

Monthly Meeting
Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting

Tuesday March 21st, 2023

6:30 P.M. Executive Only, 7:00 P.M. General Members

Pat Stapleton Arena, Community Room

Executive Attending:

Bryan Chappell, Brad Jackson, Jon Leppington, Todd Pepper, Stephanie Simpson, Jen Tomkins, Gary Watson

Members Attending:

Amy Carlaw, Cheryl Carol, Nathan Jeffrey, Melissa Lau, Tony Mancusi

Regrets:

Brent Campbell, Kyle Doyle, Maureen Leckie, Stacey Watson

6:30pm Closed Executive Meeting

7:00pm General Membership Meeting

Executive Reports

- Stacey Watson (Treasurer)
 - \$15,000 cheque received from the Sarnia Girls International SilverStick tournament
 - This works out to \$120/player in the organization.
 - SilverStick survey results and feasibility analysis will be done to determine the future of the tournament in Sarnia. There were three people who indicated they may be willing to volunteer as tournament director/Arena supervisors.
- Jen Tomkins (Registrar)
 - Starting to receive Permission to Skate (PTS) forms.
 - Tryouts can be held between April 19th, 2023 and May 31st, 2023 (as per OWHA)
 - We must decide on a cost for the tryouts, so that the Registrar can prepare the tryout packages in RAMP.
 - The goal is to not profit from Tryouts, so all excess monies from tryouts will be used as Development Money for team use.

- There will be strictly cash only accepted for tryouts this year. NO credit card, NO cheques, NO e-transfers.
- Jon Leppington (Ice Convener)
 - Was given ice times for the three teams who are going to provincials.
 - Was given ice times for tryouts. Currently working on finalizing the tryout schedules with the coaches.
- Gary Watson (Cash Calendars)
 - The cash calendars are the biggest fundraiser at the organizational level. Final amount raised will be shared after the fundraiser has ended.
 - The transition from a 4 month prize board to a 3 month prize board worked well.
 - Monies raised from Cash Calendars are directed into the general fund, and flow back into the organization to supplement the cost of ice.
- Maureen Leckie (OLG Compliance) nothing to report
- Bryan Chappell (Director) nothing to report
- Brent Campbell (Director of Hockey Operations/Compliance)
 - Coach selection unfolded well this year
 - Handling Player Suspensions must be added to the managers handbook and the coaching handbook. If there is any possibility that the player may be suspended, even if it is not reported on the game sheet, the team must report this to the OWHA
 - **When using ice rented using the Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting organization discount, all OWHA rules apply. Only members of the OWHA approved roster are allowed to set foot on the ice. If even one person not listed on the roster steps on the ice then the coach is personally liable for any injury that could happen during that session. Even if the teams' "season" is deemed over, teams are not allowed to play "mother/daughter or father/daughter" games when using ice booked by the organization (unless every parent playing is listed on the team roster).**
- Kyle Doyle (Development) no report submitted
- Todd Pepper (Equipment)
 - Todd will be sending out an email to the coaches and managers about how to return jerseys at year end.
 - The small sized pinnies have been ordered and will be arriving in 2 days. There was a complaint at tryouts last year that the pinnies were too large for the majority of skaters.
- Stephanie Simpson (Secretary/Website)
 - Looking for someone to take over planning of the team photographs for the coming season. Colin Davison has volunteered for this role.

Team Reports

There were a few questions and concerns in the team reports this month.

Concern 1: It is a regular occurrence at some of the arenas, that there is a conflict when away teams from other organizations are attempting to access the changing rooms up to 1h 45m prior to their ice time. Some teams have been blocked from entering the hallway by 16-18 year old boys. They are finding that it is a toxic environment for the young girls playing in our organization.

- Jon Leppington has already submitted a complaint to the City of Sarnia about a AAA teams from out of town attempting to access the dressing rooms. If this happens again, please take note of which team/City/Age division is involved. The executive will then send in this data to the City of Sarnia Parks and Recreation representative.

Concern 2: Seven or eight players currently on the U15 team, who will be trying out for U15 have field trips between April 23rd and April 29th. If at all possible, could the tryout dates be planned to avoid that week.

- The Executive will take this into consideration when scheduling tryouts at this age group. We will make every effort to allow the most possible players try out.

Concern 3: A player on the team has been suspended. The team would like an update on the status of this suspension as it has now been 3 weeks and they have heard nothing from the OWHA.

- Due to the nature of this suspension a disciplinary hearing is necessary. The disciplinary committee meets only once a month. A hearing will need to be scheduled with the player via zoom, and the committee will need to discuss the situation following the hearing.
- Further, because of the timing of the infraction, the player was not able to carry out the suspension due to inadequate number of games remaining in the season. Therefore, the suspension will carry over to next season, and during the tryout period.
- The OWHA requires the tryout schedule to be set before it grants the players permission to try out. Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting will send in the tryout schedule as soon as it has been created.

Question 1: Would it be possible to be given access to the Scorekeepers Database from the Scorekeepers Association? It would be helpful to have a group of scorekeepers to reduce the burden on parents. The second suggestion was that the organization purchase a set of iPads that can be borrowed to be used for home game scorekeeping.

- Jon Leppington to contact Ian Dunn of the Scorekeepers Association to enquire about database.
- Teams can purchase iPads at the team level. For instance, if each player gave \$15 for the team to purchase a refurbished iPad, that device could then be raffled off at the end of the season.

Question 2: If there are going to be spring tryouts this year, are we able to add players on September if more girls decide to play during the summer months.

- Yes, additional players can be added onto the team in the fall. Rosters are actually not submitted to the OWHA until August, and players can be added as long as there is space available on the team. Players cannot be cut from the team (after it has been posted) in order to add late registering players who may be more skilled.

Agenda Items

1. Bylaw Review (Suggestions were requested to be sent to the presidents prior to March 19th, 2023)
 - Jen Tomkins made the suggestion that we do a bylaw review more regularly. It was suggested that it be done fully every three years.
 - The last full review was done in 2018, although a few updates have been made since that time.
 - Bylaws can be amended annually at the AGM.
 - Brad to locate the bylaws that reflect the changes to section 5.9 (Spouses may not sit on the Executive in the same term).
2. Should the Sting Crest be updated before a new set of jerseys are ordered this year?
 - Stephanie has been in contact with Jake Bourrie (Director of Marketing, Sarnia Sting) about modifying the crest that was created last season. Jake responded indicating he would reach out to the designers and modify the logo at no additional cost to us.
 - Stephanie to poll the membership to see if there is a preference between Jr. Lady Sting, or Lady Jr. Sting?
 - Suggested modification: JR. LADY STING



3. First Team Coaches Meeting – The first coaches meeting will cover the tryout process only. The remainder of the information will be shared when Second Team Coaches are selected.
 - Coaches will be told at this time that players need to register in RAMP for tryouts, but credit cards, cheques and e-transfers will not be accepted this year. CASH ONLY. There is a bank machine at the arena.
 - Todd to speak to Team 1 Coaches to determine jersey needs.
 - First team coaches will be posted on the website by Friday March 23rd, 2023

No Other Business or Questions. Adjournment 7:55pm