

SGMHA Executive Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2025 7pm via Zoom

Members Present:

President - Stephanie Foley
Registrar/Director of Website - Bryce Foley
Vice President/Tournaments - Nancy Cook
Referee in Chief - Shane Patterson
Treasurer - Kathy Jodoin
Secretary - Megan Wallace
Ways & Means/Equipment - Nancy Clarke
Rules & Discipline - Mike Snippe

U7 Convenor - Kyara Hamilton
U11 Convenor - Kelly Frampton
U13 Convenor - Amanda Fitzgerald
Regrets:
Past President - Vicki Sargeant
Hockey Development - Justin Kirkby
U9/U15 Convenor - Kerri Fischer
Coach Mentor - Brian Purcell
U18 Convenor - Jason Van Lanen

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

We have a guest joining us today. Welcome to Rose Williams, District 1 Chair.

President Report:

A huge thank you to everyone involved in our pre-skates and tryouts. It's an understatement to say that many of us spent plenty of time at the rink. I feel our communication is stronger, and the convenors have done a great job informing families on important matters relating to tryouts and pre-season. We've made notes for further improvement such as building some additional waivers into the registration process. Less things for convenors to do during this busy time. I feel it went quite well. Ultimately, the evaluations were fair and followed the formula in our team selection policy.

District 1 / UCMHL Update – Team declarations have been finalized. They are busy working on the league schedule at the moment. There are only 2 mandatory breaks, instead of 3 that I originally reported. D1 Risk and Safety conducted hearing training which our R&D Mike attended (I am sure he will fill you in). Upper Canada is still looking for a U11 convenor this season. We already have two league convenors from SG.

Lottery Update – When applying for our lottery license this year, we were informed of major changes. These changes came into effect in November of 2024. Luckily, we already had our lottery license at that point, and it didn't affect us last year. These changes will impact us financially. This will not impact the families. These tickets are in place to help our families recoup registration fees. The payout of the lottery will have to increase from 5,000 to 17,000. It MUST be no less than 20% of the money collected. Nancy and I met with the clerk of the Town of Prescott. There isn't much we can do other than get through it. To start saving, we will be doing our own tickets. That being said I will need to have some helpers volunteer for stapling etc. I am optimistic we will get through this. We have several excellent fundraising ideas in the mill, and we will make them happen. We also under projected tournament profits. All in all, as much as this hurts, I think we will be ok. We also have some ideas on how to ensure we are ready for the big payout next season. The lottery license fee is supposed to

be 3% so that is just over \$500, however, I sent a request to the Town of Prescott council to waive or decrease this as we are taking a major, unexpected hit. Waiting on that decision which I believe will be made tonight.

Team Fundraising – We have a clearer guideline to follow in the new Team Management Guide. Last year we said at your own risk, however, after meeting with the Town clerk, we realized that it's not at their own risk. It's at our risk. Every raffle, grand in hand, any team fundraiser that is a game of chance, puts the association's lottery license at risk. This has been made abundantly clear to us. This could also affect the Leo Boivin Showcase 50/50. This can go right in the minutes as a reminder to teams who are doing raffles that they don't want to be responsible for SGMHA and Leo Boivin Showcase losing our ability to get a license or be penalized.

Coach and Managers Meeting is Thursday online. I think it's important that those who deal directly with managers and coaches attend to let them know what our roles are and what we need from them and we do for them. The updated manager package is ready and on the website. A Power Point is in the works, and I almost have it finalized, just some minor tweaks needed!

Photo Day is happening Saturday, October 25th at the Johnstown Community Centre. Kerri spearheaded this and is working on a schedule. When ready, we will post this online on our website and Facebook, and I will ask the convenors to pass along to the managers as well. I will need some volunteers to assist Kerri on that day.

Rangers Weekend is happening November 8th and 9th in Prescott. We will need all hands on deck. I am looking for volunteers for this, and we will meet via zoom to go over the details.

Sens Night for SGMHA – Sunday, March 15th is Rangers Day at the Sens. The game is at 5pm and they are playing San Jose. Should be a great game to watch as they have some very talented young stars on that team. Discounted tickets available for all of our membership at \$40 each. It was well received last year, and I think we had over 120 attend the game. Materials will be available to distribute to managers in about 4 to 6 weeks.

Team fundraising

Vice President:

Appreciative of everyone's time put into conditioning, tryouts and getting teams rostered. It was a very long start but was happy to see kids out on the ice with happy faces.

Tournament Convenor

All tournaments have been approved and sanctioned. The U9 only 6 spots left. Kerri to push for Tier 3 & 4 teams to sign up. There have been lots of inquiries for U7 and U15 tournaments.

Rules & Discipline:

Attended District 1 training on hearings - 2 hour session going thru hosting, conducting, investigating and concluding - a lot taken away that will be helpful in this role and to provide as guidance. Coaches with carry over suspensions - only one U18 left to roster and advise the coach. Still needs access to Metric - needs to be sent to District 1.

Registrar:

Most teams except U18 submitted to be approved by D1 - waiting for rosters.

WebMaster:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer:

Request for information for bank letters - need 2 signing authorities - does the new email show up on the website or the old one. List of managers needed when all teams have one. Bryce confirmed the treasurer one is on the website.

Review of projected budget - Kathy to send report.

Ways & Means:

Quote from hockey pro life for jerseys, garment bags, apparel, etc. I really think jerseys are going to be needed next year.

Megan - Maybe the constitution needs to be revisited to allow business sponsorship. The Leo was originally for jersey replacement. Leo funds are supposed to be allocated to jerseys and ice. Covid etc has given a big hit

Referee in Chief:

Cancellation of games - where is the policy - need to cancel and refs aren't notified 6 hours prior they are obligated to pay ref fees. Nancy - has it always been 6 hours or is it 4? Longer the better for older ages - Shane will double check and confirm

Ice Scheduler:

All ice has been sent to coaches. U15 & U18 are working through three week rotation to share later/unideal ice times etc.

When teams have a change from practices - email Bryce and ice to update sched and website

Some teams haven't been checking website to update in case changes have been made. Will be made clear at coach/manager meeting and on website

Secretary:

Nothing to report

U7 Convenor:

Nothing to Report

U9 & U11 regrets

U13 Convenor:

Pre skate and sorts went well - nothing to report

U15 Convenor:

Nothing really - only 1 hiccup with team lists - finding out they were cut from friends before email sent out

Continuing Business:

Concerns about pictures - a lot of kids away or away for sibling pictures - a lot of U7 will be looking to get photos hoping for an alternative option - team photos are put together with individual photos so they could arrange a date for those who missed it. A second date will be provided at a later date,

Motion to adjourn - Kyara & Nancy Clarke 7:17pm