



Core Board Meeting

January 22 @ 8:00pm @ Tournament Centre Board Room

Present:

- i. Jesse Traer – President
- ii. Cheryl Johnson - Secretary
- iii. Jason Wakefield – JR VP
- iv. Chantal Keating – Competitive VP
- v. Jason Rybak – Ice Convenor
- vi. Mike Falk – Equipment Manager

Joined via Zoom:

Anita Konopski - Treasurer
Jason Rybak - Ice Convenor

Regrets:

- Kelli Riva - Sr VP

1. Minutes From previous meeting – amended and approved
 - a. Motion by Mike F, 2nd by Jason W
2. Financial report-Anita

Bank balances:

Core \$ 9,068.37

The junior and senior SportsEngine registrations were deposited to the Core account. I am working with both treasurers to confirm amounts and send funds to those accounts.

The number above DOES NOT include those deposits.

Amounts deposited to CORE from SportsEngine (net of fees) = \$154,186.60

I have forwarded \$95,040.50 to junior already.

Remaining to be allocated = \$59,146.11

Raffle \$ 921.67

This is used for any raffles held (Queens general raffle, U18AA Queens raffle).

Licenses are applied for for each raffle prior. Chantal works with the city on each of these for reporting and payout of funds, etc.

Nevada \$3,127.70

I spoke to Matthew Van Ramshorst (City License officer) about the Nevada account. We have not had any location or license to sell Nevada tickets since before I started as treasurer. He indicated that these funds could be used for junior ice (with documentation and receipt/contracts for ice).

Please add this as a discussion point for next meeting to maybe allocate \$1500 to each junior and queens for ice payments. These cheques will have to go directly to City or FN for payment of specific invoices. I would need copies of invoices from each division and pay these directly out of this account to close this.

Then we can look at closing this account.

- a. Funds from Nevada account can be issued directly to the city allocating \$1,500.00 for each Jr and Competitive ice. Invoices need to be provided to Anita
3. Ice Update – Jason Rybak

- a. No report provided - nothing to report

4. Competitive Report – Chantal

Competitive Report – January 2024

Parent/Player Surveys sent out in December and feedback given to coaches to make adjustments and improvements to programming, 2nd set of surveys to be conducted in February prior to final coach selection process.

Coach applications open and available on Queens Website

Applications for ALL teams being accepted

Deadline to remit February 15th

Coach Selection committee to begin interviews week of February 19th

Queens Raffle being drawn January 24th

Queens tryouts tentatively scheduled, waiting on confirmation from FWFN on ice availability

Discussion with Pat at OWHA regarding U15 level goalie shortage for the 2024-25 Season '09 goalie DOB and eligible to play USA events born after June 1st.

TBCDSB denied exam accommodations for U18AA players to attend FWSCC Hockey Canada Tournament in Winnipeg. All other boards have approved.

U22 Queens discussions with Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League

Northern Boreal Select Series (Exhibition Series)

January – MWJHL x 2 Winnipeg Teams, U18AA Queens and U22 Queens, Cottage Grove, MN U10A Team played 3 games with U11 Queens

February – Ft. Frances HS, Kenora HS, U18A Queens, U15AA Queens

Applied and qualified for CEDC Funding from the Tourism Grant to cover event costs SSSAA High School Hockey Tournament Feb 26, 28, 29. Practices and Exhibition games started.

HP Camp confirmed with OWHA and registration link open on OWHA Website – Thunder Bay camp is May 18th, registration information to be distributed to coaches this week.

Queens Banquet confirmed - Victoria Inn April 17th

- a. Discussion with Pat at OWHA regarding U15 goalie shortage for the 2024-25 season - Follow up in 2 weeks

5. Junior report – Jason Wakefield

Junior program is running smoothly. Only concern is the amount of TC ice we lose to tournaments. Hoping to find a solution. Jess Coley is looking for available times.

Junior League Questionnaire

In the process of creating this document to see where we as a junior division are meeting the needs of our families but more importantly where we are falling short

Based on the results we will have to take a serious look at our program and move in a direction that meets TBWHA objectives and ensure we are satisfying the needs of our majorities.

Icetimes

We as a junior division lose a lot of ice at TC with every tournament utilizing this Arena. Moving forward we'd like to see if we can work out an alternate venue for TBWHA that would allow us to lose less ice.

We have burned 9 hours of ice this year. We have incorporated many great avenues to ensure ice is not wasted. We as a board feel proposing a Junior Ice Scheduler position will assist in many areas. (SportsEngine, open ice, scheduling of junior division)

Goalie Skate

Huge success. We had 15 plus goalies. 4 competitive goalies. Wildfire did an amazing job. In the works of scheduling skate #2

Pathway Skates

We are looking at scheduling our pathway skates for next year. There is a huge market of girls that do not play TBWHA. Our goal is to find a way to open these skates to all girls of Thunder Bay. Feel we as a league need to get our name out there.

Future

Need to find a happy balance in ensuring we as a board are looking out for each and every girl in TBWHA. It is clear that all girls want to travel and be included like everyone else. We have lots of moving parts in the Junior Division (House, Fury and TNT). Have to take a look at why people are looking to boys U11/U13 instead of staying with TBWHA. Our coaching numbers U11/U9/U7 seem to be good.

6. Senior report – Kelli provided by email
Division is running smoothly.

registration money still to be transferred from JUNIOR. Currently waiting on confirmation of some refunds.

A Division: having a meeting with the team reps this week. There was an email sent to all team reps from another team. The A Division Convenor and myself will be addressing any concerns or questions they may have. Main concern was ice time.

B Division: no concerns

Skills and Drills: along with the weekly skills night we were able to schedule some interlock games with the Eh Team from B. All players enjoying. We have had more volunteers to help run the Skills night.

Tournament this upcoming weekend. There are 8 teams in A, and 5 in B, none for C. The teams in A are from here, the 2 other teams added in B are from the other

league. We have registered those players (and team name) with OWHA so this weekend is technically a Showcase Weekend. No sanction required. Local businesses have donated prize monies and swag for tournament. Playoffs will start in March for A division. Uncertain what structure will be used for the 3 teams in B. TBD at next meeting.

There are still a handful of games to be rescheduled due to Christmas break. We were able to acquire some open ice from Junior division for some. Still needing approximately 5 more hours.

Thank you to Jason and Cory for working with us to acquire more ice time for our tournament. We will be using TC, FN1 and Neebing arenas.

7. Equipment Manager - Mike Falk

Donation from Canadian Tire for Fury jersey's. Ordered and shipped, should arrive any day.

First set to be used for U11's next season

Big thank you to Canadian Tire.

12 sets of medals ordered and received.

Changed the storage unit code again.

Lots of old gear in the TC stowage unit, will be taking to Superior and stowing for disposing of.

8. Old Business

- a. RAMP Gamesheets - Not this year. Shannon is working on it. Jesse will reach out to OWHA
- b. RAMP Pay – possibly for next year. It's being looked into
- c. Recurring item: Goals for the season, grow our numbers, grow the program, look at what we can do differently. Start early advertising
- d. Follow up on the appeal (Jesse's report)
- e. LMHA league games – loop games were to be reevaluated at the beginning of the year - U11's moved up. Keep in communication with LHM

9. New Business

- a. Discussions on information and update report from Jesse:

OWHA Update:

- No response from the request in regards to the U18 Coach Removal appeal
- All-Star game special for OWHA members
- <https://offer.fevo.com/nhl-allstar-thursday-ppghslh-8e03d3f?fevoUri=nhl-allstar-thursday-ppghslh-8e03d3f%2F>
- Call for volunteers at Provincials - <https://forms.office.com/r/1XUADBHh8C>
- U9 Permit issue (non issue) with HNO

Annual General Meeting/ Meetings:

I am just trying to map out key dates and meeting dates so assuming the AGM is Tuesday June 4nd, the following dates will apply:

- Friday April 5th
 - Establishment of the Nominating Committee
 - Saturday April 20th
 - Posting of Vacant Positions by the Secretary
 - Date of AGM Communicated to the Membership
 - Deadline for General Member proposals for amendments/alterations to the Constitution
 - Monday May 20th
 - Deadline for Nominations for Elections
 - Deadline for Executive Board to finalize motions for the AGM
 - Tuesday May 21st
 - Nominating Committee to provide slate of nominees to the Executive Board.
 - Executive Board to finalize agenda and distribute to the membership.
- Meeting dates should be first week of April and first week of May.

New Business Item:

Mandated Exhibition Games/ TBWHA Girls Hockey Showcase Days

This proposal should be reviewed and supported by the Divisional Committees prior to moving forward.

Over the past few years, it has become far too common where certain coaches refuse to play one another. Reasons may vary and sometimes it is simply because one coach does not like another coach. Sometimes it is pressure from parents not to play certain games. With how difficult it is for our teams to find games, this seems completely unacceptable. I would propose that the games listed below would be mandated and scheduled each season.

- U11 Fury vs U11 Queens x 2
- U11 Fury vs U13 Fury x 2
- U11 Queens vs U13 Fury x 5
- U13 Fury vs U13 Queens x 2
- U13 Queens vs U15A Queens x 5
- U13 Queens vs U15 Fury x 2
- U15 Fury vs U13 Fury x 2
- U15 Fury vs U15A Queens x 2
- U15 Fury vs U18 Fury x 2
- U15A Queens vs U18 Fury x 5
- U15A Queens vs U15AA Queens x 2
- U15A Queens vs U18A Queens x 2
- U15AA Queens vs U18A Queens x 5
- U18 Fury vs U18A Queens x 2
- U15AA Queens vs U18AA Queens x 2
- U15AA Queens vs U22 Queens x 2
- U18A Queens vs U18AA Queens x 2

- U18A Queens vs U22 Queens x 2
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- U18 Fury vs each Senior B team (if they are not in the league)
- U18A Queens vs each Senior A team (if they are not in the league)
- U22 Queens vs each Senior A team (if they are not in the league)

I have no doubt that I missed a combo. Perhaps upon mutual agreement, the two teams can hold a shared practice if both coaches feel the matchup does not work. I have no doubt that things can be worked out if both coaches are on the same page.

I would also like to see days where we can get a large block of ice at one rink and schedule consecutive all girls hockey games and bring an event feel to it. We could do fundraising (50/50, chuck-a-puck, etc) and have music. Girls would stay and watch other girls teams playing.

- b. Response to Treasurers report: Navada funds were discussed last meeting and motioned by Kelli for split between JR and QU for Goalie/Player development - Second by Chantel - AIF
 - c. OWHA - Ref Clinics
10. Next Meeting
 - a. Late March or Early April
 11. AGM: June 4th
 12. Motion to adjourn 9:57 pm by Jason W, 2nd Mike F - AIF