

KMHA/LMHA Special Board Meeting

Lindsay Police Services Boardroom

7:00 p.m. March 25, 2019

AGENDA

Present: Casey Deschamps, Marc Curtin, Dave McMorrow, Erin Jenkins, Tanya Murtha, Doug Milne, Owen McKerr, Mike Taylor, Chris Kingsley, Jeremy Caton, Cody Parker, Jeremy Stone, Jenn Fanning, Kevin McReelis, Trevor Catherwood, Lisa Harrison, Peter Mitchell, Steve Turner, Joey Abbott, Danielle Greene, Melissa Johnson-Hanley, Mark Yurick, Bradley Williams, Peter Brohman, Paul Duncan

Meeting brought to order at 7:04 p.m.

Introduction/Welcome by Casey, followed by introductions of the team presenting the Partnership Proposal and facilitating questions: Casey Deschamps (OMHA rep for LMHA), Cody Parker (OMHA rep for KMHA), Marc Curtin (OMHA Database and Website Administrator) and Dave McMorrow (OMHA Convenor)

Approval of the Agenda – 1st Peter Mitchell, 2nd Tanya Murtha, all in favour,
CARRIED

Presentation of the Preliminary Partnership Proposal: (SEE SLIDES - attached)

Discussion Questions and Answers:

1. **When will each organization's members vote to obtain final approval?** Once things get rolling with new Boards being voted in next week at AGM's, town hall meetings could take place in April with voting taking place in May, potentially. With the end of this season being upon us, communication to members about what's happening will be important.
2. **When is the deadline for members to vote in order to get the "one year transition" in?** With tryouts and registration being in the spring, the work to have everything ready during the transition year will need

3. **Will tryouts be in the spring or fall?** AA and A-centre tryouts will be in the spring. BB centres and below will have fall tryouts.
4. **What other centres have done this, which have the model we will follow?** Dave spoke of three areas that have done this so far, some with up to four years' experience, some that will go live this spring. OMHA is in support of the model and is pleased with how things are going.
5. **Will the LMHA and KMHA constitutions each need to be re-written, in addition to producing a new constitution and Manual of Operations for the new organization?** It's possible that some changes may be needed by entirely new constitutions shouldn't be needed.
6. **If there are 15 board members, wouldn't that make the numbers lopsided in favour of one organization over the other?** No, because the board would have an even 6 and 6 from each board, then three more would be appointed from outside of each board, or from within those boards, but only with agreement from the twelve.
7. **Where would the competition come from for this organization?** It would be part of the Lakeshore loop, which includes 11 other centres.
8. **If there were rostered select teams, would the players be pulled from LMHA and KMHA, or would each organization have their own?** If that was to happen, players would be pulled from both organizations.
9. **Will NRP players be accepted?** NRP's would be possible from peewee age and up, if the board decided to take them. If they aren't accepted, OMHA needs to be notified of this.
10. **Could teams have the option to invite other centres to play?** Exhibition games could be organized, but regular league games would be limited to the Lakeshore loop.
11. **Can NRP players be accepted for some age groups and not others, within the same year?** Coaches can decide to take NRP's or not to, but if the Board decides as an organization not to accept any, coaches can't override this.

12. **What age group would this start at?** Novice age. OMHA hasn't decided if there will be minor and major novice, yet.
13. **Can the constitutions of the other organizations who've done this type of partnership, be accessed?** Yes, they have already been accessed and worked on to help us move forward, should the membership choose. Members from other organizations who were instrumental in forming their new organizations, have also volunteered to help guide our process as we go, should we have questions or concerns.
14. **Does the Lakeshore loop generally provide AE teams at each age level, that our teams (should we have them), would play against in regular season?** Yes, most centres have AE teams at all age levels. For bantam and above AE will be changed to MD, which is modified development, which is non-contact rep hockey.
15. **Is it possible, in the long term, for this organization to join together with the AAA Wolves?** No, it's not, as AAA Wolves is a "zone," and we are a "centre."
16. **What would prevent a coach from choosing only players (or mostly players) from "their" organization, for their team?** There will be sub-committees that determine how tryouts will be organized, and teams/players evaluated. A practice used by other organizations has been to have players all wear same colour socks/jerseys, with no identifiable stickers/other things on helmets, etc. Evaluation committees play an important role in keeping things neutral and above board.

Acceptance of Partnership Proposal on Principle – Votes were cast and proposal was unanimously approved.

MOTION to destroy the ballots – 1st Lisa Harrison, 2nd Melissa Johnston-Hanley, all in favour, CARRIED

Timeline – Sub-committees will be formed for the following six committees:

1. Constitution and Manual of Operations Committee
2. OMHA, Boundaries, Right of Choice and Grandfathering Committee
3. Legal Committee

4. Finance Committee and Registration
5. Communication Committee
6. Ice Scheduling Meeting

Marc is going to see about having a separate “Kawartha Lakes Minor Hockey” (temporary name until a new name is established) website created, where all information can be funneled, rather than each organization posting things on their website and social media. This will help make this process more streamlined neutral. The slide show from this evening along with the minutes from this meeting, will be posted there, and will be rolled out to each membership at their respective AGM’s next week (LMHA = April 2, KMHA = April 3).

Anyone interested in putting their name forward to be on a sub-committee, should forward their name to their President, by **April 9**. Sub-committee members will not be limited to board members. Any active members interested in participating in this process, will be considered.

Once sub-committees are established, they will want to meet once or twice before the town hall meetings happen.

Each organization will host a town hall meeting in **early May**. These meetings require 15 days’ notice by KMHA, and 14 days’ notice by LMHA, to their respective memberships. Dates will be determined very soon.

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. – 1st Bradley Williams, 2nd Mike Taylor, all in favour, CARRIED