**Board Meeting: Southwest Minor Hockey Association – September 9, 2020**

ATTENDEES: Ian Vanmiddlekoop, Andrea Hauspie, Shannon Hutson, Sean Van Bilsen, Ed Theo, Jason Lambert, Loni Grover, Ryan Hurley, Jimmy Hamilton, Jeremy Feasey, Anissa Gurchin, Peter Minnema, Mike McEachren, Sarah Simpson, Corey Crawford (Total of 15)

ABSENT: Kurt Lovell, Brent Q. Crandon, Sandra Heyink (Total of 3)

SPECIAL GUEST: Wendy Gould (Treasurer)

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair, Andrea Hauspie

**FINANCIAL REPORT BY WENDY GOULD:**

We (SWMHA) currently have $76,020.45 in the General account, and $3169.31 in the Bingo account, and $10,006.55 in the Nevada Tickets account.

We have an Accounts Receivable for money that was paid (overpaid) to referees, and we have an Accounts Payable for cash calendars that still need to be paid out (once the arena is opened, the remaining draws will be made and the remaining monies will be paid out).

There are some bills to be paid:

* $30.00 to J Eberle for Coach's Course re-imbursement;
* $125.00 to Wendy G. for Bookkeeping
* $7,732.80 to O.M.H.A. for insurance.

The insurance bill to O.M.H.A. is based upon as estimate of 179 players in our system. If we have less players, O.M.H.A. will refund us a portion of the funds at the end of the season.

**MOTION to accept the financial statements as prepared by Wendy G. and to pay the bills that were discussed. MOVED by Jason Lambert. SECONDED by Sean Van Bilsen. CARRIED.**

NOTE: We are going to need a new person who has signing authority (in addition to Andrea Hauspie (and Wendy Gould).

**QUESTION:** Will there still be a $100.00 Volunteer Fee charged to each player?

**ANSWER (From Andrea Hauspie):** Yes.

**DIRECTORS REPORTS**

**EQUIPMENT REPORT BY JASON LAMBERT:**

We need to gather some of the equipment and other items that are still outstanding from last season (jerseys, water bottles, trainers boxes, etc.). Some of these items may still be in the Bothwell Arena.

There is still some Goalie equipment that needs to be returned/collected.

**ICE REPORT BY TARA TACK:**

We contacted Chatham Kent to advise that we will not be using Bothwell Arena ice.

A tentative schedule has been set for icetime in Glencoe Arena:

* Mondays 6 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;
* Wednesdays 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.;
* Fridays 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.;
* Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and
* Sundays 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m..

When questioned about why we did not schedule for icetime in the Bothwell Arena, Tara advised that we cannot obtain any committment from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. CK is staggering the openings of various arenas throughout Chatham-Kent; right now, there is no timetable for the opening of the Bothwell Arena. If we do not book ice right now at the Glencoe Arena, it will be booked by other parties/associations.

**ASSIGNMENT OF VARIOUS ROLES/POSITIONS ON THE SWMHA BOARD:**

The various roles/positions of the Board were explained. A few new positions were discussed/created to deal with the COVID19 situation and issues related to return to hockey. SWMHA Board members were invited to nominate themselves or other Board members for these positions. An orderly nomination process ensued. No votes were necessary.

President - Sean Van Bilsen

First Vice President - Andrea Hauspie

Second Vice President - Jim Hamilton

Secretary - Loni Grover

Website Administrator - Sarah Simpson

Ice, Ice Manager - Anissa Gurchin

Equipment Manager - Jason Lambert

Sponsorship (Glencoe) - Shannon Hutson and Corey Crawford

Special Events(i.e. clothing sales, photos) - Shannon Hutson and Corey Crawford

Sponsorship (Bothwell) - Ian Van Middlekoop

Fundraising Coordinator - Ian Van Middlekoop and Edward Theo

Referees/Timekeeping/Gatekeeping - Brent Q. Crandon and Ryan Hurley

Parent Rep - Sandra Heyink

Return to Hockey Coordinator (new) - Sean Van Bilsen

Volunteer Coordinator - Mike McEachren

Coaches - Kurt Lovell and Jeremy Feasey

"Bubble Building Committee (BBC)" - Sean Van Bilsen, Jim Hamilton, Ryan Hurley, Ian Van Middlekoop, Andrea Hauspie

Discussion:

* We need clarification as to when referees are needed. Are referees needed for 3 on 3 games? 4 on 4 games?
* Andrea Hauspie was provided with a new "Game Sheet App" by OMHA.
* Games cannot commence until 2 weeks have passed after rosters are approved.
* Coaches cards expired on August 31, 2020. Coaches need to do online classes to accumulate "points" to renew their certification. As always, we need more coaches, so persons who are interested in coaching should fill out an application (which is available on the Website).
* Numbers of Players Registered:
* Mite - 4
* U7 (IP) - 13
* U8 (Minor Novice) - 7 with 1 goalie
* U9 (Novice) - 13 with 1 goalie
* U11 (Atom) - 17 with no goalie
* U13 (PeeWee) - 21 with 2 goalies
* U15 (Bantam) - 12 with 1 goalie
* U18 (Midget) - 15 with 2 goalies
* Juvenile - 1 lonely soul
* The ice at Glencoe Arena is NOW going in on September 23, 2020. This is a change from our earlier information (we had been told previously that the ice would not be ready until early October).
* There will be a limit to how many parents/spectators are permitted inside the arena at any one time. Southwest Middlesex council is making decisions about this issue tonight (September 9, 2020).
* The Good Day, Let's Play charity raised over $18,000.00 to put towards paying for the hockey registrations for children who are new to hockey. This organisation also has new hockey equipment which was donated by the NHL Players Association. If families are interested in accessing this funding or accessing the available hockey equipment, they are to contact Jim Hamilton.
* Sean Van Bilsen noted that there are also private citizens in the community who are eager to donate money to offset the costs of hockey registration. Familes that are interested in accessing funds to cover hockey expenses should contact Sean.
* A discussion ensued about registration fees. At present, we are charging the same registration fees as in the previous year but with no promise that there will be "traditional" hockey games. The consensus seemed to be that we would keep registration fees the same as previous years, but we may revisit this issue/refund some of the fees if the hockey season is shut down before March 2021.
* Registration: We want to encourage players to register with SWMHA, but, at some point, we need to form our "bubbles" and form our teams within those bubbles. Players can be registered through the Southwest Bulllets website until September 23, 2020.
* As for where kids can play, the new rules are these: You may play with the centre that you played last season, or with your home centre. There are no tryouts for this season. If your child skates with an "Outlaw League" hockey team after September 30, 2020, your child will not be permitted to play OMHA hockey this season.
* Water Bottles - Every child needs his/her own water bottle this season.
* Power Skating - Glencoe Skating Club is offering power skating on Thursday nights this year.
* The next meeting with be Thursday September 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8:44 p.m.