

MCAHA—Executive Board Meeting

March 13, 2024 5:00 pm

**Meeting called to order: 5:03pm**

**Present:** Doug Shrock, Steven Martian, Shaun Seedhouse, Charlie Olinger, Melissa Kittelmann

**Absent:** none

**Guests:** Tom Miller-phone

**Referee update:**

1. Liaison Report: Tom Miller
  - a. John Arce: He presented some research he did on stats for concussions for goalies. He is concerned for Advanced and Rec players in regard to injuries standing in front of the net.
  - b. Thoughts from the Referees and full board discussion/input: discussion held and different ideas discussed. If a rule was implemented for no slap shots, level of stick back swing would be the determining key, the Referees would follow the new rule, but need an adjustment time with the change. Some players do not have any control with this shot.
  - c. Feedback from Officials liaison on the concussion data conclusion and potential for limiting slapshots.
    - i. Injury to goalie in advanced league game for Crowley vs Play It Again: Discussion held. We will go to the user groups again (Advanced and Rec) with a survey to get input from the membership. Selections on survey will be similar to: Leave play as is, No slapshot at all, Modify with back swing rule with a face off at the other end of the ice as the penalty for slapshot. Note: There are no proposed changes for the Elite Division.

**BAHL update:**

1. Liaison Report: Megan-she was not able to attend. Shaun will follow up at their scheduled meeting.
  - a. Update on Rink staff and plans for next season
  - b. Needs: season start dates and tentative ice needs as soon as you know

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Review of February 2024 Minutes and Financials: Discussion held. All approved.
2. Melissa continues to follow the Past Due Accounts-players have been notified they cannot continue to play 23-24 season while account is past due (3 players)

**Administrative:**

1. Nothing

**Old Business:**

1. Monthly 15- minute discussion of Player Ratings
  - a. Topics to be finalized in February to prepare for the March re-ratings process:
    - i. Guide for re-rating people who have been added to the March list. How is it going? Steven sent out an email to 94 members. 9 members signed up to help re-eval. 5 have been involved in re-rating. Re-ratings are happening during the games in which players need to be re-rated. He has reached out to the Rec league captains to help with identifying E players. Feedback has been positive.

- They have a good start. They will be able to complete this before the end of the season. The info will be used for the end of year ratings.
- ii. Discussion on an introduction of a 5th tier E Rating- A new E league will not happen for Winter League next year, 24-25 season. With the Rec Division growing rapidly due to new members and great success of Greenhorn, another level of rating is needed. The C and D levels are quite broad of abilities. This E rating may be used in the future if we are able to create another League level and may be a discussion in the future if more ice time becomes available.
2. Rink Staff assistance - discussion on items they can help with.
    - a. Continue the discussion about tasks that could possibly be taken over by Rink staff.- nothing to add. Short discussion held and this topic will be added to the Retreat Agenda.
  3. End year Survey questions-Refer to above section: Referee: Ci
    - a. Open ended essay- got a lot of feedback. Adding the slap shot question to the survey.
    - b. Elite Player Feedback is vital- discussion held about how to get members engaged in better participation and build their league. This will be an ongoing discussion as ideas discussed at the Elite Captains meeting last year have not been utilized by all of the Captains. We will continue to work with them.
  4. Slap shot follow-up discussion/action? See above notes

#### **New Business:**

1. Preparing for Board Elections in April
  - a. Notification of open positions and solicitation of interest. How many have responded? FYI: Hockey Stats title will be Hockey Ops. 10 people have responded to interest in open board positions. Discussion held. Steven will put his name in for President. If Steven is voted in, then the board will appoint someone for the 1 year vacancy of the VP. Applications will go through mid March with 10 people responding already.
  - b. Application process set up the same as last year? Application will go mid March.
  - c. Voting procedure (same or change?) It will be the same as last year.
  - d. Timeline: Voting will begin April 15. New members will participate in the year end Retreat and then take full position July 1. Possible Retreat dates May 28 or June 5.
2. End of season Feedback Survey
  - a. Confirm Timeline- Shaun will send survey the last week of March
3. Beanies for Division Champs: We will change the year, keep same logo and color. Shaun will order
4. Spring Retreat Date/Location Shaun's office, May 28 or June 5
5. Larry Tween (406 Advanced League) long-term goalie substitution - including playoffs: Goalie injury. Discussion held. A goalie from the sub list can play as they are registered within the league and on the sub list.

Next meeting: April 3 @ 5pm

Adjourned: 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by Melissa Kittelmann, Secretary/Treasurer