

# Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

11/05/2024, 5:30pm

2609 West Broadway Ave, Moses Lake

**Attendance:** Alyssa Barlow, Dan Niehinke, Scott McKinsey, Mike Meetsma, Melanie Strevy, Kelli Hesse, Scott Freidig, Troy Wiley



**President's Report:** Ryan not present

### **Treasurer's Report: Troy**

Payments are going well. Scott's tournament report matches the money Troy has received. The full report is attached. There is one accidental charge of \$39.05 that still needs to be reimbursed. Dan asked where we are projected to end the year with what we have in the bank now. As of now, Troy thinks we will have extra money in the bank due to sponsorship money and LTAC money that has come through. Dan asked that we remember to spend the money we have each season and not just grow an account.

Troy has talked to Tom. It sounds like we may need to pay for the remainder of the 1st set of bleachers. Troy also learned that we were supposed to be taking out insurance for the Parks and Rec hockey so now they want a city employee on the ice running beginner hockey. Troy priced out the insurance and it is \$425 per session to hold insurance. Our income from this has been about \$3500 in the past. This discussion continued in #2.

### **Old Business**

#### **1. Referee Update-Melanie**

11 local refs. Some are young, but we have 2 adult referees. Melanie has a list and will try for local referees as much as possible.

#### **2. Beginning Hockey Update-Mike/Troy**

We discussed many options surrounding the issues of beginning hockey. We would like to hold a second session (the city is saying no) but it may be better to transition them to a Learn to Play under our 8u program. It would be a reduced cost and no games. They would practice at the same time as 8u but focus on skating fundamentals more. We discussed offering the option of moving to 8u for kids who are ready and want to commit, or moving to Learn to Play Hockey for kids that aren't ready for that commitment. Prices would reflect time on ice and games.

##### **a. Coordinator**

Teya has volunteered to be the coordinator for beginning hockey. This will work well as Reese is coaching it.

##### **b. Equipment Purchasing**

- i. We need Youth Medium and Large and XL helmets, YM and YL pants. The velcro is worn out on many items. We said it would be much easier to give them a roll of sock tape to tape on these items. As the gear itself is ok.
- ii. We discussed options of either making them either give a credit card number or put a \$100 deposit down on the bag. If the bag is returned they get the \$100 back. Or, they

fill out a paper with their credit card info and if the bags don't come back they get charged. Troy will write up this policy and get it out.

### **3. Sponsorship/Dashboard update-Mike**

We received the 4 dashboards. Mike met with the guys that will hang them to coordinate where they will go. They should be up in the next week or so.

### **4. Tournament Update- Scott F.**

4 (plus us) for 14u, 5 (plus us) for 12u, 18u is full. Yakima needs to pay so Troy will invoice them. Hotel info has been e-mailed to the teams that have registered. Kelli will post on Facebook again tagging associations with the hope that we can get a few more teams registered.

### **5. Referee Clinic-Troy**

This is scheduled for November 17th. We have changed the schedule and Kelli will put updates in the chats and on Facebook with this info. Melanie has arranged a ref to run it and Jordan Russell will help.

### **6. Jersey Company- Kelli**

#### **a. Parents Order?**

- i. We will be moving to ordering jerseys through Rob. We are ok with parents ordering them as "fan gear" but we would like some control over what is printed on the back. We will communicate this with Rob for the future.

## **New Business:**

### **6. Meeting Attendance-Alyssa**

We had a discussion on meeting attendance. Meeting attendance in the fall is especially important as we are setting up the season.

### **7. Schedule-Alyssa**

We have the option of practicing on Sundays some through the season. Mike will ask for coach input about this at his coaches meeting on Friday.

### **8. Required Protective Gear- Dan**

Mouthguards and cups (both male and female) are not specifically listed as required protective gear. Neckguards are listed as required. Coaches need to remind players and parents about the use of protective gear. We have some players not wearing a properly fitting helmet. Mike is stressing this with his coaches.

### **9. Game Sheets-Alyssa**

The cost is \$5 per game. We are sitting ok with money so this shouldn't be a problem. There is some management of loading rosters to games. The money we are getting from LTAC should cover the expense of this. Troy will add this as a line item in the budget. We discussed how to manage the roster loading and set-up of games. It was mentioned that maybe we could find a parent willing to help with this. Kelli will put info out seeking help.

### **10. Try Hockey for Free-Troy**

We decided to move forward with hosting a Try Hockey for Free event. We chose November 23rd from 1:45-2:45. Jacob Strevy and Mike will be the coaches on the ice. Older players will

be invited to come and help the younger kids out. Kelli will file the registration with USA Hockey to host the event.

#### **11. Coach Reimbursement**

It was brought up that coaches that don't have a kid on the team are spending \$1000+ on hotels, gas and meals when traveling for tournaments that they don't have a kid attending. We have more than one coach in this situation this year.

**Adjourn: 7:50pm**

**Next Meeting:** December 10th, 6:00pm