

General Meeting - Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting

Tuesday September 19th, 2023

6:00 P.M. Board Meeting

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Executive Attending:

Brent Campbell, Amy Carlaw, Colin Davison, Kyle Doyle, Brad Jackson, Maureen Leckie, Jon Leppington, Todd Pepper, David Schrie, Stephanie Simpson, Jen Tomkins, Gary Watson, Stacey Watson,

Other Attendees: Cheryl Carroll, David Bararuk

Regrets: Bryan Chappell, Jon Leppington, Nathan Jeffrey

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General Meeting Agenda - 6:30-8:00

Sting Assist Cheque Presentation

- \$10,000 donation made to SJLS
- Mia Campbell (U13) accepted the cheque on behalf of the organization

Lottery/Bingo Update

- Maureen asked for a volunteer to be the new point of contact for the organizations volunteers. The treasurer does the financial reporting for the bingos. Stephanie volunteered to be the point of contact for the volunteers for cGaming.
- We will continue to pay the bingo workers \$50/Bingo
- We are only allowed to have 20 registered volunteers per 6 month period, beginning November 1st.

Flex Passes

- Flex Passes (10 tickets for the Sarnia Sting home games) have arrived.
- \$113 per player

Silver Stick (January 5th – 7th, 2024)

- David Schrie is the new chair of the Sarnia SilverStick Committee
- There are currently 47 teams registered (Max 60 Teams)

- SS is currently looking for with marketing, promoting, advertising and sponsorship experience
- Colin Davison, SJLs SS Liaison has found the contact to set up the volunteer portal. They are hoping to have the portal up and running by November 1st, at the latest.
- More teams are needed for U18 B level
- Timekeepers will be offered training this year. Hopefully in the future we will be able to pay timekeepers
- David and Colin are going to reach out to teams individually and explain that their assistance is needed. They will share with them the positive impacts to the City of Sarnia, such as \$2.5 million expected to come into the community that weekend. 70% of hotels are occupied already that weekend.
- Lambton College is looking at adding volunteer support into course curriculum to increase volunteers for SS.
- The board is applying for ice relief at the October City of Sarnia Council meetings. A presentation will be made to the council. Precedent has been set, and it has happened in the past.
- The next SS meeting is Thursday October 5th at Clearwater Lower Hall if anyone is interested in attending.

Gregory Hogan Parents Night

- The Gregory Hogan parents night was a huge success thanks to the volunteers who came out to help. Thank you to Amy Carlaw (and Emma), Lynsey Fraser (and Kensley) and Cyndie Doyle.
- The shooting station with Honey was busy the whole time
- Many U7/U9 marketing flyers were distributed
- Many of the parents commented that they had already registered the kids for other things, before finding out about hockey. Therefore, we will aim to do more marketing earlier in the year.
- Tattoos were also very popular
- Thinking of having a booth at a few sting games to raise awareness of our new offerings

Compliance Update – Report submitted by Nathan Jeffrey

- I cannot say thank you enough to Jen Tomkins, for all her help getting these teams off the ground! Teams are compliant and rostered from U11C - U18A.
- U9HL1 is very close to being compliant, whereas progress is being made with U9HL2, and U7 programs. For these team, we believe we have majority of positions in place, just waiting on required documents to come in, and to round out rosters to give those volunteering more support - ie. getting more than 1 coach for a couple of the teams. They are set in terms of Den Moms and Trainers.
- There have been discussions regarding how we can streamline the rostering process a bit, to make it easier on ourselves. Ideas have been bounced back and forth, and looking to trying out something hopefully more efficient for next year.

WOGHL update (Gary Watson)

- Many teams have moved over to Western Ontario Girls Hockey League (WOGHL) from Ontario Women's Hockey League (OWHL).
- Tony would like to set a formal policy around teams moving from league to league. It is imperative that this be a board decision in the future.

In-House Coach 1 Course Offering

- Brad Jackson has applied to be a Coach 1 certification trainer
- U7 and U9 coaches are all required to have the C1 designation. There are too few courses being offered at this time, however, hence the need for in-house certification.
- There will be a Goalie Coach 1 course that will be run by Andrew Corchis. Tentatively scheduled for Oct 20th or Oct 27th. More information to follow.

Equipment Update (Todd Pepper)

- All black jerseys have been distributed to teams.
- White jerseys should be ready soon

Hockey Operations (Brent Campbell)

- Ice times at Clearwater Red and PASA 2 have been moved to the quarter hour
- U9 would like to use the storage locker the U7 league has access to at PASA. A new key will be made for them.
- Online 50/50 draws seem to be bringing in revenue for other minor hockey organizations. This is a low expense revenue builder. Brent would like to ask the board to vote on this fundraiser. We can create posters for our sponsors with QR Codes bringing individuals to the 50/50 site.