

# Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

2/13/2024, 6:00pm

2609 West Broadway Ave, Moses Lake



**Attendance:** Kelli Hesse, Jill Solders, Courtney Russell, Melanie Strevy, Ryan Porter, Scott McKinsey, Dan Niehinke, Stephanie Maier, Troy Wiley, Mike Meetsma,

**Minutes Approval:** Troy motioned to approve the minutes; Scott M. seconded. All were in favor.

**Call to Order: 5:44**

**President's Report:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Full Budget Report attached.

Troy would like to set a deadline of 3/1/24 for kids to turn in their referee certification fees receipt for reimbursement.

It looks like there will be about \$18,000 extra after all things are paid at the end of the season. 18u tournament brought income in for the association. The 12u tournament didn't break even but we weren't able to fill that tournament. We think this will be better in coming years.

### Old Business

#### 1. Coaches Reimbursements

- a. We need to make a decision on if we will reimburse coach hotel costs for tournaments. It was stated that other volunteers put in a lot of time but don't get to have their expenses paid. Most teams have multiple coaches. We decided at this point we will not reimburse expenses. If a coach is needed to travel with a different team and they don't have a player on that team, we will consider reimbursing them on a case-by-case basis.

#### 2. End of year party/gifts

- a. We discussed options like renting the Aquatic Center (max cost is \$4000) or the bowling alley (\$400 per hour). We also talked about the Best Western or Pillar Rock at the golf course to host a banquet. We decided to rent the water park the night of June 12<sup>th</sup>. We also decided to allocate \$35 per player for a team party event or gift. Each team can spend up to \$35 per player on an end of year party or gift.
- b. We also talked about reimbursing partial costs of camps attended over the summer. We decided the first 50 kids to send in registrations to camps will be reimbursed \$200.

#### 3. Goalie Reimbursements

- a. We will not be doing this. We chose to go with camp reimbursements for any hockey skill, including goalie camps.

#### 4. Nominations for board positions

##### a. Who wants to take this on?

- i. Scott Barlow will create the Nomination forms. The open positions are President, Registrar, Director 1, Scheduler, Tournament Director (this position is appointed by the board).

## 5. Yearly Bylaw Edit

- a. We need to decide if we leave the scheduler position to an elected position with voting privileges. If we decide to move the scheduler position to non-voting member we would need to create another voting position (or transfer another position to a voting position).

## 6. Do we still have players joining other practices?

- a. We need to make sure that kids that join other practices aren't taking reps away from kids who are in their assigned practice times. This includes kids visiting from other hockey programs. Our practices are for MLYHA kids to attend their age level practice only.

### New Business:

#### 1. Annual Meeting in March?

- a. We will meet as a board on March 12<sup>th</sup>. On March 19<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Annual Meeting at 6:30. Locations are being researched for this.

#### 2. Lifetime Sponsorship-Maiers Donation

- a. There was mention of making sure sponsor logs are in their correct locations on the dasher board. We also suggested if someone is donating above the highest level maybe we can have their logo painted on center ice.

#### 3. Game Times/Scheduling Refs

- a. This was moved to next meeting.

#### 4. 18u Tournament

##### a. Profit, Celebration, even bigger production, Gifts for players

- i. This is in regards to celebrating our Seniors. We are thinking we can do this at either the opening ceremonies of our home tournament or at the last home games of the year. We could do flowers for the mom or a plaque for the players were a few ideas thrown out. We need to be more intentional about hosting a Senior event in the future.

#### 5. 2024/2025 Tournaments (14u?)

- a. Do we advertise these?
  - i. Tom wants to know dates for a 14u tournament. We discussed a few scenarios. December 13-15 is penciled in for the 14u tournament.
- b. He has groups from Seattle asking to host adult tournaments here. We have some issues with this idea. One being that it takes ice time away from our local kids. We might be willing to give up Thanksgiving weekend and the weekend between Christmas and New Years. Toward the end of the meeting, we learned that these would be small women's tournaments that could happen outside of our ice time. If it doesn't interfere with our ice time, we are fine with it.

#### 6. Disciplinary Actions

##### a. Create a framework/guidelines

- i. Scott and Mike will work on their framework for these policies. There was much discussion on how things are handled and how things should be handled if one of the teams' three members can't participate due to a conflict of interest. Several members agree that the Director positions can be pulled in to help in these times.

#### 7. 2024/2025 18u Team Planning

##### a. How do we manage the issue of too many kids for 1 team.

This item will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm**

**Next Meeting 3/12/2024 6:00 pm**