

September 11, 2023
ESMHA Executive Meeting Minutes

Start Time: 7:00pm

Location: Jennex Residence

Platform: In-person

Minutes Take By: Whitney Halloran

Chair: Paul Anderson

Item	Discussion	Action
Attendance	Paul, Adam, Ashley S., Whitney, Danielle, Derrick, Chelsea, Becky, Laura, Jayne, Natalie, Ashley H., Janie, Jody, Rod	
U7	<p>Numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 77 registered - Looking forward to potentially booking extra ice - Discussion around how our ESMHA ice allocation from HRM is determined - they take into account allocations for minor hockey, female hockey, non-hockey ice, youth, adult etc. - Changes yearly - based on end of previous years numbers - Discussion that allocating ice based on ratios would need to be extended for U9 if it were to be done for U7 - Extra ice allocation is based on a number of variables such as home and away schedule, existing practice schedules etc. - Discussed U7 booking 6am ice time on weekends - Potential for extra ice when other teams are travelling for tournaments 	
U9	<p>Numbers registered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 54 players - Two practices until games start, then one practice one game - They are included in the rotation schedule - three teams sharing ice - Not buying out the other 1/2 of the ice like U11+ - Home times are on Sat/Sun - 7 Intro to hockey players from last year have registered - Asked to purchase two totes for balancing jerseys - approved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul to email President about home ice times for our U9 teams - cc Ashley
U11	<p>Numbers registered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 55 players - 43 for tryouts 	
U13	<p>Numbers registered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40 - 30 for tryouts - No issues with registrations 	

U15	<p>Numbers registered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 34 - 19 for tryouts - Need 36 for A - we don't have the numbers at this time - School trip to Tim Hortons camp October 4-6 - will not be present at the 6th tryout - Options discussed, players could have an average from their scores - or, if possible, will look into changing the schedule - Monday is a day of recognition so discussion around daytime ice - Rink will not open unless 3 hours of ice are to be used 	
U18	<p>Numbers registered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 32 - 12 were for tryouts - 28 kids signed up for high school hockey - U18 A - Numbers will not support having a team - U18 will have a C team 	
Try Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change in initial schedule to accomodate the NHL game in Halifax - some families involved are affected - Discussion around changing schedules for outside events - fairness and need for discussion if these events and opportunities arise in the future - Discussion around U11 group dividing into two groups - large number for tryouts, creating two groups for evaluations - Discussion around goalie specific sessions for evaluation in the future 	
HNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion about affect on future development of our players if our teams are not able to be A - players miss out on development (checking) and the ripple affect on registrations and retention as an association - as evidenced by our diminishing U18 registrations 	

Round Table

Registration

- Late registration is difficult for the board - adjusting all of the financials and registrations, effect on numbers and team allocations from HNS - discussions around next years registrations - late fee, increasing access to resources and help to register (video how to, visuals, online posts etc.)

Kickoff Party

- Adam on hotdogs and condiments - will cook
- Ashley on buns and drinks
- Executive will wear jerseys
- Gear exchange - leave some gear, take some gear - Drop gear Saturday at the rink - table starts at 1:00 Sunday for taking
- Will set up in the peace park - ball playoffs present
- Coordinators - all available but Danielle (U7)

Equipment Coordinator

- Tryout jerseys will be in on the 15th
- Coordinators will arrange the jerseys by number and sizes
- Discussion with players coming from other associations needing a jersey, as well as players who were released and end up returning
- Coordinators will then have access to the jerseys to accomodate these additions
- Extra sizes if needed - reach out to Joel - or leave in the jersey room for access as needed - **coordinators to be aware of numbers and prevent extra jerseys from being a number duplicate**
- U9 to use old timbits jerseys for balancing jerseys

Jersey Cheques

- They do not work for jersey returns
- Discussion around adding fees to next years registration, or pass in jersey as you walk out of last game
- Discussion around jersey carriers
- Discussion about a hold on registration the next year until they have settled - Coordinators will have numbers and jerseys - will send forward to Janie for next year registration if needed for recording

Camps

- Development camps are ready to go
- 2 Deep in dressing rooms
- U11 big groups - have been divided into two groups

Intro Program

- Offer intro we now have to apply - Becky has filled it out
- Approval will possibly allow insurance to be covered
- Charge will remain for registration to maintain commitment to the program
- Grayjay for intro to hockey
- 30 maximum players - advertise for interest to register
- Open to U9 and above
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<p>Round Table</p>	<p>Soles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50th anniversary clothing options - Donating a free skate sharpening to new U7 players <p>Equity, Diversity & Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting still on ED&I policies to be rolled out from HNS - Application for funding support program through HNS will start October first - Can get application from HNS after that date. - Email to be developed from Ashley to introduce herself and the ED&I position / her role. Purpose is to also reach players who may not have self-identified on the registration. - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation- will share the HNS and Hockey Canada posts accordingly <p>Rink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to mezzanine - Accessibility - washrooms <p>Risk Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety reps are staying - all teams will need one, permanent fixture moving forward - Involved with ensuring two deep rule, first aid locations etc. <p>Coaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Janie can provide info about what certifications/qualifications coaches need once we have a list from Derek - Discussion about coaching committee <p>Goalie Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8am Saturday's - Up until Christmas - weekly, review budget and participation at a later date - Coaches were requesting communication to be forwarded (reminders etc) - Jody to take on <p>Event in October - celebration for Andrew Gordon - professional player who played in Eastern Shore</p>	
	<p>Meeting adjourned 10:00pm</p>	