



# Muskoka Parry Sound Local League Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 13 / 7:00pm

Location: Huntsville ( Summit Centre )

Present: Dan Hildebrandt (MPSLL President/ & PS), Aaron Hill (MPSLL Vice President/ & AMHA), Pat Parlette (OMHA Convenor), Debbie Marling (Statistician/Scheduler), Jeff Barnes (Scheduler/ & SM), Alexandra Havlik (Sec/Treas & HMHA), Andrew McDermott (MR), Chris Broadworth (SM), Melissa McCreary-Lapp (HMHA), Cara McQueen (HMHA)

Regrets: Clint Carleton (Past President), Ron Harrison (PS), Jordan Joanu (HS)

Subject	Discussion
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	MPSLL Meetings – Feb 05/2023, Mar 01/2023 & Mar 21/2023 - Approved - Andrew/ Aaron
<b>Board Reports</b>	President Vice-President Secretary\Treasurer OMHA Representative\Convenor Past President Statistician Scheduling Coordinator Communications\Social Media
<b>Outstanding Items</b>	<p><b>1 ) Quick Financial Summaries.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Team Fees / Gamesheet fees</b></li> <li>- <b>Playoff &amp; Jamboree Costs (Ice Time, Referees &amp; TimeKeepers) from each centre to reconcile</b></li> <li>- <b>Current Status</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Received all team monies except HS. Debbie's Championship costs distributed. MPSLL to pay Almaguin; Aaron to provide e-transfer email.</li> <li>- Highland Storm outstanding team/gamesheet fees &amp; championship costs. Pat suggests provide due date and tell Highland Storm to contact Andy regarding past payments to MPSHL-Rep. MPSLL and MPSHL have separate accounts.</li> </ul> <p><b>2 ) Quick Reminder of Suspension List for Player or Coaches, to be supplied by each Centre.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Requirement going in to next season - set date to have them submitted by</b></li> <li>- <b>Include date(s) in the Constitution</b></li> </ul> <p>Carry Over Suspensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be aware of any suspension crossover from Rep to LL next year</li> <li>- Currently 1 suspension confirmed to carry into next season. Pat reviewed game sheets for Huntsville's 2 players and 1 bench staff for carry-over suspensions:</li> <li>- A HV player has 1 suspension left of 10 game suspension or 42 days, to be carried forward to next season. He sat 6 regular games and 3 tournament games. Pat noted that the served suspensions were not indicated on tournament game sheets, but he didn't play.</li> <li>- A HV coach had 3 game suspension. 1 game sat in playoff and 2 sat in tournament. Pat noted served suspensions were not documented on game sheet. Pat reviewed game sheets, he is ok.</li> <li>- A HV U15 player had 1 game suspension. Player didn't play, but did not indicate served suspension on game sheet. Pat reviewed game sheets, it's done.</li> </ul>



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- **Action Item:** Need to indicate “sitting suspension” on game sheet at tournaments.
- **Action Item:** Pat suggested to give a “Suspensions Info Sheet” to coaches at start of season. i.e . How to mark on game sheet with “away” or “injured”.

### Discussion:

- Chris suggested: Download App or have your association order a hard copy of the Hockey Canada Rule Book and OMHA Manual of Ops.
- Debbie noted: If someone has been kicked off the ice, assume there’s a suspension.
- Dan suggested: Parry Sound includes in coaches’ meeting to remind coaches if they don’t list the suspension appropriately on the gamesheets, even if they served the suspension it does not count.
- Jeff noted: Can’t serve a suspension at an exhibition game, can still attend, along with practices.

### Rosters:

- Debbie inquired about team roster numbers for next season. Will teams be allowed to have more than 17 players on team roster? Only 17 players and 2 goalies are allowed on bench at a game, but Huntsville’s team rosters had more than 17 players. Team roster maximums defined by OMHA.
- Chris inquired: Is an injured player allowed on the bench? Yes, they are allowed but only if in full equipment and counts as a player on bench.

### Schedule issues going into Playoffs:

- **Action Item:** Debbie suggested for next season, don’t book last weekend of schedule. What should have been our last weekend ended up with 54 games. Could have done some games the weekend prior.

### Discussion:

- Debbie: Ice schedulers cancelled games. MPSLL was not notified of cancelled games.
- Jeff added: Rep was given last minute notice to play games, Unfortunately, LL games cancelled/changed.
- **Action Item:** Confirmation of fines for game changes without notice.

### 3 ) Awards & Trophy’s

- **Quick review of past Winners – to add those not done in past seasons.**
- **All Centres are required to bring in trophies by next meeting, to have winner plates added to each of them. Trophies will be returned to winning centres for display at AGM.**

- **Action Item:** MPSLL Trophies to be collected at next meeting. Each association representative to collect winning trophies and bring to next meeting for plates.

### Discussion:

- Do we want to replace the trophy name plates (i.e. U15 or U15 Bantam)? Pat suggested and we decided to have both new and former divisions names put on new plates.
- Richard Woodall, Awards R Us, was contacted for engraving.

### 4 ) Quick Status of OneDB of Playoff Schedule results

- **Adding this seasons game schedule and outcomes captured for future reference**
- **As well as to prepare for future seasons including the next.**

- We want to populate past season’s Playoffs in OneDB
- Playoffs are not in OneDB, we used Gamesheet Inc only
- **Action Item:** To contact Sportsheadz Website contact to add Playoff Season
- OneDB documents the playoff winners. Trophies might have incorrect winners.
- **Action Item:** Check with Clint/Sondy re past winners to ensure trophy plates are correct.



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**5 ) Date of future meeting(s) - Constitution Review before AGM.  
Thurs. April 27?  
Do we think more required beyond the next one?**

- TBD -

**6 ) Finalize date of MPSLL Year End AGM.  
Wednesday June 07 / 2023**

- To take place in Bracebridge, Jeff to organize

**7 ) Past Season review - summarized.**

- Strengths & Weaknesses
- Suggestions for anything we can do differently for next year?
- Deadlines with Fines and Penalties

Strengths:

Overall another fantastic season of hockey

- Lot of success with many happy players, family's and teams right across the league.

- The league continues to build off past processes and success.

- With Covid and safety restrictions now over, players and families were happy to have another regular season of hockey.

- Individual centres and the league are now back to growing overall participation levels.

**More Games than ever.**

- We fit in a lot of games, the most in existence of the Local League. Giving teams and their players a lot more hockey.

**Use of Electronic Gamesheets**

- All clubs and LL teams were happy with the introduction and use of the Gamesheet app for all divisions and teams. Which had a number of benefits including faster publishing of game scores and standing updates.

- We can act/execute faster and identify suspensions quickly, so suspensions are served appropriately. And to ensure coaches and the teams are playing within the rules and not penalized for playing players or bench staff that should not be playing.

- (i.e. who needs to be sitting). Debbie was able to send suspensions to Pat. Pat was set up through Andy to get game sheets and coaches were contacted.

**Great Playoffs Series**

- We had a number of great playoff series right across the Local League.

- All reports were that playoffs were a great success with very close competitions in many divisions and pools.

- Playoffs were well run by all associations.

- Player of the Game Certificates and prizes were well received by teams and players



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### **Rule Change:**

- Rule change regarding Body Contact penalties made part way through the season, which was increased to 2 minor body-checks required before a game ejection.
- These changes were well received by both teams and officials. Kept players with incidental contact in games, and made calls more obvious and easier for officials.

Weaknesses:

### **Cancelled games:**

- Too many canceled games, especially earlier in the season by many centres. This created all sorts of issues.
- Centres' waited and tried to re-book games with way too many games left to the very end of the season. 54 games were booked in the last 2 weekends alone.
- This also left some centres without ice to play final games, in some cases this affected division standings for both home and away teams, due to games not played.
- Which aside from the delays and teams to try to fit more games in the final month(s), it also affected the league being able to release the playoff schedule with game dates and times, and teams traveling a distance, an ability to book hotels appropriately.

### **Use of Gamesheets application:**

- In some cases teams did not use the Gamesheets app for individual games and this created a range of issues, including the requirement to then have them manually entered into the gamesheet apps.
- It also made it hard to track penalties and suspensions for those teams, players and coaches affected.
- There was lack of communication to LL board about suspensions and communication about missing game sheets.

### **Use of AP's:**

- Some Rep coaches did not comply with OMHA rules regarding the use of AP's, creating issues for local league teams. Rules include "Local League players must fulfill their commitment to their Local League team before playing as an affiliated player as per OMHA Affiliation Regulations" "Players will not be used or assigned as an affiliated player without the consent of the management of the team with whom he is registered." Rule is if AP'd to Rep to play in Playoffs, AP'd player needs to have played 50% of games with their rostered team.

### **Discussion with suggestions for next and upcoming seasons:**

- Reimpose fines for game re-schedules after the deadline. While concessions were made during Covid, with restrictions now behind move back to fines for centres.
- Go back to no games scheduled in the final weekend before playoffs.
- Look at longer Playoffs, over more weekends and maybe format changes. With options brought forth by centres and then will be reviewed for potential adoption for MPSLL Board.
- Need for Playoff Information and standings to automatically get posted to MPSLL and centre websites. Need to get Playoff information linked from Gamesheets to OneDB, and then effectively published to the MPSLL and centre websites.



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- Recommend that younger official be scheduled together with a seasoned official. To help with rules calls that gamesheets get filled appropriately.
- Consider where possible, weekday games to fit in any games that have been re-scheduled due to weather. Referees are good with weekday games.
- Centres need to improve communication with MPSLL Board with penalties and specifically suspensions to avoid further suspensions of coaches and potential fines.
- Centres need to ensure U15 APs from LL, AP'd to Rep teams need to have Body Checking clinic to increase safety of players.
- Better communication from centres about suspensions and communication about missing game sheets. Most important to notify Statistician if there was a suspension and/or a gamesheet did not get uploaded.
- Check List for associations: (Gamesheet, Suspensions...). Given to coaches at the start of the season, Give information to coaches next year, in addition to Player Accountability, about coaches' disrespectful behaviour. Advise them to be nice, especially to younger referees.

### **8 ) Constitution – Continue Full Review**

**Preparation for the upcoming meeting to continue previous work on Constitution changes for the upcoming year.**

**Review of MPSLL constitution in Google Docs, i.e. penalty minutes, fines, # of kids that can move up. Add suggestions from your association in comments.**

**Each centre can be a colour; Only one representative to make changes. Print out all suggestions.**

**Other Information to include:**

**Prior Body Checking rule interim Motion ( Muskoka Parry Sound Local League Executive Meeting December 15, 2022 ) to be reviewed for final inclusion in Constitution.**

**2 body checking minors is a game ejection**

Constitution Review:

- First few pages reviewed
- Pat: Executive Committee is President, Vice-President, Past President, Treasurer etc.. Other members are board members / committee members i.e. Statistician.
- Andrew: In the Constitution, the Deadline Dates for teams are too early to determine U9 teams.

Playoff Format:

- Everyone review 'Regular Season & Playoffs' on page 7 of Constitution and make Playoff recommendation / preferences / ideas:

Discussion:

- 1 weekend, over 2 weekend, weekday games, season playoff starting earlier
- 1st season, 2nd season, then playoffs
- Pat and Dan suggest playoffs be spread over 2 weekends "Playoff Double Weekend"
- Dan suggests: Last 2 Weekends of February: semi-final, round robin, seated



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alexandra suggests a Playoff season to end of March as other leagues do (see OMHA Recreational Hockey Leagues). Our Playoff Weekend is mistakenly taken to mean the end of LL practices in Huntsville. It was suggested that teams book tournaments at the end of March to continue to be able to practice in March.</li> <li>- Dan: Association can commit to local league practice ice into March.</li> <li>- <b>Action Items:</b> Everyone to submit their association's playoff format preferences. Go through Constitution, continue to make suggestions.  <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kbhV-j1IMqjZBATEBP7uVv08RvxR96KP/edit?usp=sharing&amp;oid=105058345467169710311&amp;trtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kbhV-j1IMqjZBATEBP7uVv08RvxR96KP/edit?usp=sharing&amp;oid=105058345467169710311&amp;trtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dan indicated he would like to see MPSLL engage with Georgian Bay to look at the potential of having a playoff a Regional LL Playoff. Even for the upcoming season.</li> <li>- Pat: Possible OMHA Playdowns for LL in the future.</li> <li>- Cara asked Pat if associations can combine U8 &amp; U9. Pat: Hockey Canada has changed U8 U9. It's Hockey Canada that tells us what to do. *Update: Pat responded that the association has the ability to make a decision on how to manage U8 &amp; U9 divisions. The OMHA Development committee will be discussing the new 'player pathway' at their meeting at the end of April. Any changes will be brought to MPSLL.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Round Table Discussion</b></p>	<p>PS - Dan: Parry Sound to host D1 Coaching Clinic in September. Invite LL coaches. Question about LL coaches needing Coach Certified or Coach Trained next season?</p> <p>PS - Dan: Parry Sound will host another Referee Clinic. If you have anyone interested contact PS.</p> <p>Roundtable Introduction of members:</p> <p>OMHA - Pat Parlette is OMHA Convenor  MR - Andrew McDermott is Muskoka Rock VP/Coach Liaison, Muskoka Rock LL rep  SM - Chris Broadworth is South Muskoka VP, Player Development, OMHA Rep, Instructor and a Referee  SM - Jeff Barnes is MPSLL Scheduler and South Muskoka LL rep, South Muskoka LL Director U18  AMHA - Aaron Hill is MPSLL Vice President and Championship Weekend Coordinator, Almaguin VP LL/Ice Scheduler/Equipment, coach, player development and Almaguin LL rep  Debbie Marling - MPSLL Statistician and MPSLL Co-Scheduler, past, long time LL Director for South Muskoka  HV - Alexandra Havlik is MPSLL Secretary/Treasurer, past LL Director U13-U18 Huntsville and Huntsville LL rep  HV - Cara McQueen is Huntsville's LL Director U7-U11  PS - Dan Hildbrandt is President MPSLL, Parry Sound President, past LL Director  HV - Melissa McCreary-Lapp is Huntsville's LL Director U13-U18  HS - n/a</p>
<p><b>Adjournment:</b></p>	<p>9:15pm Aaron/Jeff</p>

**Next meeting Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Location:** Humphrey