

**Leeds Chargers Minor Hockey Association**

**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday May 24, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m. – Country Roads Community Health Centre**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Matt Smith</b>	Vice President	<b>Mark Trachy</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Danielle Bresee</b>	Registrar	<b>Joanna Smith</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Ashleigh Trickey</b>	Ice Coordinator	Jymi Livesey
<b>Rules &amp; Discipline</b>	<b>Jason Peterson</b>	Risk & Safety	<b>Mike Halfpenny</b>
<b>Website / Comms</b>	Mike Lynn (R )	Tournament Coordinator	Bernadette Vander Byl
<b>Equipment Coordinator</b>	<b>Rob Miller</b>	Coach Mentor / Player Development	<b>Wade McBride</b>
<b>Referee in Chief</b>	Scott Halliday (R )	U7 Convenor	<b>Alyssa Hudson</b>
<b>U9 Convenor</b>	<b>Tegan Baker</b>	U11 & U13 Convenor	<b>Shauna Trachy</b>
<b>U15 &amp; U18 Convenor</b>	<b>Jeff Wright</b>	Fundraising Coordinator	Stacey Hartley
<b>Past President</b>	Mike Taite		

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Indicated in bold above.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/REGRETS:**

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

M. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:36PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY :N/A**

**SECONDED BY:N/A**

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Registration
- Committees
- Google Accounts

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**An audit will be conducted on our financials in near future**

## **DISTRICT 1 UPDATE**

- U9 to U15 will now be included in the Pathway Program.
- U11-U15 will have tournament style playoffs
- March 1st will be end of regular season
- No one is to be on the ice until after September 15th
- Referee's fees have been increased from \$19.00 to \$24.00 per game. Referee in Chief receives a payment of \$
- Respect in sport is to be completed before a team's roster is approved. A fine of \$250.00 will be applied if not completed.
- Rep players cannot join a higher age division in a lower level house team.
- No U16 teams are accepting outside District players as of right now.
- UCMHL is looking to create their own U16 division. Chargers will likely join the Smiths Falls team.
- Last season District implemented that no out of district transfer requests will be approved at any levels if that level is offered in District 1. Transfers that are denied can be appealed to HEO.
- Jymi Livesey was voted District 1 Director at Large which automatically makes home Vice President for UCMHL.
- District will be having a meeting in November to determine if any teams need to be moved.

## **ELECTRONIC VOTES:**

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## **REPORTS**

### **President –**

- Attended District 1 AGM on Thursday May 18, 2023.
- A tournament committee needs to be formed and started ASAP. Tournament Committee members present at meeting have set a date for Thursday June 1, 2023 at 7PM

-Team declaration is no longer required to have a Rep team at every level.

**Past President –N/A**

**Vice President –**

Mandatory volunteering to be implemented and divided into equal parts for everyone included in the volunteer for all executive members. You cannot refuse to volunteer for all things. You must be present and available to offer help and appear for all things needed.

**Secretary –**

-Looking for help with creating a chart to help inform people of who does what in the organization.

Look into the Kanata Blazers to copy their platform.

**Registrar-**

**N/A**

**Treasurer-**

Receive information from Brayden and we have \$80191.02. Four requests for Jerseys for players that are retiring, The Dairy Farmers sponsorship of \$600.00. Dated December 31, 2023.

**Ice Allocator – N/A**

**Rules & Discipline –**

**N/A**

**Risk & Safety –**

-Looking to have half ice boards for each rink. Looking into the Ontario Government for funding. Presenting it as a safety risk for children to have these boards as a requirement for safe play.

**Equipment Director –**

-Melanie sent an updated list of inventory of equipment. Went to the storage unit and checked out equipment.

**Fundraising Director**

N/A

**Tournament Director –**

N/A

**Referee in Chief –N/A**

**Coach Mentor / Player Development –**

Committee includes

-Practice design and templates, player and coaching development templates

**Website Director –N/A**

**U7 Convenor –**

Westport is in agreement to provide two ice times for this upcoming season. Still waiting to see if Athens is in agreement with this, They are having a Meeting on June 16, 2023 and will let us know the outcome.

**U9 Convenor –**

N/A

**U11/U13 Convenor –N/A**

**U15/U18 Convenor-N/A**

**NEW BUSINESS/ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

-New Google emails are in place for all executive members and everyone in attendance has successfully accessed them.

- We need to deter people from contacting the president for menial info that could be answered by someone else.

-Looking into new policy for ice:

-A new idea is to contact someone else in the association other than the ice convenor if you need to change ice time.

-Create a manager's Chat room to move ice around.

-Another suggestion is to use a chat room using Google chat to have a trading system between teams.

- Suggestion to implement a fine if ice is not used after a change is made.

-Ice for sale option to look at if you need another time.

-Needing to improve registration for the upcoming season.

-Looking at other associations and their registration fees we are still significantly cheaper than other associations.

-Joanna has looked into other associations for their late registration and has found that the late fee is automatically charged at time of registration.

-Suggested we need to issue a new rule for repeat offenders.

-Any player with an outstanding registration is not allowed to attend any ice times in next season until paid in full.

-Should be encouraged for people to use outside subsidies if they cannot afford their registration fees.

-A slide show was presented showing all expenses and revenue from last season. We have made **\$6698.70** in the 2022/2023 season.

-Tournaments have proven to be an excellent way to make money for the association. Last year it was proven to be our biggest fundraiser.

-Bench staff reimbursement for last year was **\$3397.67**, this was due to Rep team di

-Increased fees for next season include: Hockey Canada & HEO Participation Fees.

-Equipment purchases had to be made for the U9 division due to an increase in team numbers.

-Potential increase in fees for registration in all divisions excluding U7.

-Adding in development and increase in ice fees, that have increased and or are added to expenses for the upcoming season.

-U9 player registrations are projected to increase for next year as well as U11 player registrations. One less U18 team is also projected for the upcoming season.

-Suggestion that we use any open half ice times that are opposite the U9 division when it is not in use, he suggests we can use this ice for higher up teams to use for player development (goalie clinics, skills development).

-The biggest concern is that we not increase rates too much as it might deter people from reregistering for the upcoming season.

-Looking for suggestions on how much we can increase registration fees so we can move forward with opening registration for the 2023/2024 season.

-Potentially adding 8 more ice times with increasing our fees by **\$50.00** per player.

-Suggestion that we add links for funding onto our registration to help families who are in need of assistance.

-It was mentioned that emails were sent to families last year who were not registered yet but had in previous years with some information including options to help them with their registration fees. This resulted in 20+ players registrations that followed.

-It is essential that we allocate our funds responsibly.

-It is suggested that we have our budget listed in the negative as to better present to groups for funding opportunities.

-It was stated we had higher fees 7 years ago with very low registration numbers, so the next executive opted to decrease fees to offset lower registration numbers, which resulted in higher registration numbers for the next season.

-Tax returns to be assessed for 2022/2023 season.

-It is suggested to maintain at least \$40000.00 for the bank account balance to stay at a healthy amount.

-It is agreed that we can afford to spend money on purchasing new jerseys and Player Development.

-We need to invest in the player development in the younger division so we can offer higher caliber teams in our own association in future years to come.

-Hesitation to proceed with player development expenses, if the association cannot afford to offer a player development program in each new season then perhaps we shouldn't offer it all. In order to do this we need to increase fees bit by bit to guarantee the development opportunities will be there in future seasons.

-It is suggested we only add 5 extra ice times for development purposes instead of another 3 extra practices to a total of 8.

-Agreed that only adding 5 is a better option to allow lower increases in fees for the upcoming season.

-Speaking with members of other associations has enlightened us that they are having parents get certified to offer player development sessions to save money.

-Suggested we change the wording on the applications on being able to open forms in Google drive.

**Wade McBride is making a Motion to increase fees for the upcoming season by \$50.00 per player.**

**Seconded by: Mike Halfpenny**

**MOVED BY:**

**CARRIED:APPROVED**

**Matt Smith to email Danielle a copy of our protocols to add to meeting minutes.**

-There is a by-law in the constitution regarding late fees and non-payments.

-Registration to be open from details :(included in email from Matt Smith regarding constitution).

**Equipment Director:**

-Rob Miller has provided information in the form of print outs explaining costs and options to purchase new jersey's. One option are the Kobe jerseys at a cost of \$57.00 per jersey +tax. Five teams worth of jerseys comes to a total of 146 jerseys equaling out to \$9403.86 (estimate) not including Goalie cuts. Socks colour matching cost \$16.00, Logo adding \$27.00.

Jerseys needed:

54 U9 jerseys + 6 Goalie jerseys

U11 McDonalds Sponsors these jerseys

U13 34 Player jerseys a + 8 goalie jerseys

U15 5 Player jerseys

U18 35 Player jerseys

Total of 146 jerseys.

**Looking to have 9-12 thousand in sponsorship for jerseys.**

**Rob Miller to motion we go with 128 Kobe jerseys @ 57 plus tax: totals \$8245.00.**

**Seconded by: Jay Peterson**



Going to hold off on purchasing socks until the next meeting.

-Suggestion to Rob to do a follow up on making sure these are the same jerseys we had before and ask about sock turn around time and colour matching.

### **Coaching & Player Development:**

-Reached out to a company for player development and these two companies are going to charge a fee for transportation. Can we add the new email addresses to the committees that were established.

-Leeds Days and ice allocation.

-The job action sheets in the policy folder in Google have been updated, please have a look and reach out if changes need to be made.

**Next Meeting will be held on June 28, 2023 at 7:30PM in virtual format.**

-Decision on development is to be tabled and will be decided by an electronic vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motioned BY: Joanna Smith**

**CARRIED BY:**