

West Colchester Minor Hockey Association
Semi-Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 18th, 2024 6:30pm
West Colchester United Arena

Present: Greg Roay, Ross Percy, Chelsea Johnson, Seth Fisher, Terri-Lynn Kinsman, Dalce Shipley, Nick Redden, Brianna Burris, Lisa Gordon, Michelle Smith, Scott Smith, Leah Roy, Shelley Roy, Dodie Peters, Jennifer McDonald, Alex Peters, Louella Cummer

Regrets: Crystal Slack, Lisa Porteous, Michael Jollimore

Call to Order and Welcome:

6:35pm

Welcome everyone to the WCMHA Semi-AGM for 2024. Thank you all for coming. The minutes from the previous semi-AGM were circulated via email and on the website.

Motion to accept minutes from 2024 AGM: Brianna, Shelley, passed

President Report– Alex Peters

The start of the season is hectic but it does slow down. We appreciate our volunteers. We need to keep spectators, family and friends away from the back hallway because it gets overcrowded. Only players, coaches, and team staff in the back hallway, behind the plastic. Parents should not be in the dressing room area at the older ages. For younger ages, help with gear as quickly as possible. We need to follow the two-deep rule, which means two coaches with players at all times. HNS will be conducting random checks. If we are not following the rule, the Head Coach will get suspended. If a player is removed from a game or injured, two people need to be with them, unless it is an immediate family member, then only one is okay. Neck guards and helmets need to be worn properly, we are seeing neck guards and helmets not being worn properly. Players should not be taking gloves off while on the ice.

Treasurer – Shelley Roy

Account balances circulated in the financial report. Total assets \$121,814.72. Financial figures from the previous season were also circulated, along with the figures to date for the current season. Discussion regarding the financial report and account balance. The funds in the account represent the majority of our annual income, which have to carry us through the remainder of the season, covering ice rentals, ref fees, etc. The \$35,000 in the GIC is an emergency fund that we dip into when necessary to cover any short-falls or unexpected expenses. Having that fund allows us to keep our fees low by allowing us to run a tight budget.

**See attached financial report*

Motion to accept: Dodie, Greg, passed

Old Business:

Alex Peters

1. Bylaw amendments:
 - a. As circulated to all members via email on November 30, 2024.

Motion to approve the proposed bylaw amendments: Dodie, Leah, approved
Action item: Jennifer to update the bylaws with RJSC.

New Business:

1. Election of officers
 - b. Ice Manager - Greg Roy will take over as Ice Manager
 - c. U7 Rep - Seth Fisher will take over as U7 Division Rep.

Officer Reports:

First Vice President/Risk Management: Dodie Peters

Busy start to the season. Most benches have been approved. Waiting on a few CRC/VSC to come back but because of postal strike they are held up in the mail. HNS gave me extensions for a couple of coaches. A number of suspensions to date including both players and coaches.

Parents vs kids games can't be done on minor hockey ice time.

Players helping with other teams i.e. U7, U13 and U11 require full gear. U15 and up requires a helmet with cage, gloves and neck guard. These players can demonstrate the drill but only participate if numbers are needed. Gentle reminder to all to please ensure your players helmet is a proper fit

Action: Alex or Dodie to reach out to HNS to find out if a player scores while not wearing proper equipment, can the official call back the goal.

Action: Alex or Dodie to reach out to HNS to ask why people under 12 can ref without gear but require full gear to help on the ice with younger teams.

Second Vice President: Leah Roy

Managers can reach out to Leah if they have any questions or concerns (the 2nd VP is "the manager of the managers")

Equipment Manager: Brianna Burris

The lock on the cubby was changed and extra keys were made that will be distributed to coaches. Pylons were bought (17) but still need 3 more they are out of stock. 3 sets of U9 goalie gear are in the cubby. Head Coaches will sign a letter/list of equipment so we can make sure it all comes back at the end of the season.

Coach Coordinator: Greg Roy

Nothing new to report. Haven't heard anything from coaches. Having fun on and off the ice and teams are having success.

Registrar: Lisa Porteous

No report.

Fundraising Coordinator/Tournament Chair: Leah Roy/Dalce Shipley

*Tickets - We will have a total raised from ticket sales just after Christmas as our brains require time to function and do all of the math correctly including all of the extras sold etc. We want to ensure we get the proper number :) We greatly appreciate everyone's support with them this season and send huge congrats to the winners who will be notified after the meeting!

*Friendship tournament - Tournament filled in no time at all with huge wait lists!). We will be having a division rep meeting Jan 2nd at 6:30pm in the upstairs warm room to give out information packages with volunteer times that the team will be responsible for filling etc. By giving everyone an info package it should make it a quicker meeting & easier concept of what is required to help.

*Christmas parade - We are sorry we had to cancel our submission with short notice but a lot of work & personal money goes into making it look nice and with it being on a Saturday we didn't have as many who had told us in advance they were going to attend. We will get the info out earlier next year and hope it's a Sunday to ensure we have a packed float!

Website Coordinator: Terri-Lyn Kinsman

A few kinks but getting ironed out; everything seems to be going well.

Ice Manager: Greg

Keep Ross in the loop on any changes to ice times. If they have enough notice, they can fill the time slot. WCUA will make the call on cancellations due to weather and/or road conditions. Question re end date for the season. Ross will email Leah to confirm.

Referee in Chief: Michael Jollimore

No report.

Action: Dodie to reach out to see if we can get green bands for new officials.

Development Chair: Alex Peters

Only teams that haven't had development are U18A, U7, and U13A. U13A prefers to have it during their regular ice times instead of Mondays. Goalies have been on the ice more than once and we also had a session for officials. The second half of the schedule will be given to Terri Lyn before the new year. Alex is enjoying working with the players.

Divisions:

U7 – Seth Fisher

Nothing to report.

U9 – Chelsie Johnson

Tournament registration for WCMHA U9; teams need to let Leah/Dalce know if they won't be entering the tournament.

Discussion re missing timekeepers and schedule errors in GrayJay. Advised to reach out to TAMHA as League Scheduler to correct the errors.

Discussion re U9 schedule.

Action: ice times opened up so Alex can look into whether our U9 can move to Sunday afternoons.

U11– Nick Redden

All good!

U13 – Lisa Gordon

Manager: Brianna Burris, Team rep : Lisa Gordon, Head coach: Scott Smith, Treasurer: Cameron

Maceachen A good start to the year. Our team is playing well this season and are competitive in the league. We are at the top of the standings so far. Our team travelled to the Dieppe tournament this month and out of 24 teams we made it to the quarter finals. Our next tournament will be the Friendship

tournament. **Treasurer report:** All parent contributions and sponsorships have been collected and our 50/50 draws are continuing on a weekly basis. We have purchased our name and sponsorship bars and have paid for our first tournament.

Head Coach: Scott Smith - 20 players on the U13C roster which is cutting down on their playing time; some good players on the team that could be playing at a higher level and aren't getting the development they need. Is there an opportunity to work with Brookfield to have two rep teams, maybe U13A and U13B, if Brookfield has a large C team as well.

Action: Alex will reach out to Brookfield early to discuss options for next year based on projected player numbers, for all levels.

U15 – Crystal Slack - No Report

U18 – Dalce Shipley

Reminder for U18 players to wear undergarments in the dressing room. Players are dressing while coaches are talking, which is not respectful.

Action: Alex will have a conversation with the players.

Next AGM will be in April 2025 (date TBD)

Adjournment: 8:11pm

Alex Peters

Motion to adjourn the meeting, Dalce, Jennifer, passed