**PRESENT** Dennis Meston, Rhonda Straatman, Paul Moffatt, Phil Deschamps, Paula Bates, Julie Hayter, Kent Coleman, Paul Moffatt, Tracey Dorman, Frank Sweeney, Mike VanGorp, Bob Bresette, Bob Taylor and Jim Rops

**REGRETS**

**LATE** Ken McGowan (7:30pm)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Paul mentioned our guest speaker would be arriving later to discuss an opportunity for ELMHA. He was not able to make it until 7:30pm. We proceeded with regular meeting and returned to 2. Guest Speaker once Ken arrived.

1. Ken McGowan was introduced by Paul Moffatt when he arrived and given the floor. Ken began by speaking about how he had come to ELMHA, he was introduced through Ivan Bryce. He spoke about Laurie Boschman, a retired professional ice hockey player and his accomplishments within the NHL for 14 seasons. Laurie, along with the Pentecostal Church would like to help East Lambton Minor Hockey as well as they would like East Lambton to help them. Laurie devotes his time to working with kids. Boschman is now part of Hockey Ministries International, a ministry that combines [ice hockey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_hockey) with [Christianity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity). The cost of this is covered by the Pentecostal Church. They will run a day on a Saturday in March running practices or how ever we wish to work it out. It’s an opportunity for the kids to be coached by a previous NHL player. The opportunity is open to all youth. They are asking ELMHA for the help of getting the kids out. Paul thanked Ken for speaking to us and he will contact him after discussing the idea with the executive.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Added to the agenda:

9.3 Peewee Girls

9.4 Petrolia Girls Hockey

9.5 Clothing

9.6 Scheduling

*Dennis Meston made a motion to accept the agenda and seconded by Frank Sweeney.*

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Tracey Dorman made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated October 7, 2014 and seconded by Kent Coleman.*

1. **BUSINESS A.RISING FROM THE MINUTES**
   1. **Volunteer Cheques – (8.5)** Mike VanGorp shared with the committee that there was 1 child who did not play on minor hockey day. Collecting the cheques and not allowing them to play minor hockey day as the consequence for not handing in their cheques worked well.
   2. **Dance – (8.2)** Paula Bates reported that together the profit was $18434.58 for the dance.

Door and Drinks - $4488.58, Tickets and Draw $13950.00. A discussion on how we will go forward for next year took place. The dance does generate well for ELMHA and the concern of giving it up is we would not be able to get it back. The discussion was made to continue with the dance and make the necessary changes needed.

Mike also quickly discussed Minor Hockey Day. The cost for the pizza in Watford was $450 and Alvinston was $495 plus it required 2 volunteers to deliver to the arena. The left over’s have been put in the silverstick room.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you card was received from Ron Copeland thanking us for the planter. A cheque for $75 from Sarnia Tourism was received. This is for the 3 packages that were sold for the U17.

1. **TREASURERS REPORT**

Paula Bates reported that the current balance is $194500.12. The ice bill for Watford was $9780.88. A cheque was written for What’s up Clothing in the amount of $129.95. As well many trainers and coaches clinics are to be paid.

*Dennis Meston motioned to accept the treasurers’ report and seconded by Phil Deschamps.*

**CARRIED**

1. **LEAGUE REPORTS**

**7.1 OMHA Report** – Frank Sweeney reported that South West and Port Stanley novice teams will not be moving to AE. November 15th is the deadline to be re-categorized. Every 5 years OMHA re-categorized centers. 3 indefinite penalties have been relooked at for this season.

GM30 (3rd fight) is now 8 games, GM71 (3rd head) 6 games and GMRG3 (**discriminatory** slur) 7 games.

Frank currently has 4 on ice helpers for the association. Frank requires name, birthdates and address when emailing any other on ice helpers to him. It was mentioned there is still 5 families requiring the respect in sports.

* 1. **LEAGUE Report** – Frank Sweeney let everyone know that centers have 14 days to reschedule games or the fine is $150. The All Star game is scheduled for December 18th in Blenheim. The cost is $45 for the sweater. 2 players for each group are able to be sent. Selected to go for the Midget Minor is Trenton Straatman, Dakota Manning and Billy Dortmans. For the major Midgets are Colin Leyten and Mark McNally. The all star game for the reps teams (nov-bant) is April 1st in St. Marys. ELMHA had no missing game sheets.
  2. **LAMBTON MIDDLESEX LEAGUE Report** –November 4 is the tyke scheduling meeting for the first few games. The season will begin December 9th. The rest of the season will be scheduled January 13th.

**7.4 OWHA Report-** Phil Deschamps reported that the registration and insurance for OWHA was $4400. He has received 2 more waiver forms and all the rosters were complete.

* 1. **WESTERN ONTARIO GIRLS HOCKEY LEAGUE-** The 2nd scheduling meeting is finished.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **Paying for Referees –** Tracey Dorman let the committee know she was looking after finding someone from each team to pay the refs for the girl’s games.
   2. **Picture Days 2015/16 –** Julie Hayter questioned if it was possible for a Saturday to work for LUIS Photography to take the pictures. After a discussion of possible dates it was decided to stay with the same schedule and keep it in Alvinston. Julie will contact Luis with the decision.
   3. **Peewee Girls –** Dennis Meston mentioned there was a possibility that a few peewee girls maybe joining ELMHA. He asked the question on how much we will charge them. It is the same formula used with the refunds. It is currently 75%, plus all the fundraising in cash calendars plus their volunteer credits.
   4. **Petrolia Girls Hockey –** Phil Deschamps is currently discussing the future of girl’s hockey with an executive member from Petrolia. He asked is the executive was ok with him continuing the discussion and possibly working out a working agreement with them. Phil will continue his discussions and report back once an agreement has been planned out.
   5. **Clothing –** Clothing will be ready for pick up November 15th from 11am-12pm only. Managers are asked to contact Tracey Dorman is this time does not work.
   6. **Scheduling –** Tracey Dorman shared her concern with the current ice schedule. It is causing issues with scheduling the referees. Dennis Meston plans to work on the schedule for next season. Tracey will work with Dennis and help give ideas to help it work out better for scheduling the referees.

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 16 at 7pm in Alvinston.

10 ADJOURNMENTS

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned.

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Paul Moffatt, President Rhonda Straatman, Secretary