

## Monthly Meeting - Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting

Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

7:15 P.M. General Meeting

\*\*\* No December Board/General Meeting \*\*\*

### **Executive Attending:**

Brent Campbell, Amy Carlaw, Bryan Chappell, Colin Davison, Kyle Doyle, Jon Leppington, Tony Mancusi, Todd Pepper, David Schrie, Stephanie Simpson, Jen Tomkins, Gary Watson, Stacey Watson

**Other Attendees:** Greg Bernard, Cheryl Carroll, Mark Stack

**Regrets:** Brad Jackson, Nathan Jeffrey, Maureen Leckie

General Meeting – 7:15-8:00

Hockey Canada Rivalry Event (Tony)

- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- There will be an Esso Fun Day on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Details are still being worked out. Mooretown and Lambton Attack will be playing opening night.
- The aim is to give this event a “Festival” Type Feel.
- More information to be shared when it becomes available.

Team Pictures Update (Colin Davison)

- There were recently two photo nights with Metcalfe Photography
- Some teams are still awaiting jerseys, so their photos will come at a later date. Three more teams need to be scheduled for photographs.
- There was one team who cancelled their time slot the night before.

Silver Stick Update – (David Schrie)

- The preliminary schedule is out. The website Myhockeyrankings.com was used to create the schedule.
- The website will be going live on December 1<sup>st</sup> to allow volunteers to sign up.
- High school students who need volunteers hours are encouraged to sign up.
- Instagram Account is up and running. Please “like, share and follow”  
*@sarniawomensintersilverstick*
- The SilverStick Committee is going to be using social media more heavily during the tournament. TicToc “meet the teams” videos will be posted.

- 'Player of the Game' awards have been donated by the Sarnia Lambton Tourist Association.
- The SilverStick Committee has three upcoming meetings in December to finalize details.
- There are now US teams participating from Seattle, Denver, Detroit, and Maryland.
- Opening ceremonies are Friday 7pm at Pat Stapleton. SJLS U15 is playing Honey-baked. All SJLS teams are encouraged to attend the game and show your Sting Spirit!

#### U7 Team Update (Greg Bernard)

- There are 23 girls registered for U7 and eight more girls in the Fundamentals program with Jen Tomkins.
- David Bararuk (Head Coach) projects the need for 10 more registrants annually to sustain the program.
- There has been a lot of feedback from parents that the rental of the additional room for parent to help the kids get their helmets on and skates tied has been very helpful.
- Duffy Simon, of Planet Stitch has made the team toques and Under Armour shirts.
- Their first game is this Saturday against Lambton Attack, and they are interested in registering for some festivals this season.
- They have a couple concerns;
  - The half ice boards are a hazard. These must be dealt with as soon as possible before someone is injured. Foam partitions would be a nice alternative to these 'malicious' boards.
  - The Managers Handbook had many items in it that are not applicable to the U7 team. It would be nice to have a separate handbook for the U7 league. Or at least a notation in the handbook when things are not applicable to the U7 teams. But they have found Amy and Brent to be extremely helpful.
  - There was a lot of pushback when it came to collection of the Cash Calendar monies this year from the U7 parents. Even after explaining that they can recoup the costs by selling the tickets, parents were not overly excited about it.
- In general, Greg and David feel like they have a lot of support from the organization.
- U7 is happy to be invited to play at the Team Canada Rivalry Game on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- They would also like to make a suggestion that SJLS have a booth at the Sarnia Girls Soccer Club during the summer months on a Tuesday or Wednesday when the U5/U6 and the U7 teams play to recruit more players.
- Fundamentals would also like to suggest a "lower age limit" for the league as it has been difficult to cater to the youngest players on the ice who do not want to participate, or are unable to participate

#### U13 Team Update – (Mark Stack)

- The teams record is currently 5-1-3 in league play. They are currently ranked 5<sup>th</sup> of 71 teams in their U13 B division Ontario wide.
- The coaching staff is doing a great job.
- The team consists of 11 minors and 5 majors.
- In addition to the two regularly scheduled practices weekly (Monday and Thursday), roughly ten girls have been participating every second Wednesday at 4pm Development Ice. They also have regular ice time on Saturdays at 2:15pm

Q&A (if required)

- Who decides the number of teams who go on to provincials?
  - OWHA sets this number in January.
- How many HouseLeague Teams do we have in the Organization?
  - U9 HL is the only HL team.
- Attention: There will be NO December Board Meeting or General Meeting.