



MPHA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES – Friday September 3rd, 2021

Meeting called at 6:30pm

In attendance – Tamey McAllister, Clayton Best, Marci Hughson, Marj Moody, Ashley Taylor

Regrets – Roxanne Romaniuk

Topics Covered

Registrar Volunteer

After our last Executive Meeting Dana Rancourt advised that she would be stepping down as our Registrar. Roxanne Romaniuk volunteered to take on the job. Motion made by Ashley Taylor, seconded by Marci Hughson, Unanimous decision to have Roxanne join our Executive.

Jersey/Jacket Night

Players for the upcoming season will need to be fitted for their jackets and practice jerseys that they will be receiving. Hoping to do this Tuesday September 28, 2021 after all players have replied to their offer letters. We are looking into this date and getting the sample sizes so we can place our order as soon as possible.

Developmental Ice for U13 and U15 age group

Due to scheduling issues the U9 developmental skate will be postponed until October 4th-8th and the tryouts will be held October 11th-13th. Since we have the available ice we will be providing both the U13 & U15 developmental skate time slots free of charge. The U13 can skate on September 15 & 16 from 7-8:30 and the U15 can skate on September 14 & 17 from 7-8:30. Motioned by Clayton Best, Seconded by Mark Moody, Unanimous yes to offering this ice time.

Recap and Voting on Items from Claytons meeting in with Coaches

Last week Clayton was able to have a meeting with the coaches and get feedback on several topics for this upcoming season.

Topic 1 – Goalies will be grouped by age and evaluated by someone who has Goalie experience. If we have a large number of goalies pre-register, we will look at the numbers and decide how many evaluators we will need. Possible evaluators are Zac Rolston and Julien Paquette. Motioned by Clayton Best, seconded by Marci Hughson, Unanimous yes to reviewing once registration is completed.

Topic 2 – Allowing Coaches to come up with their own drills for tryouts. As long as the drills follow the Hockey Canada format and cover what Hockey Canada suggests, as that is the paperwork that the evaluators will be following, we are happy to have the coaches use their own drills. Motion Marj Moody, Seconded by Clayton Best, Unanimous yes.

Topic 3 – No Cuts will be made until after day 2 of Tryouts if necessary. Players will be given at least two skates before any cuts will be made. Motion Marci Hughson. Seconded by Ashley Taylor, Unanimous yes.

Topic 4 – Off-Ice Evaluation. Based on our timeline this year we are going to table this topic until closer to Spring and look at it for next season.

Topic 5 – Regular 4 skill station set up will be used for Evaluation purposes rather than tryout for the U13 & U15 divisions. Coaches feel drills in motion and scrimmage are better for players in those age groups. Motioned by Marci Hughson, seconded by Ashley Taylor, unanimous yes.

Topic 6 – Jack Bridgeman progressing from U13 to U15. Coaches all agree that Jack is better suited to move up to the U15 division. Motion Clayton Best, seconded by Ashley Taylor, unanimous yes to have Jack move up a division.

Topic 7 – Coaches have requested that team rosters be signed off on Day 3 of tryouts so they can get their formal acceptance letters out to the players as soon as possible. Acceptance of their position on the team must be received within 24hrs so the coaches can get their teams together and allow released players the chance to go try out elsewhere if required. Executive agreed that we will look at the player evaluation and team rosters and approve them at the arena the night of the tryout so that letters can be sent out as soon as possible. Motioned by Marci Hughson, seconded by Marj Moddy, unanimous yes.

Topic 8 – Coaches have requested that a Smart TV be purchased to be used in dressing rooms and on ice to review game play, assist with drills from Hockey Canada. Due to the possibility of water damage in the coach's room and the lack of WIFI on the ice surface the Executive have agreed that a projector would be better suited for our situation at the rink. Motion by Ashley Taylor, seconded by Marci Hughson, unanimous yes. We will be looking in NOHA funding to see if we can get this covered.

Topic 9 – Coaches would like goalies to attend all sessions to help with player evaluations. Executive members agree that goalies should be present. Motioned by Clayton Best, seconded my Marj Moody, unanimous yes.

Topic 10 – Coaches would like to go with a minimum size roster that is competitive rather than a full 17 player team that would not be competitive at all. Executive agreed that a smaller team could be rostered, but the roster would need to be brought to the Executive with supporting documentation like the selection committee score sheet and the coaching score sheet. Motioned by Clayton Best, seconded by Marci Hughson, unanimous yes.

Topic 11 - Coaches were wondering if the tryout numbers were down could there be a possibility of a Top Up Skate once House League has their registrations in. This item has been tabled until we see what kind of registration numbers we get from pre-registration. If there are 12 skaters or less at tryouts, we will revisit this possibility.

Topic 12 – U9 Intro to Rep program will have no league play but 2 development sessions (practices) per week. They would like to have a half ice jamboree in Little Current before Christmas and attend 2 full ice tournaments in the New Year. They would also like to have a Dryland/non hockey activity done Bi-Weekly. The Executive agreed that we did not want these younger kids to be burnt out by doing too much in each week. Executive was all in favor for the Jamboree before Christmas and 2 tournaments in the new year. Motion Clayton Best, seconded by Marci Hughson, unanimous yes.

Topic 13 – Coaches in favor of using Hockey Canada detailed Player Evaluation for Forwards, Defensemen and Goalie Forms. Executive agrees that if the coaches are okay with this format than we support them. Motion by Marj Moody, seconded by Ashley Taylor, unanimous yes.

Topic 14 – Evaluators will be using Page 1 of the recommended Hockey Canada evaluation forms to track players hard skills 9 skating, shooting, passing etc. Page 2 will be used by the head coach as it is all about coachability, discipline, positive team play, etc. Coaches hoping that more weight can be put on page 2 vs page 1 when choosing players for the upcoming season. Motion by Ashley Taylor, seconded by Clayton Best, unanimous yes that with all the supporting documentation through these score sheets, if it comes down to a “bubble” player than more weight can be put on the results of Page 2 of the evaluation.

Parents at Tryouts

It was discussed that parents and other spectators are not permitted in the stands during try outs this season. The only people that will be allowed in the stands at the ice surface will be the evaluators who will be spaced out and hand in their evaluation sheets before leaving the stands. Motion by Ashley Taylor, seconded by Marci Hughson, unanimous yes that we will not be permitting parents to be in the stands or hallway of ice surface during tryouts. All parents will be required to be in the lobby or can watch from the hallway by the dressing rooms, while socially distancing.

Next Meeting : TBD

Meeting Adjourned : 830pm

