



# WEST LORNE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes for July 29<sup>th</sup> WLMHA meeting Dutton/Dunwich Council Chambers 199 Currie Street | 8:15 PM

Attendance- Jessica, Kevin, Terry, Joanne, Melissa, Richard, Nicole C, Nicole M, Nigel, Carson, Amanda, Debbie, Maryjo, Rob, Jeff, Danielle, Melissa

Regrets- Jessica

Chair - Terry Weed, Vice President

Called to order- 8:28 PM

Moved by Terry

Second by Richard

CARRIED

Call for additions to agenda- **none**

Motion to adopt current agenda-

Moved by Dani

Second by Kevin

*THAT the current agenda for July 29<sup>th</sup> be adopted*

CARRIED

Declare any conflict of interest- no conflicts declared

Motion to adopt last month minutes

Moved by Amanda

Seconded by Carson

*THAT the July 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting minutes are adopted with the following amendment: As voted at the July 8, 2024 WLMH meeting, the motion shall be revised to order black and white jerseys as voted on during the July 8 2024 meeting.*

CARRIED

Question about the minutes - coaches not named in the Minutes - Debbie would like a copy of the minutes. Rob will send Debbie a copy of the current coaches, only REP have been named.

### Standing agenda items/committee reports

A) **Registration Report-** MJ

Discussed whether there should be a U11 B and U11 AE team submitted to Shamrock. At the previous meeting the registration report was presented with U1 REP and 2 Local league teams and accepted by the Board. If the association was to submit an AE team, Debbie says this is required to be notified by mid-August. Discussion took place on the teams and whether this should be a possibility. No motion was made to include an AE U11 team.

Moved by Jeff

Second by Carson

*THAT WLMH receives the registration report as prepared and presented.*

CARRIED

**B) U15 recommendation-MJ**

Ice contracts are due by the mid-end of August. Four Counties House League meeting is August 13th, teams are supposed to be submitted to the FCHL in September. Discussed the logistics regarding the U15 LL numbers - the next WLMH Board Meeting will be the deadline for the WLMH Board to make the decision on the U15 LL numbers, in order to avoid entering ice contracts that cannot be supported. Discussed also reaching out to the 2012 U13 players to seek interest in moving up to U15 LL.

Moved by Kevin

Second by Terry

*THAT the WLMH Board approaches OMHA to seek registration of a U15 Local League team for the 2024-2025; AND*

*Pending approval from OMHA to seek registration of a U15 Local League team, notify all registrations that WLMH will be proceeding with a LL team for the 2024/2025 season; AND*

*Provide a timeline of one (1) week to formally receive requests from U15 registrations if they would like to start the process for their player to seek playing REP in another centre under section 3.5 of the OMHA Rules & Regulations or have their registration formally switched to Local League; AND Communicate additional players will be sought from outside of the current U15 registrations in order to fill the team.*

CARRIED

**C) Development League- MJ**

Intro report received. New Development ice slot for U11-U15 discussed. Concerns raised regarding the deficit proposed by the program, as well as whether it is something the board wants to offer.

Moved by Nigel

Second by Carson

*THAT WLMH receives the Development League (Intro to Hockey) report as prepared and presented; AND*

*THAT WLMH offers and promotes an in-house registration for U11 - U15 players that includes a one-hour a week ice time, at a registration fee of \$200 to be revisited at the next WLMH Board meeting.*

CARRIED

**D) Hockey is Fun- MJ**

Moved by Amanda

Second By Nicole

*THAT WLMHA submits an application to the Hockey is Fun grant with the purpose of seeking funds for Intro and Development League costs.*

CARRIED

**E) Shamrock report- Debbie RECEIVED** Debbie will send out the formulae for the standings and how Shamrock decides which teams will move.

Moved by Kevin

Seconded by Jeff

*THAT WLMH accepts the Shamrock Report as presented by Debbie.*

CARRIED

**F) Referee school/mentor report - Debbie/Kevin RECEIVED.** Three names were also received for the OMHA Referee School.

Moved by Carson

Second by Amanda

*THAT WLMHA approve to work further with Austin and develop details on mentoring program for new officials.*

CARRIED

**G) Golf tournament- Nicole C. RECEIVED** Update to the report - 24 golf hole sponsors; and 18 silent auction items; 10 golf teams registered, targeting 18 teams. Still need all board members to help recruit teams.

Moved by Mel

Seconded by Dani

to accept the golf tournament report.

CARRIED

**H) Jersey Sponsorship- Nicole C.**

Moved by Maryjo

Second by Amanda

*THAT WLMH approves the following for the 2024-2025 season:*

- *WLMHA to approve an update to the sponsorship package to include an option for jersey sponsorship as stated above.*

- *WLMHA to approve an update to the West Lorne Comets website to include the new sponsorship package and new form for jersey sponsorship;*

*and to approve sending an email to members and posting online that WLMH is seeking sponsors.*

CARRIED

I) **Pins for Season**-Joanne

Moved by Dani

Second by Mel

CARRIED

*THAT WLMHA approves the committee to move forward with seeking quotes and designs for the 2024/2025 season.*

CARRIED

J) **Bingo Application**- Amanda

Moved by Dani

Second by Terry

*THAT WLMH allows the fundraising committee to submit an application to be put on the waiting list for the St. Thomas Jackpot City Bingo.*

CARRIED

K) **FlipGive fundraiser**- Nicole M.

Moved by Maryjo

Second by Dani

*THAT WLMH approves the use of FlipGive as a means of fundraising for the 2024/2025 season for the whole organization.*

CARRIED

L) **Ice report**- Terry **RECEIVED** Proposed ice times were discussed. As there are four U9 teams proposed, all four teams will have shared practices. Municipality has offered to shorten these ice times to 45 mins and remove a flood in order to allow four teams within the two (2) hours. Discussion was had on prioritizing and ensuring WLMH has the appropriate ice times for all players. Policy was presented from the Municipality that

they typically state once a user has used an ice time for 2+ years, they receive first priority on that ice time. As far as WLMH knows, no contacts have been signed yet, so there may be opportunities to recover some ice time for our local group. The only reasonable times are Sundays and Tuesdays. Board members are aware of other groups where the policy has been bent to accommodate local youth. Request should likely go to the arena board first, pending that it is denied, the WLMH Board should be prepared to go to council. Terry will put in the request through arena staff channels first. Ice committee to discuss the proposed revised ice schedule to ensure it is known which hours are being asked for. An open conversation should be had with the Municipality as additional hours will be needed again in 2025/2026 and forward.

Moved by: Terry

Seconded by: Nicole

*to seek a delegation to The Municipality of West Elgin Council for the August meeting to ask for the 5PM time slot back on Tuesdays with the increase in the registrations planned for future years.*

CARRIED

**M) Treasurer Update-** Amanda

Moved by: Kevin

Second by: Dani

*THAT WLMH approves the outstanding payments/reimbursements for Maryjo for the tournament and jamboree sanction fees.*

CARRIED

**N) OMHA correspondence-** MJ RECEIVED

**O) Next meeting date - originally planned for August 12th.**

Moved by: Maryjo

Seconded by: Nicole M.

*the next meeting is moved from August 12th to be held on August 19th at 8PM in order to better accommodate the Shamrock and Four Counties House League meetings and information needed from these meetings for Board decisions.*

CARRIED.

**P) Motion to adjourn at 10:40 PM.**

Moved by Terry.