



Meeting Minutes for Executive Meeting June 23rd, 2024

Start: 6:00 pm, End: 7.10 pm

Location: EH Sportsplex

Attendees: Brett Garden, Chris Bayliss, Tyson Spencer, James Thompson, Mark Smith, Greg Heard, Amelia Pennington

Apologies: Chuck Livingstone, Aaron Cannon

Agenda Items

1. Call meeting to order: 6.00 pm
2. *Approval of Agenda*
 - Approved
3. President, Brett Garden welcomed the opportunity for the Executive to meet in person for the 1st Board.
4. *Approval of previous meeting (AGM) minutes*
 - In Favor 7, Opposed 0 – Motion carried
5. *Closing Financial Accounts / Financial Statements*
 - Financial accounts will be presented in Julys meeting
6. *Bingo*
 - As discussed and agreed by the board during the Bingo meeting initially held 15th & 23rd May, 2024, EHMHA and EHSA will take over the bingo from East Hants Municipality
 - Progressing as planned with both EHMHA and EHSA aligned on all fronts
 - License has been applied for and should be issued early July
 - Bank account open and cheques ordered
 - Originally, the bingo used to take place on Wednesday and Sunday. Eastlink are now moving to Wednesday and Thursday. No option to change

- Start date to be confirmed once everything is in place and cannot commence until the license is issued – James to confirm
- Maybe do wings and bingo. More discussions to take place on actual operation of the bingo and required support from EHMHA and its members
- Can individuals without Eastlink participate in the Bingo – Eastlink will be approached to confirm - Brett
- Once ready to launch, we will post communication on our website and social media page - Mark

7. *First Shift Program*

- EHMHA has been successful in having this program hosted at the Sportsplex for the upcoming season. Applicant for this great program will need to apply through Bauer
- To date, no EHMHA associated player is registered
- It was agreed that this program should be promoted on the EHMHA social media page. Facebook to be updated with a link to the Program. This would also appear on the EHMHA website on the recent updates banner - Mark

8. *Rinkside Sports*

- They are asking if EHMHA could go exclusive with them again. Brett explained to the owner that the absence of the Bauer brand in the store, quality of the clothing and feedback that service levels at times were not as expected led some team to use alternate sources for clothing
- Rinkside could potentially be allowed to stock Bauer if EHMHA asks formally, through a letter to stock the brand. Rinkside would then submit this to Bauer. It was agreed that EHMHA would seek a formal request to stock the Bauer brand of clothing – Brett / Greg
- Rinkside also informed Brett that they have the ability to do screen printing on clothing. Perhaps this could be something to be looked at for any EHMHA tournaments held at the Sportsplex - Chris
- Further discussions to be held with Rinkside in the coming weeks before any commitments are made although it has been confirmed that Rinkside will be the provider for EHMHA socks for the upcoming season - Brett / Aaron / Greg

9. *Fundraising Coordinator*

- **Katie Oday** (spelling) will support Chris Bayliss as needed for fundraised initiatives

10. *Timelines and actions for 2024/25 season kick off*

- Likely that there will be 400+ membership this year. 2023/24 was c.350
- Registration will be opened 2nd week of August. Actions to be discussed during July board meeting
- Unsure until registration opens and interest level whether there will be a U23 Team. This will be dependent on registration numbers. How do we

- communicate this? To be discussed during the July board meeting
- Development Ice
 - i. It was agreed that this should continue – 2023/34 cost approx. \$28k
 - ii. There were many positives but also some learning opportunities.
 - iii. There were several ideas suggested including dry land training for some age groups in place of ice time.
 - iv. Aaron to discuss with Joel and Brian the plan for 2024/25 season – Aaron
 - Agenda item for July board meeting including fees for pre-season development and tryouts - Mark
 - Registration costs for 2024/25 season. A special meeting (online) will be called July 15th, 2024 to present to members the planned fees – Mark
 - Jerseys – Should be ok for the upcoming seasons even if there is a U23 Team
 - Call for Coaches will likely start in August – Aaron to confirm
 - First aid – Likely one Team staff will need First Aid certification. Brett / Aaron to confirm
 - A question was asked if there was insurance in place to protect Board members such as e&o insurance. Brett confirmed with HNS that such insurance is in place
 - Ice times are currently being worked through. Will be discussed as we get closed to the season start – Aaron

11. Lessons learned - what do we want to do differently from the 2023/24 season

- Some items incorporated into the above notes
- Further discussions will take place in the July & August board meetings

12. Any other business

- Brett met with the Municipality and they seem to be very engaged and excited to work with us
- There will be some changes to the spaces that is uses by EHMHA, namely;
 - i. Equipment room will be relocated
 - ii. Admin support staff office will be relocated
- EHMHA will continue to have free use of the Banister Room for meetings. The Municipality request that the room should not be reserved for full day meetings. Exception will be for tournament requirements
- The Municipality are looking to improve the wifi. No further details available

13. Next board meeting, 14th July, 2024