**PRESENT** Rhonda Straatman, Paul Moffatt, Phil Deschamps, Paula Bates, Julie Hayter, Tracey Dorman, Mike VanGorp, Jim Rops, Dennis Meston, Kent Coleman

**REGRETS**  Bob Bressette, Jeff Sawyer, Bob Taylor, Frank Sweeney

**LATE**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Jim Rops made a motion to accept the agenda and seconded by Mike VanGorp.*

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Phil Deschamps made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated December 16, 2014 as amended and seconded by Julie Hayter.*

1. **BUSINESS A.RISING FROM THE MINUTES**
   1. **Ken McGowan –** Paul Moffatt received an email requesting a possible Saturday that works best for our association in March. Dennis will send Paul all the blacked out dates for March to him.
   2. **Trainers Meeting –** This has still not been scheduled.
   3. **Pavey Refund –** Blaine Pavey will be done for the season. A refund has been issued.
2. **CORRESPONDENCE**
3. **TREASURERS REPORT**

Paula Bates reported that the current balance is $146790.13

Float for Watford is $1000 and Alvinston is $3000. What’s up clothing was paid $127.13. Paula has not yet received the ice bill for Alvinston for last month.

*Dennis Meston motioned to accept the treasurers’ report as read and seconded by Mike VanGorp.*

**CARRIED**

1. **LEAGUE REPORTS**
   1. **OMHA Report** – Dennis Meston reported for Frank Sweeney that OMHA play downs have begun. A question that would like to be brought to the next OMHA meeting was how teams are re-categorized? It has been asked how a BB center (Mooretown) is able to drop to C? (more than 1 category)
   2. **LEAGUE Report** – N/R
   3. **LAMBTON MIDDLESEX LEAGUE Report** – N/R Bob Taylor was attending the scheduling meeting.
   4. **OWHA Report-** Phil Deschamps listed the play down groupings. It is unclear at the present time if the top team or top two teams will move on. There is no start date as of yet.

Atom: ELMHA, Petrolia, Sarnia, Wallaceburg and Mooretown

Peewee: ELMHA, Petrolia and Wallaceburg

Bantam: ELMHA, Petrolia, Sarnia, Kent County and South Point

Midget: ELMHA, Petrolia, Mooretown, Kent County and Lambton Shores.

Dennis Meston asked Phil to ask at the next meeting how BCH is in our league? It is a 2hour drive for a league game. It is felt games need to be closer. Brussels recently joined BCH. When scheduling games with centers with a large distance it needs to be taken into consideration which arena the team will have to travel to. Phil will discuss with the president this concern.

* 1. **WESTERN ONTARIO GIRLS HOCKEY LEAGUE-** n/r

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **C and A’s –** Tracey Dorman requested an order placed for sewn on C and A’s. Julie Hayter stated ELMHA had the letters but they were the iron on ones.
   2. **Dan Davidson –** Dan attended the meeting at this point. He wished to discuss an idea he has been working on with Adam McKellar. Dan attended the meeting to speak about the future training of our players and how he feels it can improve. He stated there was 2 parts to his plan.

1st Part **–**

This part would require the executive to approve these ideas.

He would like to see players to be able to move up to another level if they have the skill. Etc. a mite player up to tyke. He feels this will allow players to practice with more their skill level.

At the novice and atom level he would like to see 10 players on the rep teams and allow more AP’s. This can help push the AP’s and develop them.

2nd Part –

Think of it as a whole association, instead of one case or a case by case.

More foresight into the skills needed at the next level ex. backwards skating or Heads up in Novice

AE and Rep teams practice together when possible

Dan stated he is asking for executive to start a committee that could start this project. He and Adam McKellar are willing to head this project and start the planning.

Dan also shared that it would be an ongoing project. The committee would work with the coaches throughout the year and see what is working and what needs work etc. Dan’s goal is help the players play to their best ability and offer the best to the players.

Paul Moffatt thanked Dan for speaking and bringing his idea to the executive.

After Dan left, the executive discussed the ideas Dan shared he would like to begin to organize. It was decided that Dan will begin planning for next season, put together a committee and present back to the executive their plan.

* 1. **Tournament Funding –** The total tournament funding any team can receive is $600 if the team had worked the silver stick kitchen in Alvinston. If the team had not they may receive $200.
  2. **Dance –** Mike VanGorp reported that Mark Hamel had contact him regarding the outcome of the hearing regarding the dance of 2014. The optimists were fined $250. Mark shared with Mike that they are willing to help ELMHA run the dance in the summer 2015 but had 3 stipulations.

1. Age of Majority
2. Work with whoever is organizing the dance. They would like to organize the bar schedule and verify who has SIPS
3. Hire 2 separate individuals to work at the entrance

It was felt this was fair and that we could meet those stipulations.

*Jim Rops motioned ELMHA pay the $250 fine and seconded by Tracey Dorman.*

CARRIED

**9** NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 10 at 7pm in Alvinston.

10 ADJOURNMENTS

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned at 8:02 by Kent Colemen and seconded by Jim Rops.

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Paul Moffatt, President Rhonda Straatman, Secretary