

Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

4/11/2023, 5:30pm

2609 W Broadway Ave, Moses Lake



Attendance: Jill Solders, Dan Niehenke, Troy Wiley, Mike Meetsma, Ryan Porter, Kelli Hesse, Courtney Russell

Meeting called to order at: 5:31

March Meeting Minutes Approval: Troy motioned to approve. Courtney seconded. Minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Troy presented us with a full printed profit and loss report. We spent most of what we brought in this year. The report showed money brought in at every level and the breakdown of income and expenses. There is currently about \$14,000 in the account. This will help with start-up costs for next season.

There was discussion on jerseys and if we should move to nameless jerseys that the association owns or stick with jerseys with names. This will be an ongoing discussion as we move toward next season.

Old Business:

1. Goalie Reimbursement Program

We want to help off-set the costs of goalie position. Our goal is to grow hockey skills. Two ideas were given:

- a) Any goalie can get reimbursed up to \$300 for any goalie camp they attend between 4/1/23 and 3/31/24. This is only for kids that play the goalie position on our teams. Coaches will give approval as to which kids qualify for reimbursement.
- b) Creating a goalie lab practice time that Wyatt Horst would host and coach that would help develop our goalies.

Troy is going to write up a policy for this and we will vote on it next meeting.

2. Refs (we'll discuss this below)

- #### 3. Review/Edit Bylaws
- Scheduler position was moved from non-voting to voting board member. There was also discussion about adding "at the boards discretion" to the section regarding non-payment of registration fees.

Troy motioned to approve the By-laws with noted changes. Dan seconded it.

- #### 4. Track Suit Survey
- There was great interest in this. We estimate about \$14,000-\$15,000 for all players. This is probably a 2-year process. We discussed purchasing just jackets vs. the whole suit. Registration would have to be completed by a certain date to have a jacket purchased for you.

5. Open Director Position

Troy's position is open. We discussed possible candidates. Ryan will be reaching out to possible candidates soon.

6. Extra Positions

Melanie Strevy is interested in Referee Coordinator. It was mentioned that Chris Hesse may be an asset in helping Melanie with this position.

Ryan Chism is interested in being a Parks and Rec Liaison. We would like to move forward and offer him this position.

We still have General Association Director, Player Movement Coordinator and Referee Development Coordinator are all open.

Kelli suggested instead of having a Player Movement Coordinator maybe the Beginning Hockey Coordinator can let the Team Manager (and Courtney the Registrar) know so they can reach out and make contact with the family. Both Coaches and Team Managers need to be made aware of a new player coming onto the team.

New Business:

1. How to communicate changes from the March 21st open meeting

Mike will create an email that can go out to the association communicating the changes in the policies discussed in at March 21st meeting.

2. Board Email Thread-Who is included?

All positions whether voting or appointed, should get all board communication.

3. Season Review with City Staff

Mike will work with Ryan Chism on setting this up.

4. Sponsorship/Fundraising

Mike and Scott F. created a draft of a sponsorship package. There are multiple levels of sponsorship. He is working with the city to make sure we have approval for dashboard advertisements.

Courtney motioned to approve moving forward with this. Dan seconded the motion.

5. Registration Fees

Ice fees are going up and we likely will have to raise registration fees. We are unsure about how much right now. This will depend on ice fees, and what we bring in with sponsors and fundraising.

6. Coaching Certification

We are going to be cracking down on letting only certified coaches on the bench. This is a huge liability to our association, all volunteers and the board. Also, all parents will need to register as a volunteer with USA Hockey. This will be how we track Safe Sport Certification as well as all coaching certification.

Mike has this typed up and it will be emailed out with the communication regarding the March 21st meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15pm