

Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

10/10/2023, 6:30pm

2609 West Broadway Ave, Moses Lake



Call to Order: 6:31

Meeting Minutes Approval: Courtney motioned to approve the minutes. Troy seconded.

President's Report: Skipped

Treasurer's Report: Troy presented the current financials. See attached. In the account we currently have \$51,931.94. We have received a good amount of scholarship money. The payments for the 12u and 18u tournament have been mailed. Overall, the board is happy with how registration and payments have been going using the new on-line only payment system.

New Business:

1. Hockey Practice Structure-Alyssa

a. Pre-Season Practices

- There is concern from some parents and players about the structure of the practices. Maybe they are too intense for the younger kids and not hard enough for the older kids? Others stated their kids are doing well with the practices. Do we need to bring some fun back? We need to consider a course correction to ensure we keep the kids coming back.

b. Beginning Hockey Program

- We need to make sure we have a fun program and we get those kids moved over to the association. That was the goal of our beginning hockey program. The new criteria would be that kids can move to 8u or 10u if they can stand upright without a stick and make forward movement.

2. Tournaments

a. Tournament Gift?

- 12u parents would like to do something fun for teams (keep in mind as sponsorships come in).

b. Winter Classic Banner Design

- Scott and Jill will take care of this.

3. Ref Scheduling- Alyssa/Melanie

Melanie has been working on refs for the tournaments. She has one ref committed and he will bring a group along. For the tournaments we will pay \$60 per game and \$175 travel expenses. We will cover their hotel. We discussed using 18u players (certified refs only) for the 12u tournament. Troy motioned that all refs for 10u and up will be paid \$60 per game. 8u games will be paid \$20 per game. Alyssa seconded. All are in favor.

4. Banner Policy-Troy

a. Do we hang all banners or just 1st place?

- 5 banners have been hung already. We'll go with that for this year.

5. Fundraising-Dan

- a. We need to have a plan for what we are going to provide to businesses telling them what they will get for their donation. These details were included in the Sponsorship letter/packet that went out. If we are projected to come out ahead this year, Dan wants to make sure that money is going back into the kids and that we aren't carrying over extra money. We also need to make sure we send a Thank-you for donations that are coming in. Dan thought of an idea to have the kids deliver letters.
- b. **T-shirt**
 - They are working on t-shirt sponsorships. Businesses can donate \$500 to get their logo on a shirt. It was suggested that maybe next year we will consider doing two options. \$500 gets a logo and \$250/300 gets the name on the shirt or some variation of this.

6. Pre-Season Party-Mike

- a. **Tailgate after pre-season practice or something in ML?**
 - December 2nd- Troy would cook the meat. Kelli suggested we invite i:49 designs to bring her mobile booth set-up so parents can buy hockey gear. We have the rink from 9:00-11:30 and 1:45-4:15. We will do a morning party from 9-11:30ish.

7. Workout Plan @Ronin Fitness-Mike

- a. He would like to put out a program for hockey players. It would cost \$150-\$180 per month per player. This is a third-party program that parents would pay them directly. We would just spread the word for them. It would be a class with set times. Most feel this would be best for off-season practice. If they would like to put a survey for interest together, we are willing to share it.

8. Team First Aid Kits-Mike

- a. Brian Russell has been working on putting a first aid kit together for each team. The cost for 5 bags is \$500. They include more than the typical band-aids including supplies to help if a skate cuts a player or a bone is broken. He geared it toward hockey related injuries. Alyssa motioned that we purchase these. Dan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

9. Try Hockey for Free-Kelli

If we are struggling with numbers at 8u then we should try this. We could do December 2 at 1:45-2:45. Ages 4-9. Alyssa suggested asking Tri-Cities Americans if we can get tickets donated to raffle off. She will look into this. Kelli will get us registered for the Try hockey for free event and we will start advertising as soon as everything has gone through.

10. A jersey order will need to go in by the beginning of November. Courtney and Kelli will make sure this happens.
11. We have had feedback that people would like to have the tailgates back. We will put it out to see if any parents would like to coordinate it for the remainder of the season.
12. Jill talked to Shirtbuilders. Our store is open and the code this year is: MLHKEY

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37.

Next Meeting 11/14/2023 5:30pm