

SSMHA Executive Turnover Meeting - Minutes



Date: 04/15/2024	Time: 7:30 PM	Location: St. Joseph's Catholic School
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Attendance (Executive Committee)		
President:	Rob Lamont & Matt Allen	Present ▾
Vice President/OMHA Center Contact:	Alicia Botting & Lee-Ann Hodgins	Present ▾
OMHA Rep Director	Matt Willis	Present ▾
OWHA Director	Mike McNabb	Present ▾
OMHA Local League Director	Kerri Burns	Present ▾
Director of U8/U9	Ashley Tuttle	Present ▾
Director of U7	Amy Shute	Absent wi... ▾
Treasurer:	Meghan Kronister	Present ▾
Secretary:	Ashley Clark	Present ▾
Attendance (Additional Board of Directors Members)		
Director of Registration:	Angela Ebenstreit & Becky Smith	Present ▾
OWHA Registrar	Katie Myatt & Dorothy Chubb	Present ▾
Director of Ice Scheduling	Sarah Wolfe	Absent ▾
Director of Public Relations:	Michelle O'Brien	Present ▾
Director of Sponsorships/Fundraising:	Courtney Mandawoub	Present ▾
Director of Tournaments	Michelle McGregor	Present ▾

1.	Call to Order
	- Meeting called to order at 7:42 PM by President Rob Lamont.
2.	Approve the Agenda

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meghan made a motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Angela. No discussion. Motion carried.
3.	Approve Executive Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alicia made a motion to approve the minutes from the March Executive Meeting. Seconded by Meghan. No discussion. Motion carried.
4.	Update Action Tracking Sheet
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alicia to touch base with Jami/Michelle O. and ensure the information related to changes in VSC is posted on the website and shared to all members via socials and email.
5.	Introduction of new Executive Members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President, Rob Lamont welcomed our incoming executive members: LeeAnn Hodgins (Vice-President), Kerri Burns (OMHA LL Director), Ashley Tuttle (Director U8/U9), Dorothy Chubb (OWHA Registrar), Michelle O'Brien (Director of Public Relations). - Still seeking a Director of Ice Scheduling. All interested applicants should express their interest to Matt Allen, President.
6.	Vice-President/O.M.H.A. Center Contact, Alicia Botting
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2024/25 Season Structure & Timelines <ol style="list-style-type: none"> OMHA will host fall evaluations. Alicia reminded the new Executive that they will have to work closely with neighboring centers to set up "A" tryouts for spring 2025. Discussions should start in January. Potential exemptions needed from WOAA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The WOAA has shared that evaluations <i>may</i> start September 9, 2024. They have also shared that the 2024/25 season begins September 30, 2024 for both rep and local league. Alicia shared that due to the size of our association, in order to get all of the pre-skates and tryout skates in, we may need to ask the WOAA for an exemption. Sarah has gone ahead and booked ice from August 20-31, 2024 in hopes of getting an exemption from the WOAA to start our prep skates early. Submission of formal report from Disciplinary Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Alicia wrote a formal report detailing the results of the Disciplinary Committee's investigation re: providing a fair and accurate decision for the refund request by a family of 50% of the 2023/24 U15 registration fee. The formal report is to remain confidential. It may not be distributed. It has been uploaded to google drive/documents. OMHA Special Meeting of the Membership <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There is an expectation that all associations in the OMHA go non-profit by 2024. There is an expectation that LeeAnn, Matt, Meghan and Ashley attend the virtual meeting on May 1, 2024.
7.	O.W.H.A. Director: Michael McNabb
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Update re: where our O.W.H.A. teams finished <ol style="list-style-type: none"> U7 had a great year. Lots of engagement. U9 largest group (4 teams: (1) C team and (3) local league). U11 had a challenging year. There was a big skill gap. They began the season as a C Team to start, then reclassified to local league. U13 Rep: competitive with their counterparts. Made it to the Champions weekend! U13 C, considered recategorizing back in December, but the O.W.H.A. wouldn't allow it.

- f. U15: challenging start to the season b/c of large numbers. Won their end of year final for WOAA! Congratulations coaches and players.
 - g. U18: this team was a heavy minor team. They competed well - a lot of ties.
 - h. Unfortunately, none of our O.W.H.A. teams made it to provincials.
2. Update re: Coach Selection
- a. On Tuesday, April 15, 2024 Mike will be hosting coaching interviews upstairs at Allen's Fireside Grill. There are two candidates that will be interviewed for the U9 team and three candidates that need to be interviewed for the U15 position.
3. Update re: Tryout dates and times
- a. Tryout dates and times have been posted on the website. All tryouts are being held in Owen Sound since the ice is out in Saugeen Shores.
 - i. U11:
 - 1. Monday, May 13
 - 2. Saturday, May 18
 - 3. Saturday, May 25
 - ii. U13
 - 1. Friday, May 17
 - 2. Saturday, May 18
 - 3. Friday, May 24
 - iii. U15
 - 1. Friday, May 17
 - 2. Monday, May 20
 - 3. Saturday, May 25
 - iv. U18
 - 1. Monday, May 13
 - 2. Monday, May 20
 - 3. Friday, May 24
 - b. Caitlyn Cobean Award
 - i. Andi Fernandes is the recipient of this year's Caitlyn Cobean Award. The award will be presented to her this week.
 - ii. *How are candidates selected?* Players are nominated by their coaches.

8. OMHA Director: Matt Willis

- 1. Matt was thrilled to share that two of our rep teams, U11 B and 18 B, made it to the WOAA championship game! Unfortunately, both teams lost, but they are to be commended on an excellent season. There were no teams that went to OMHAs this season.
- 2. Coaching applications open April 29th, 2024 for the following teams: U11 B, U13 B, U15 B, U18 B. Ideally, we want our rep coaches selected this spring so that they can book tournaments over the summer. Second entry team coaches will be selected during/after rep tryouts.
- 3. Matt is hoping to host interviews on May 19.
- 4. Parents and guardians are reminded that a Permission to Skate (PTS) form is required for all players wanting to try out for a team outside of Saugeen Shores. This form can only be acquired from Matt Willis, Director OMHA. You must present a signed PTS form before stepping on the ice to try out for another association.
- 5. Mike shared that he loved that the U18 B game was live broadcasted. Rob encouraged the new executive to look into ways to live broadcast games next season.
- 6. Matt is hoping to hold a coaches meeting in June 2024 to support rep coaches.

9. OMHA Local League Director: Amy Alpaugh

- 1. There was no report presented due to Amy's absence.

10. Director of U9 & Below: Steve Currie

- 1. In Steve's absence, Rob shared a brief update & recommendations for next season:

- a. There will continue to be (1) U9 MD program next season
- b. Our U8/U9 house league program still needs to be ironed out.
- 2. Rob explained that due to the structure of our bylaws (section 8.1) and the large turnover already taking place, it didn't make sense to bring Amy Shute on as a 15th board member this season. As such, Amy Shute will remain a U7 **coordinator** for the 2024/25 season and work closely alongside Ashley T. If we want a Director of U7, changes will need to be made to the bylaws and it will need to be voted on at next year's AGM.

11. **Director of Registration: Angie Ebenstreit**

- 1. Proposed [ROO changes](#) for next season
 - a. Angela submitted some ROO changes for the new Executive to consider for next year. Please click on the link above for details.
- 2. Coaching Qualification Advertisement
 - a. Angela encouraged the new executive to advertise for coaches in June and share information related to coaching qualifications. The executive is reminded to direct all coaches to [OMHA Team Qualification Requirements](#).
- 3. [Respect in Sport \(Parent Program\)](#) for U7
 - a. All parents need to complete this qualification before their child steps onto the ice. Amy Shute is encouraged to champion strategies for making sure this happens.

11. **President, Rob Lamont: Approval of Bylaw Changes**

- 1. Goodbye to the old Executive!
 - a. Rob thanked the old executive for the time and energy they have given to SSMHA over the years and they were dismissed for the remainder of the meeting.
- 2. **Matt W. made a motion to appoint Matt Allen as President for the 2024/2025 season. Seconded by Kerri. Motion passed.**
- 3. **LeAnn made a Motion to appoint Becky Smith as our Director of Registration for 2024/2025 season. Seconded by Ashley T. No discussion. Motion passed.**
- 4. Coaching evaluations from 2023/24
 - a. Rob shared that he is considering sending out feedback forms, but is undecided. Contact information is posted online and all members of the Executive can be contacted at any time with comments, questions, or concerns. Parents shouldn't feel like they need to be invited to submit feedback. It is welcomed and encouraged at all times.
- 5. OMHA Projections for 2024/25
 - a. Rob sent out an [excel spreadsheet](#) with the number of players in each age division to aid with planning and budgeting in May. Please review.
 - b. Rob reiterated that we are a growing association, but have a major ice crisis. We need to really consider this when planning the sizes of our team for next season. It's hard to justify adding more teams when we have less ice (Arran Elderslie has take some ice back for next season)
- 6. Executive Liaisons for next season. Rob shared that we have sub directors on our executive. Here is an update of where we're at with respect to our sub directors:
 - a. **Director of Jerseys:** Emily Martindale has done an extraordinary job for us over the years but she is not willing to return. She will provide us with a report and recommendations for jerseys. Anyone interested in taking over the very important position should express their interest to Matt Allen.
 - b. **Director of Equipment:** Chad Eagleson will not be returning. Anyone interested should express their interest to Matt Allen.
 - c. **Director of Development:** Steve Hare (willing to return)
 - i. **Matt Willis made a motion to accept Steve Hare as the Director of Development for the 2024/25 season. Seconded by Michelle. Motion carried.**
 - d. **Director of Goalie Development:** Rich Harris (willing to return).
 - i. **Meghan made a motion to accept Rich Harris as our Director of Goalie Development. Seconded by Michelle. Motion carried.**

	<p>e. Referee Scheduler: Mike Johnstone</p> <p>i. Ashley made a motion to accept Mike Johnstone for the 2024/25 season. Seconded by Meghan. Motion passed.</p> <p>f. Summer Projects:</p> <p>i. Trainers Kits</p> <p>1. Traditionally our LL Director has always looked after trainer kits. They're all at the PLEX in storage and need to be replenished before being re-dispersed next season.</p> <p>7. Matt Allen</p> <p>a. Matt Allen, our new President, introduced himself and gave a brief overview of the skills he brings to his new position.</p> <p>b. To contact Matt, please email president@ssmha.com</p>
12.	Other Business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coach Selection Committee: Mike shared that the President will chair the meeting but does not vote. - As per section 6.2 of our ROO, Matt made a motion to accept Ashley C. as the executive member elected by the executive on the coaches selection committee. Seconded by LeeAnn. Motion carried. - Meghan made a motion to empower the coaches selection committee to choose the Coaches. Seconded by Michelle. Discussion: normally the selection committee hosts the interviews and then makes recommendations to the entire board to accept their recommendations. This process is very time consuming. The board of directors trusts the coaches selection committee to make coaching selections based on the best interest of the association and doesn't feel that this extra step is necessary. Motion carried. - Meghan reminded everyone that the Budget Meeting is next month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Executive members are asked to create a list of potential expenses they're going to incur. - Ice-Scheduler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Position is still vacant. We have 30 days after an AGM to appoint someone into the role. We only have until April 25th. - Eric Dunn and Sherry Martin are both considering.
13.	Adjournment
	Meghan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Michelle. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.
14.	Next Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 7:30 PM. Port Elgin Public Library. This is our budget meeting and it might be a long one. Please come prepared.