



## ***Truro and Area Minor Hockey Association***

**TAMHA Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
7:30 p.m. (Community Room, RECC)**

### ***Agenda***

- 1) Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
- 2) Approval of Previous Minutes (September 13, 2022)
- 3) Business Arising from Previous Minutes – Defer to Next Meeting
- 4) New Business
  - a) U13AAA and U15AA Tryout Debrief – President/Treasurer
  - b) U11 Tryout Jerseys – Treasurer/Equipment Manager
  - c) Executive Availability for U11/U13/U15 Tryouts in East Hants – President
  - d) Additional Evaluator Expenses for East Hants – Treasurer
  - e) Ice Schedule Going Forward
  - f) Jed Ritcey Fund - President
- 5) Other(s)
- 6) Next Meeting(s): **TBA** at TBA p.m. (Location TBA)
- 7) Adjournment



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**In Attendance:** Ryan Butcher (Acting Chair), Jamie Barbour, Josh Burcham, Laurie Burcham, Derek Forsyth, Dwayne Frizzell, Roy Gouthro, Tricia Lake, Chris Lamrock, Cindy Lewis, Mike Michaud, Lee Ogden, Misty Rennie, Steve VanderKwaak

**Absent:** Landon Crowe, Justin Dickie, Carley Gloade, Dave Hazelton, Dana Young

**Author of Minutes:** Tricia Lake

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1. ***Call to Order and Approval of Agenda***

- Meeting called to order at 7:27 p.m.
- ***Motion*** to approve Agenda, as circulated, by U11 Rep; seconded by Coach Coordinator. Motion approved.

2. ***Approval of Previous Minutes (September 13, 2022)***

- ***Motion*** to approve by RIC; seconded by Coach Coordinator. Motion approved.

3. ***Business Arising from Previous Minutes – Deferred to next meeting***

4. ***New Business***

a. ***U13AAA and U15AA Tryout Debrief – Treasurer***

- See attached Appendix A, "Tryout Report – Executive"
- All jerseys were returned.
- Only a few parents requested feedback from evaluators.
- Parents and evaluators appreciated the coach feedback on the final few positions.
- A few players were bullied at school because they were sat during the last intersquad game. Treasurer noted that it is up to the Development Coordinator and Evaluators whether to sit or 'unassign' players from GrayJay. Executive Members have no decision-making power in this decision.

b. ***U11 Tryout Jerseys – Treasurer/Equipment Manager***

- Equipment Manager and President were able to access the equipment room at the Stadium and remove all jerseys and equipment.
- The RECC has provided TAMHA with a little bit of cage space, alongside HNS equipment.

c. ***Executive Availability for U11/U13/U15 Tryouts in East Hants – Treasurer***

- 1st VP and Secretary will be overseeing U11
- Treasurer and President will be overseeing U13 and U15

d. Additional Evaluator Expenses for East Hants – Treasurer

- TAMHA to provide meals and a \$50 per diem per evaluator to cover mileage and incidentals.

e. Ice Schedule Going Forward – Ice Scheduler/Treasurer

- Next week, all ice will be in East Hants
- SMHL has requested that we make ice available October 15/16
- The RECC can provide 7 h of ice through the week and 7.5 h on weekends. They are evaluating the possibility of offering early morning or late-night ice for practices.
- Deuville's is still without power. Once their ice is in, they can provide 17 h of ice through the week and 11 h on the weekends.
- Brookfield can provide ice beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>, with 3 h on Saturdays; 3 h on Sundays, and 5 p.m. on Fridays.
- No response has been received from Debert
- Tatamagouche can provide us ice from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and 7:30-9:00 p.m. through the week.
- Springhill will have ice available beginning November 13<sup>th</sup>

f. Jed Ritcey Fund – President

- The Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund assists families in financial need with registration costs. Parents can apply through TAMHA, and requests will be forwarded to the Fund for review/approval.
- U13 Rep received \$1,000 in funding for a U13 player in need.
- **Action:** If any Reps, or the Office Administrator, are aware of any families in need, please make them aware of the funding available through the Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund and encourage them to apply.

5. **Other(s)**

a. Media Request – Tech. & Comm. Coordinator

- Tech. & Comm. Coordinator has been receiving inquiries from the media about the Stadium's impact on TAMHA.
- **Action:** Treasurer to contact Ashley Simms from the Town of Truro, then prepare a briefing note for both media and TAMHA's FB page and website.

b. Team Composition – Equipment Manager

- Equipment Manager inquired if at the "A" level if teams must have 9F and 6D?
- Development Coordinator and Tech. & Comm. Coordinator both replied that Evaluators have leeway on this decision, and this could be included in the coach's feedback.

c. U18 Tryouts – U18 Rep

- There are currently 50 players registered for U18AA tryouts on October 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>.
- CEC hockey tryouts are on hold.
- TAMHA to move forward with U18AA tryouts, as scheduled.

6. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. (RECC, TBD)**

7. **Adjournment**

- **Motion to** Adjourn by President, seconded by Tech. & Comm. Coordinator. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

## APPENDIX A: Tryout Report – Executive

### 1. Overall Comments

We have successfully completed U15 AA and U13 AAA tryouts. Other than some disruption related to the U15 AA tryout process in Brookfield, everything went relatively smoothly. The board members/coaches/division reps were all able to pivot to ensure equal and fair opportunity to all players during the tryout process.

### 2. Division Reps

Big thank you to Misty and Derek. Their organization during the tryout process allowed for a relatively seamless transition from ice time to ice time and communication to all players involved was quick. A lot of positive comments from parents/guardians related to how quickly they were communicated to during the process and organization at the rink.

### 3. Evaluators

The evaluators definitely have the toughest role to play during this process and I can promise you having been in the room for the deliberations during each release for U15 AA and U13 AAA they do not take it lightly. There was lots of conversation amongst the evaluators as they do not always agree with one another and there is debate over the players near the cut line. The evaluators did comment to the executive that the coach feedback at final selections was very valuable and does often provide an additional perspective before making final deliberations and releases.

### 4. Spectators

Overall, I had not heard any complaints about spectators. Division reps and executive on site did a great job keeping parents to one side of the rink while evaluators were in the rink and not upstairs. Moving to East Hants this may pose additional problems that will need to be addressed.

### 5. Future Considerations

#### a. Sitting Players

It has come to our attention that certain players that were sat for the final ice session, as the evaluators did not require another look at them, may have been bullied at school and the rink. Especially those players related to board members or eventual coaches. Good intentions were made on why to sit players, and I understand this weekend as part of compressed schedules why we would choose to sit players again to ensure the evaluators are concentrating on only the players they need to assess.

Another option is removing them from Team Genius, so they do not show on evaluator form during last ice time, but they are still on the ice. To be considered as we move forward.