



MPHA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES – Thursday June 8th, 2023

Meeting called at 7:45pm

In attendance – Tamey McAllister, Marci Hughson, Ashley Taylor, and Roxanne Romaniuk

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Topics Covered

Compensation for Non-Parent Coaches

The topic of a compensation package for non-parent coaches had been floated around and it would be something that the Manitoulin Panther Executive would be willing to investigate. Until we have a clear view of what the season and league play is going to look like this year, we will need to revisit this topic once league meetings have been completed.

Apparel Update

All fitting nights for jerseys and socks were successfully completed and Marcie has submitted the order. A few extras were ordered to accommodate any AP players that we may utilize during the upcoming season. Unfortunately, the jackets that we have had for the past two seasons are having stock issues. Also, with the logo being updated, the Executive would like all the players to have matching jackets. The option of a Puffer jacket was made available with a good price point and availability. Motion by Ashley Taylor to switch to the Puffer Jackets, seconded by Marcie Hughson and unanimously passed that we would be switching all players to the new Puffer Style jacket. We will request sizers and pick two nights where all association members can come and get sized at the Arena.

Due to the price difference in jackets, it was suggested that each player received and embroidered backpack. Motion by Marcie Hughson, seconded by Roxanne Romaniuk and unanimously approved that all players will be receiving an embroidered backpack for the upcoming season.

Team Staff Approvals

All coaches were asked to submit their choices for their bench staff for the upcoming season. Kennedy Lantree has submitted her choice for the U18 Lady Panther team, staff for the U13 team has been submitted but is being revisited and a list for the U15 team has not yet been submitted. A request has been sent to the coaches.

Dress Code

Teams will follow the same dress code as the previous season. A dress shirt will be worn under the new puffer jacket, dress pants and dress shoes will also be worn. For the U18 Lady Panther team there will be no Crop Tops or any tops that show the midriff permitted.

Head Coach/Player Relations

To avoid any allegations of favoritism or wrongdoing coaches are never to be in a 1 on 1 situation with any players at any time. If a player needs a ride to a practice or a game, there will need to be approval in writing from the player's parent that there is no other option for that player to be transported to the event. The Two Deep Policy will be in effect when going to the rink as well as when they are at the rink. It is also not permitted that players stay alone with a head Coach unless written approval is submitted by the players parent, and it is a last option. Motion by Marcie Hughson, seconded by Roxanne Romaniuk, unanimously decided that this will be the course of action for the upcoming season.

NOWHL Play Update

Tamey, Marcie and Kennedy attended a zoom meeting with the league to discuss league play and what the upcoming season will look like. The U18 Lady Panthers will participate in the loop consisting of Kapuskasing B, Hearst B, Temiskaming Shores BB, Sault Ste Marie A and Timmins C. The season will beginning just after Thanksgiving and all games will be played on the weekends. Play offs will be the weekend of March 1, 2024 in Sault Ste Marie. As there are no other B teams in our Region there may not be a need to play down to qualify to go to Provincials. The meeting was a little unorganized so Tamey was going to reach out to just the U18 teams to see if they could have a separate meeting to have a clearer picture of what the season will look like.

NDMHL AGM

The Nickel District Minor Hockey League AGM will be held June 11 at 3PM at the Garson Arena. Tamey plans on attending. She will pass on information when she has any.

Rockin The Rock Fundraiser

Manitoulin Panthers have been approved to do the parking and sell 50/50 tickets for the Rockin the Rock concert weekend August 11-12 in Little Current. Roxanne is just waiting to hear from KT to set up a meeting to get some more information. Ashley will contact the Town of NEMI office for information on the 50/50 license.

Team Bank Accounts

Since we are back up to having multiple teams, we will return to each team being responsible to their own bank accounts. Registration fees will continue to come into Marcie at the main panther account and funds for tournaments and development will be transferred to the individual accounts. Each team having a separate Financial Manager could be beneficial as the team managers already have a lot to deal with from Game Sheets, tournament bookings and travel permits. Motion by Marcie Hughson, seconded by Ashley Taylor, unanimously passed that teams should have Financial Managers to alleviate the job falling on the Team Manager.

Policies for the Lady Panthers

It was discussed that the Lady Panthers will mirror the Policies of the Manitoulin Panthers regarding tournaments. The Executive will provide \$200 per player to go towards tournaments. Once we receive more information on the league play for the Lady Panthers, we may have to look at updating and adding policies to accommodate.

Next Meeting – TBD

Meeting adjourned- 10:00pm