 2 programs, between our transition program option (\$75), Bauer’s ice subsidy and HEO’s program subsidy there should be almost zero dollars incurred by KMHA.

Volunteer participation has been awesome so far.

Game Infractions resulting in suspensions

To date, we have had 23 infractions resulting in suspensions, these infractions range from checking from behind, unsportsmanlike conduct to discriminating slurs.

Last season there were 43 total infractions for the entire season.

HEO Update

- As you have seen, there has been an amendment to the U9 Pathway program which allows teams to enter one full ice tournaments for this season.
- U18 AAA program, lot’s of discussion are taking place to plan and implement next season’s U18 AAA program.
- U13 and U15 Select teams, an email went out amongst District Chairs to gauge who might be having select teams at these levels, as it stands now there doesn’t seem to be a high interest in select teams at this point.

Minutes approved at November 29, 2022 board meeting.



Erin Murphy, KMHA president