

Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting Agenda

5/09/2023, 5:30pm

2609 W. Broadway Ave, Moses Lake



Call to order 5:30

Attendance: Scott Freidig, Courtney Russell, Jill Solders, Kelli Hesse, Ryan Chism, Scott McKinsey, Dan Niehenke, Mike Meetsma, Troy Wiley, Alyssa Barlow

April Meeting Minutes Approval: Courtney motioned to approve the minutes. Dan seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: We spent what we had last year. If ice fees go up as proposed, we are going to be in the hole next year if we don't raise registration fees. We are hoping for the Kraken money again and some sponsorships to come through. We have fall practices, and socks that will need to be purchased before the registration money comes in.

We will need to raise the tournament fees and eliminate the beanies and pucks for the players to keep the costs down.

In creating a budget for this year, it was discussed that we might need to create 3 budgets with different ice fee scenarios. Possibly using \$130, \$150, \$180. The Parks and Rec helps reduce the 8u ice costs. That program will run 2 6-week sessions this year.

We will ask the city for firm ice costs the first week of June. It was noted that we might ask what baseball and soccer pay for use of city facilities.

Old Business:

1. Open Director Position

On May 4th Troy Wiley made a motion via email as follows: "I motion we have a special election to appoint a new Director 1 for one year."

Scott McKinsey received the most votes and will finish the remainder of the Director 1 position.

2. Parks and Rec Liaison Position

- What are they in charge of?
 - All communications to and from Tom?
 - Beginner Hockey- Can be liaison between Jana and the city
 - Ice Scheduling- There was discussion on how to handle the city taking ice time and us giving ice time back to the city in the event that we don't need it. It was suggested that we come up with a policy of us giving the ice time back at least a week ahead so the city can schedule events.
 - Ice problems
 - Facility problems on game days-we will have a contact list of who to get ahold of.
 - Setting up meetings between MLYHA and city for the 1st week of June. We need answers before our next board meeting.

3. Parks and Rec season review meeting recap-Mike

- Tom asked that the scheduler still be in direct contact with him.
- Mike, Tom, Jana and Ryan will need to host a meeting to coordinate beginning hockey.
- Scott went through the meeting minutes that were taken.
- The next meeting with the city needs to happen before the June board meeting so that we can set the budget and registration cost. Registration should open late July/early August.

4. Review Final Goalie Policy

Troy presented a goalie incentive program proposal. We need to add an amendment to state that reimbursement comes after they attend the camp, during the current fiscal year. Dan motions to approve with the changes. Scott M. seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Sponsorship Offering Finalization/Approval-Scott F/Mike

- Scott F. reviewed the new sponsorship options. He will email the board the document with the changes that have been made. There will be 4 levels of support. 1) Dashboard advertisement, 2) Coach shirts with logos, 3) Web page recognition and 4) Anonymous donation option with no recognition.

The hope was that this could be used for fun activities, but with the ice costs possibly going up they are going to be very important to keeping registration costs down.

6. Additional Positions

- Beginning Hockey Coordinator- Jana is willing to step-up
They will start planning in June. We will have kids that can't skate start with the city learn-to-skate program, then transition to our beginning hockey program. One idea is adding a 6u "team" to bring in the new skaters. Once they are ready, they would graduate to the 8u program. We also talked about not having enough kids to continue our program if we don't bring more kids at the 8u/10u level.
- Refing Coordinator- Melanie/Chris Hesse
We need to add Melanie and Chris to the emails. They also need to be invited to attend the meetings.

New Business:

7. Fall Hockey Practices-Troy

We are hoping for 10 fall practices. \$4400 in ice fees is the cost. Troy is going to work up a proposal for this utilizing Mike as the coordinator for these, with reimbursement for him. He will also reserve the ice time with Wenatchee and if the budget doesn't allow for 10 sessions, we can cancel them next month. We will not be providing tailgating. Instead, we are looking towards doing a season kick-off BBQ with banner hanging and registration night.

8. Home Tournaments- Troy

We need to make a decision on what ages we want to host tournaments for. We will keep the 18u tournament. We think 12u and/or 14u have a strong enough parent set to run a tournament. We will eliminate raffle baskets and just do 50/50 raffle. We decided that a maximum of 3 tournaments could be held this year.

Meeting Adjourned 7:25pm.

Next meeting June 13th, 5:30pm