



MPHA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES – Monday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Meeting called at 6:30pm

In attendance – Tamey McAllister, Clayton Best, Marci Hughson, Marj Moody, Ashley Taylor

Regrets – Dana Rancourt

#### Topics Covered

##### Coach Selection

With Jeff Pitawanakwat still on holidays and us needing to get moving we reviewed the coaches' applications and qualifications and decided as an executive that all candidates were qualified and met our requirements so teams would be awarded to the applicants. Scot Hughson sent in his application for the U15 team, and his application was accepted. Tamey to send out offer letters to all coaches Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup> to notify coaches James Panamick for the U9 team, Brent Assinewai for the U11 team, Chris King for the U13 team and Scot Hughson for the U15 team. Motion by Marci Hughson, seconded by Ashley Taylor, Unanimous decision to proceed with coaches who have applied.

##### Tryouts

It was confirmed that as long as the weather co-operates, we will have skateable ice in Little Current as of September 13.

It was confirmed that we need to provide U9 and U11 with 4 hours of on ice development prior to tryout dates. We will use the first week of skateable ice for those two divisions to have their on-ice development and start with all team tryouts the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Clayton, second by Marci, unanimous to go ahead with this plan.

Discussed candidates for a player selection committee. We will work on thinking of names of people to help with this as well as thinking of names for on ice volunteers to help with the tryouts. We will bring all candidate names to our next meeting. We will decide how many volunteers we will need once we see the number of players that we will have to evaluate.

### Online Registration

It was discussed to use the online registration tool to have players pre-registered, so we knew our numbers to follow all COVID protocols. Motion by Ashley Taylor, Second by Marj Moody, Unanimous that we will be using online registration.

September 8 was the date decided for U9 and U11 teams due to the developmental skate that both divisions will need to have. September 15 will be the deadline for U13 and U15, for us to start tryouts the week of September 19. Motion by Marci Hughson, Seconded by Marj Moody, Unanimous to set these as the registration dates.

### U15 Division

Scot Hughson sent in his application for the U15 division, as above, the team was awarded to him.

### U18 Division

As of meeting time there had still been no applicant submitted for this division. The decision was made to scrap this division as of August 23, 2021. Motioned by Ashley Taylor, seconded by Marci Hughson, Unanimous to eliminate division for the upcoming season.

### Apparel

All quotes for team apparel were reviewed from Island Promotional Products, Skater's Edge and Pro-Am Sports. Based on pricing it was decided that we will be going with Pro Am Sports for our apparel needs this season. All players will be provided with a Black Dress Coat with the Panther logo on it for the season, socks and practice jersey. Players will be required to dress in shirt, tie and black shoes on game day. Motion by Clayton Best, seconded by Marci Hughson, Unanimous that we will go with Pro-Am and get the Black Dress Coat.

Jersey bags were discussed, and it was unanimous that we do not move forward with providing them this upcoming season. Motion Ashley Taylor, seconded Marj Moody.

The same black jacket that will be provided to the players will also be given to the Head Coach and their bench staff. The association will cover the cost of these jackets. Motion by Clayton Best, seconded by Ashley Taylor.

We discussed providing the players with Panther ties and we will discuss further at our next meeting.

It was a unanimous decision that we will be going back to Jersey 53 for our socks this upcoming season. Motion by Marcie Hughson, seconded by Clayton Best.

It was discussed that we need to get into the arena to do an inventory of all Panthers items such as Game Jerseys, Socks, pant shells etc. Tamey, Marci, Ashley and Marj to meet one day the week of September 30<sup>th</sup> to assess.

It was unanimously decided that our Jersey Deposit will remain the same as previous years at \$50/jersey. Motion by Ashley Taylor seconded by Marci Hughson.

### Regular Panther Protocols

It was discussed how complaints will be handled this season. Based on past experiences it was unanimously decide that we will no longer be using a Parent Rep on teams, all complaints will go straight to the Complaint Committee that will be headed by Clayton Best. Tamey will draft up a notice. Motion by Ashley Taylor, Seconded by Marci Hughson.

Our Parent, Player and Coach code of conduct will be reviewed and the MPHA Executive will come up with a set of Universal rules that will need to be adhered to by all members of our association. This will be finalized at a future meeting. Motioned by Marj Moody and seconded by Clayton Best. Unanimous decision.

### COVID Protocols

We were advised that we will need to continue to use the COVID screening tool for players, coaches and parents entering the arena. It was also communicated to the MPHA that the township of NEMI will be creating a proposal that anyone entering the facility will need to provide proof of double vaccination or a negative COVID test result that has been done in the past 24 hours. It was agreed that we will need to follow all policies set in place by the facility and we will continue to follow all Health Unit rules and regulations. Once we receive confirmation from the township what their rules will be there will be further discussion on processes.

### Executive Vacancies

Marj Moody has volunteered to keep her position as Events, Publicity & Fundraising Coordinator. Motioned by Marci Hughson, seconded by Ashley Taylor, unanimously accepted Marj's offer.

Discussed the high importance of finding a Communications Officer as soon as possible. This will be a crucial person for us to have so we make sure that we stay up to date on all of the current COVID information and protocols. We will all brainstorm candidates and bring names to our next meeting.

### Releases

James Panamick had requested release for James Jr to try out for A teams. It was unanimously decided that the release would be granted. Motion by Clayton Best, Seconded by Marci Hughson.

Discussion of updating our release policy in regard to players that have not been with our association for a number of years.

### 50/50

It was unanimously decided that we will not be running our 50/50 fundraiser this upcoming season. This will reduce contact and keep within COVID protocols of social distancing. Motion Ashley Taylor, seconded by Marci Hughson.

### Coaching Certification

Tamey looked into some of our coaches who are still waiting on their D1 certifications to come through and was advised that we can have an evaluator in our association so we can get these processed. Hoping that we can get some of our qualified coaches to take the online module and be certified as an Evaluator.

Next Meeting: TBD, once we have pre-registration numbers.

Meeting Adjourned- 8:03pm