



## **MPHA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday April 12, 2023**

Meeting called at 8:05pm

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

### **Topics Covered**

#### **U18 Girls Panther Team**

An application has been submitted to OWSHA for an independent U18 girls team under the Manitoulin Panthers. Application was put forth to be part of the three-team league or the team could participate in a house league loop and participate in girls tournaments. If they play enough to qualify, they may get the opportunity to travel to provincials. If we are to receive approval to go ahead with the team and Espanola still has ice in until the end of the month we could start tryouts as early as April 24th. We had 22 girls reach out to say that they would be interested in trying out.

#### **Tryout Dates & Locations**

As we must wait until AAA and AA tryouts are over that puts us into May 10th as a possible start date. We will have to look for available ice time in Sudbury as Little Current and Espanola will no longer have ice in their facilities. We could look at doing two tryouts in one day to limit participants travel. Possibly looking at May 16 & 18. once coaches have been selected, we can confirm what dates would work best for them and Ashley will look into booking ice and what is available. If the 16th and the 18th don't work that would put us into the long weekend. If we can get that nailed down we can look at possibly hosting prep skates in Espanola the week of April 24.

### **U11 & U9 Teams**

Espanola has reached out to Tamey and inquired about a possible partnership with the Panthers, possibly switching back and forth between Little Current and Espanola for the first couple years to get those age groups back in the NDMH loop. The Manitoulin Panther Executive are not willing to give up our cards in those age groups so looking at partnering with Espanola may be a good option. Our main concern will be finding coaches. Once coaches have been confirmed we would be willing to look at moving forward with U9 and U11 programs.

### **Coaching Interviews**

All candidates that have applied for coaching positions have been contacted and interview times have been set up with Dustin Peltier and Brent Assinewai. Marcie Hughson will be the Executive member present. Interviews will take place Wednesday April 19 at the NEMI Rec Centre.

### **NOHA AGM**

This years NOHA AGM will be held in Timmins May 5-6. At least one member of the Panther Executive will be present. Tamey will forward on items that will be discussed and voted on at the meeting for all of the Executive to review.

### **MPHA AGM**

The Executive has discussed a possible date for our AGM. Once we have secured ice time for our tryouts we will revisit possible date for the meeting. Once a date has been set nomination forms will be sent out. Marcie Hughson still has one year remaining as the Treasurer, Ashley Taylor's 2 year term as secretary will be up for nomination as well as Tamey's 2 year term as President. All 1 year positions are also open for nominations.

### **Release Requests**

A number of families as requested A releases for various reasons. Each request was discussed and reviewed. Ashley Taylor motioned to approve releases, Marcie Hughson seconded the motion and it was unanimously decided that all requested releases would be granted.

### **Registration Increase**

It was discussed with the increase price of everything, ie team jackets, team socks, needing new jersey's, the cost of ice increasing this past season, the cost of Game Sheets, increase in Hockey Canada fees, the Manitoulin Panthers need to look at increasing registration. This has not been done in the past 5 plus years. It was decided that in order to keep on the positive side registration will need to increase from \$1500 a season to \$2000 a season. Registration increase was motioned by Marcie Hughson, seconded by Ashley Taylor and unanimously passed.

### **Family Placed in Bad Standing**

Unfortunately, due to the actions and a number of other factors the Executive has had to place a family in Bad Standing with the Association. This will take away their ability to vote at our upcoming AGM, they will not be able to be a part of the coaching staff for the upcoming season and they will not be able to be nominated for a position on the Board for the Executive. Motion made by Marcie Hughson, seconded by Roxanne Romaniuk and unanimously approved that the family will be placed in bad standing.

Next Meeting - To be held as soon as Coaching Interviews have been completed.

**Meetibg adjourned- 10:05pm**