

Monthly Meeting
Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting/Sarnia Girls' Hockey Association

Tuesday September 20th, 2022 6:30pm
Chris Dawson Centre, 420 East Street N, Sarnia

Board Attendees:

Brent Campbell (late 7:05pm), Kyle Doyle (late 7:56pm), Brad Jackson, Maureen Leckie, Jon Leppington (early departure 8:05pm), Stephanie Simpson, Jen Tomkins, Gary Watson (early departure 8:43pm), Stacey Watson

Regrets:

Bryan Chappell, Todd Pepper

6:30pm International Silver Stick – Dale Kerslake, Tournament Director

- Electronic score keeping for all games at the tournament this year.
- OWSA has sanctioned that RAMP must be used, so some teams may need RAMP training
- Teams are not to play ANY games during the Silver Stick Weekend (Jan 6-8, 2023)
- The title sponsor, Arlanexo has not confirmed their \$4,500 sponsorship for the tournament so they are potentially looking for a new Title Sponsor. Jen Tomkins to approach Shell for potential sponsorship.
- Maureen to approach the City of Sarnia about an ice subsidy for the Silver Stick Tournament. Other city's donate ice time to tournament in their city to bring money into the community.
- Jeff Jackson, Treasurer of the Silver Stick Tournament has checked into an income stream from Hotels, but this is not a possibility
- Chairs are no longer allowed in any Sarnia Arena.

6:45pm Sexual Assault Survivors' Centre – Presentation by;

Trish Vanoosterom, Public Education Coordinator

Cheyenne Guthrie, Anti-Human Trafficking Child and Youth Worker

Ron Smith, 1 in 3 Program Coordinator, Rebound

- The Sexual Assault Survivors' Centre have been giving presentations for the Sarnia Sting for 7 years, and other organizations. They discuss items like Gender Stereotypes and Consent. They believe a program for our players may be beneficial.
- The OHA has mandated the OHL On-Side Education Program to be done annually for every OHL team
- They typically help youth 13 and over, but they would like to offer their education sessions to Sarnia Girls' Hockey Association/Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting as well. They are now funded for children 12 and over.
- Following approval by the board, they would create a program which would include items like consent, body safety, hotel safety, following your gut instinct, and standing up for their bodies. The program would be modified to be age appropriate for each division.
- There are four "trauma responses" that their program covers; fight, flight, freeze, and fawn. Fawning was a new term for most of us.

- What would this programming look like? Board discussion about whether this training should happen at the arena after a practice, or whether it should be presented at a different location.
- Although no decisions were made, the board is thinking that we should offer a quick video that we could show to parents in preparation for the sessions. The education activities with the kids would be in person. With no parents or coaches present.
- Ron discussed the Rebound's Project 1 in 3. This is a program that provides education services for lower threshold offences. For instance someone who shares a photo on line, without realizing it is a crime.

Next Steps:

- Maureen Leckie to find out if we would need OWHA insurance for facilitators for these sessions.
- Work with Trish to determine the most efficient way to roll this out. We would like to try to get teams educated before most teams travel to their first tournament. We are hoping to have a plan in place within the next 2 weeks.
- Jen Tomkins to write up a letter to the parents mapping out the plan, and reasoning behind the education.
- We'd like to have this presented to parents by the end of October.

Tryout Debrief:

- As members of the Sarnia Lady Sting Executive Committee, it is our responsibility to ensure that the Rules and Regulations of the OWHA are followed to the letter.
- There were many issues with compliance at the Tryouts this year.
- There has been a new dressing room policy added for the U7 female parents who would like to assist their children in the dressing room. Females only, and police checks must be done at their own expense.
- Next year, Brad and Maureen would like to suggest that we go back to tryout payment methods of the past. They believe it would be easier to manage if the skaters were to pay cash at the tryout check in.
- Nathan Jeffery, who was present at the U9 tryouts, suggests that there be only one point of contact for tryouts.
- We must be more diligent with Permission to Skates (PTS) forms and reminding parents that they must have these in their hands before they step on the ice. If we let someone on the ice without a PTS, our organization could lose its charter.
- OWHA has mandated that RAMP be used for registration.
- Although it didn't run as smoothly as we would have liked, we did make good progress this year with the pathway programs. This was the first time we had tryouts using the pathway models.
- Next year, we need to remove the language of "tryout" or "assessment" from initial skates. We should instead, only use the word "streaming".

Compliance:

- Den Moms ONLY who are rostered are allowed in the dressing rooms.
- Coaches are to share their roster with the parents so the parents are also aware of who is allowed in the dressing rooms.

- Brent reports that they are working on the compliance for the Senior teams (U18, U15 and U13). Once this is completed, they will focus on the junior teams.
- We need to ask coaches to link their NCCP accounts to their RAMP profiles.
- We need to remind coaches that if they do not follow OWHA mandated, and act in a compliant manner they can be removed as a coaches.

Miscellaneous Reports:

- Jon Leppington has requested that all coaches send their tournament dates to him as soon as possible. Only two teams have responded to this request.
- Stephanie Simpson reports that two teams have not submitted a Team Report this month.
- Jerseys and Socks have arrived. Socks are only in small, medium and large. No youth sizing as promised. Socks are a different brand than promised. *** Kyle to talk to Bill Abercrombie about this change. It should have been brought to attention before delivery.
- Our original quote for socks was \$20/pair for adult socks, and \$19/pair for Youth socks. We were charged \$16.50 for the replacement socks.

Goalie Development:

- As an organization it is important that we try to develop goalies in U9/U11, so we are providing goaltending equipment to goalies in U7 and U9. Thinking about offering an incentive to goalies (Eg. Reimbursement of \$300 at the end of the season)
- The U9 Pathway Program has each child taking turns trying goaltending. There should not be a designated goalie at this age group.
- Player mentors from U18 will be coming out to practices, to encourage children to try the goaltending position, and to tell them how fun it is!

Lower Lakes Female Hockey League Meeting:

- Brad had a meeting about scheduling, blackout dates etc with the LLFHL coaches
- OWHA took over the management of the LLFHL when they had legal difficulties
- Differentiated terminology. Playoffs (league play) vs. Playdown (for Provincial Championships)

Coaching Applications U7

- Parents are wondering who will be the head coach for the U7 team.
- It was decided that Jen would be mentoring the new coaches. Brent has a list of potential coaches. Jen will be mentoring these coaches and developing these coaches under the U7 Pathway a program.

Adjourned 9:08pm