



Monthly General Meeting - Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting

Tuesday April 16th, 2024

6:30 P.M. Board Meeting

7:15 P.M. General Meeting

President: Tony Mancusi

Executive Attending (12):

Brent Campbell, Amy Carlaw, Colin Davison, Kyle Doyle, Brad Jackson, Tony Mancusi, Todd Pepper, David Schrie, Stephanie Simpson, Jen Tomkins, Gary Watson, Stacey Watson

Other Attendees: Eric Smith

Regrets (4): Bryan Chappell, Nathan Jeffrey, Maureen Leckie, Jon Leppington

Thank you Coaches!

- A huge thank you goes out to our 2023/2024 coaches for all their time, effort and dedication this year.

U7 – Dave Bararuk

U9 C – Matt Barnes

U9 HL – Chris Hurst

U9 HL – Dani Girard

U11 C – Kara Yorke

U11 B – Greg Edgar

U13 B – Kyle Doyle

U15 B – Todd Pepper

U18 C – Jeff Nelson

U18 A – Sydney Smith

- Amy presents each coach with a personalized Jr. Lady Sting Coach Bags

U9 "House League" Misunderstanding

- Dani Girard brought up an excellent point. Since there are many 'new to girls hockey' families that register for U9 it has been very difficult for coaches to overcome the obstacle that families think 'House league' means there will be no travelling.
- We need to explicitly say on the website when people are registering their children that the House-league in girls' hockey is not a traditional house-league. The house league in girls' hockey is a level, and not a pay-to-play structure.
- There will be enough skaters again to field three U9 teams. Hopefully this year we will be better able to split them into teams based on their skating levels.

Sarnia Silver Stick Tournament

- Dave Schrie, Tournament Director announced that the Silver Stick Tournament would be Thursday January 2nd to Sunday January 5th, 2025.
- The date will be rotating yearly, in order to avoid the ice/hotel problem that happened last year when there were three local tournaments all the same weekend.
- The fee will be increasing to \$1500 (from \$1300)
- Silver Stick would like to include a U9 age division this year.

Provincial Championships

- Four SJLS teams competed in the Provincial Championships this season.
- U15 Pepper – Gold
- U11 Edgar – Semi-Finalists
- U18 A Smith
- U18 C Nelson
- The Mooretown president reached out to our President to thank SJLS players once again for cheering on their Mooretown peers at the provincial championships.

U7 Jamboree held!

- Big thanks and congratulations go out to Dave Bararuk and his team who planned the first U7 Festival in Sarnia Girls Hockey history. It was attended by Lambton Attack, Huron and the London Devillettes
- Next year they hope to run two festivals for U7
- Thank you to Amy Carlaw for the social media presence at the tournament.
- Sarnia Hockey Association donated the pads for the kids to use (instead of the boards)
- The feedback from coaches of higher age divisions was that they can see how development in the organization is laying the groundwork to supply a good pipeline of players.
- There were smiles everywhere.

Goalie Incentives

- In order to attract goalies to the organization, SJLS has decided to add a new fee structure, giving full time goalies 50% off their registration fees for the coming year.
- This is to follow suit with other organizations who are paying the full registration fee for players committing to net.

Registration Fees:

- The registration fee structure is yet to be determined.
- There will be a discount code to get \$75 off your registration (the \$75 from the Tryouts)
- And a discount code of 50% for goal tenders.
- Fees are increasing for ice time, and for referees. Bluewater Referees are now changing travel costs to their fees.
- Other centres around have increased their fees to \$1100 from \$800 due to these drastic increases in costs.

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