**East Lambton Minor Hockey Association**

November 5, 2024 – 6:30-8:00 pm

Location: Alvinston Arena – Community Meeting Room (Upstairs)

Attending: Greg Kustermans, Joel Wilcocks, Tim Lehrbass, Angela Smith, Julie Aarts, Jolene Aarts, Dan Davidson, Travis Duncan and Adam MacKellar

Regrets: Julie Hayter, Brad Blain, Brad Rombouts, Danielle VanWynsberghe, Jamie Leyten

**1.0 Call to Order – 6:40pm**

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

MOTION (Adam and Julie) Approval of this agenda.

**3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes –** One revision made – Addition of Joel Wilcocks to the Attending board members list.

MOTION (Joel and Greg) Approval of the October 8th, 2024, meeting minutes.

**4.0 Business arising from the minutes/ Action Items**

4.1 - Ensuring players are wearing neck guards at all times when on the ice: Email communication was sent to all trainers. Trainers will be accountable to communicating to coaches, parents and players about the importance and mandatory requirement of wearing neck guards at all times when on ice. Players will not be able to be on the ice without a neck guard during practices and games.

4.2 – Minor Hockey Day – Historical Banners: All banners no longer hanging in the Alvinston Arena will be available via Silent Auction during Minor Hockey Day on December 21, 2024. All proceeds will go to East Lambton Minor Hockey Association.

**5.0 League Reports**

**5.1 Treasurer’s Report –** Julie Hayter unable to attend meeting, the financial statement review of October has been deferred to the December meeting.

MOTION (N/A) to accept the Treasurer’s report.

**5.2 OMHA** – N/A

**5.3 Shamrock League –** N/A

**5.4 Lambton Middlesex –** Joel reporting –Reported that if teams want to apply for lower tier in LL, the deadline is September 10th. This will be considered for next season for teams with high anticipated losses in the first portion of the season. Was recommended that any “blow out” games be documented as such on the game sheet. When we moved to the game sheet app, this has not been recorded.

1. **New Business**

**8.1** Cheque signing authority – changes to authorized members.

Motion requested to have Dan Davidson removed as signing authority and replaced with Tim Lehrbass added.

**MOTION:** (Julie Aarts – 1st, Travis Duncan – 2nd) All in favour to accept the changes to cheque signing authority.

**Action**: Julie Hayter will provide these meeting minutes to Libro to have changes on the account.

**8.2** Coach and Trainer cost Reimbursement – Armstrong Foundation will not approve a any funding reallocation changes this year. Proposal expressed for ELMHA to cover the costs for training reimbursement this year. Year over year cost trends will be tracked to best ensure sustainability and financial budgeting can be anticipated for future years. Consideration for a coaching clinic to be held by ELMHA to reduce costs and create some potential cost recovery opportunities by offering to other associations.

**MOTION:** (Dan Davidson and Adam MacKellar)

**Action:** Coaches and trainers who have completed training this year are encouraged to submit receipts for reimbursement to Treasurer Julie Hayter.

Parents/volunteers who have coaching credentials and who are not on a bench this year should have their names sent via email to Danielle to add to the “At Large” list in the event they may be required to support a team without an authorized coach on the bench. They would need to have a valid VSC submitted as well.

* 1. Sponsorship on website – Joel proposed there be a “Sponsorship” tab added to the ELMHA website. This would provide details on how to apply to sponsor and provide access to the paperwork needed. All member present agreed to this proposed addition.

**Action**: Angela will add the sponsorship tab to the website. Follow-up with Brad Blain to confirm there is a process for tracking these sponsorship and on-going payments (annually).

* 1. Silver stick - Travis will communicate an needs to the board as needed leading up to the Silver stick tournament in Alvinston in December. The tournament registration is full. Volunteer shifts will be offered out as “Team” shifts first, then as individual volunteer credits. Shifts may be more difficult to fill this year due to the change in date and not being over the Holiday break.

**Action:** Travis will send the schedule to Adam once completed to confirm the blackout times and open ice availability.

* 1. “A” Centre Amalgamation requests and Discussion – Discussion around best strategy moving forward when invited to conversations about amalgamating to become an “A “centre. Many more cons than pros to this model and all agreed that many centres are fearful to be left behind if all communities choose to move to this model.

**Action:** All agree that participating in conversations with centres that request our voice is a good idea to stay apprised on the discussions occurring and the intentions of other centres. No commitment is required to be part of conversations. Opportunities for advocacy of small rural communities to align with one voice.

* 1. Concussion Protocol – The protocol is outdated. Joel has offered to revise the current protocol to best reflect current best practice. This will be reviewed by the board and posted on the website.
  2. Feedback being requested by OMHA from parents and boards re: having an OMHA final tournament for Local League. Feedback included concerns that this would create internal tiering of LL teams, providing unfair advantages.

**9.0 Next Meeting –** December 3, 2024 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm Location: Alvinston Arena

**10.0 Adjournment**

**MOTION** (Angela and Adam) to adjourn @ 7:45 pm