



**Brockville Angels Girls Hockey Association  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

Date:	Monday, January 13, 2025
Location:	Youth Arena Hall
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Board Members Present:	Mike Covey, Penny Cooper, Julie O'Neil, Rebecca Lewis, Kaleigh Connell, Dana Pearce, Jimmy Sirmas, Jessica Elliott, Will McIntyre, Cole Spicer (late arrival)
Board Members Not Present:	Suzanne Conboy, Stacy Lanois
Guests Present:	Krista Reilly (part of meeting), Matt and Kristina Thompson from One Stop Skate Shop (via telephone for part of the meeting)

**Note:** underline = an action item to be done

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Mike Covey called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:**

- Reviewed and approved: **VOTE: All 9 in attendance at the time voted yes to this - Rebecca Lewis to have posted on website.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (not otherwise addressed in New Business):**

- Dana Pearce advised house teams that they can agree to share ice slots between themselves by doing half ice. Suzanne Conboy not present, unknown if she did this. Tabled until next meeting.
- Julie O'Neil dealt with the duplicate payment made for U11C ice, Mike Covey spoke to Scott Bennett about them having to pay for their own extra ice and Scott Bennett reimbursed the organization for the one hour they had paid.
- Jessica Elliott discussed the status of the 4-wheeler raffle and the 50/50 raffle. Raffle paperwork/application for the 4-wheeler is pretty much ready and can be finalized once we have the 4-wheeler details. Mike Covey has not yet been able to get the information

about the 4-wheeler, but he will continue to try. Raffle licence application for the 50/50 was discussed. Jessica Elliott advised that a person (not the organization) needs to apply for/put their name on this application. Nobody came forward. It was agreed that this should be re-visited at the next AGM. Tabled until the AGM.

- Cole Spicer will not be sponsoring U11H jerseys.
- Cole Spicer collected and distributed Brockville Winter Classic (hereinafter “BWC”) helmet stickers.
- Jimmy Sirmas sent out February Freeze Tournament schedule and volunteer schedule. One team backed out, leaving the total number of teams at 65.
- Mike Covey sent required emails out about APs/call ups.
- Penny Cooper was to take care of dealing with Alumni hoodies for graduating Angels - she will get a quote for the board to consider from One Stop Skate Shop.
- Coach survey link sent out and results are in.
- U13H Cornwall Tournament banner now hung at the Memorial Centre, as is the replacement U11H Championship banner from the 2022/2023 February Freeze.
- Rebecca Lewis requested and obtained some notes from Dianna Martin.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE/NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jessica Elliott advised of difficulties concerning U11H jersey sponsorship. Board agreed to consider sending more information about sponsorships at the beginning of next season. Tabled until next meeting for further discussion.
- Mike Covey addressed matters that have arisen with Cole Spicer creating and selling Angels Merch - board confirmed there is no contract with One Stop Skate Shop. Will McIntyre called Matt and Kristina Thompson from One Stop Skate Shop so they could discuss their position on Angels Merch with the board. Kristina advised that their supplier notified them that someone else was trying to print large amounts of Angels stuff, which is how the issue came to their attention. Kristina further advised that they thought that they would be/were the only Angels Merch supplier, but she acknowledged that there was no contract between the BGHA and One Stop Skate Shop. She then advised that they would like to enter into a contract with us, but at the very least, they don't want the organization promoting other suppliers and don't want board members hyping other suppliers on social media. Mike Covey advised the organization would not promote any other suppliers. Board discussed and agreed that Cole Spicer could continue as he was, as could any parents, etc., who make their own merch, the board will not get into policing the issue and are not in a position to restrict any board members, players, parents, etc.

from purchasing from who they want, making what they want, or posting what they want on their own social media. Penny Cooper and Angie Covey will post a monthly reminder - when requested by Kristina - that One Stop Skate Shop is the official supplier of Angels Merch. Mike Covey will prepare the first post. Mike Covey will also advise the supplier that the BGHA have no contract with either One Stop Skate Shop or Cole Spicer - either are free to print their designs.

- Rebecca Lewis questioned what the % of kick-back from One Stop Skate Shop is, but it was unknown - she will reach out to Matt at One Stop Skate Shop and ask.
- Penny Cooper advised that both U9 teams and the U11H rosters have come back unapproved due to issues with vulnerable sector check updates not being submitted. Penny Cooper has and will continue to work with teams to get this resolved.
- Penny Cooper attended the 51st OWHA AGM.
- Rebecca Lewis received an email from a U15C parent who expressed frustration with allegedly having received no notice from the organization or her team about the \$175 rep fee. Parent was advised by Rebecca Lewis that notice of the fee was sent out via Ramp on October 21st and that a reminder was sent out, also via Ramp, on December 5th. Parent advised she does not receive Ramp emails and was advised by Rebecca Lewis to check her junk mail and look into her Ramp settings as many important emails come through the Ramp system. Rebecca Lewis also reminded the parent that there was a message in Ramp during registration that confirmed a rep fee would be payable for all rep team players. Parent ultimately paid the rep fee.
- Treasurer's Report: Bank account balance is \$119,210.10. \$11,196.91 cheque for November ice has not yet cleared, nor has a cheque just written for U7 OWHA insurance fees of approx. \$4,200. Rebecca Lewis confirmed all registration fees and rep fees have been paid. Last cheque for February Freeze registration just came in, otherwise all teams are paid. February Freeze Maker's Market fees of \$1,050 already received along with \$700 from sponsors and a \$50 donation. \$7,026.61 in February Freeze tournament expenses already paid, more to come.
- Jimmy Sirmas updated about the February Freeze tournament details - volunteer schedule is approx. 75% complete, still waiting on some teams to fill their hours. Penny Cooper asked Jimmy Sirmas about the status of a rink captain schedule/requirements - Jimmy Sirmas is working on it and will provide shortly. Board discussed hospitality suite for volunteers which was to be organized and run by Stacy Lanois. Stacy Lanois was not present so the Board decided to abandon the hospitality suite idea and instead follow previous votes regarding paying for meals for volunteers. Rebecca Lewis will look into the details of the vote regarding the payment of meals for volunteers and will update Jimmy Sirmas. Jimmy Sirmas advised that there are no medals for U9 players, Board agreed to purchase medals for them at a lower quality/cost as the other medals. Jimmy

will order these and submit the receipt to Rebecca Lewis for reimbursement. **VOTE (for medals): 5 yes, 4 no.** Jimmy Sirmas will order medals. Penny Cooper will gather and organize items for gift bags - Julie O'Neil will help.

- Kaleigh Connell secured a \$1,000 donation to buy milk to give out at the February Freeze and Maple the Cow will attend the event again. Kaleigh Connell will design and purchase a sign for the Maker's Market and will remit the receipt to Rebecca Lewis for reimbursement. Information about the Maker's Market and sponsorship opportunities will continue to be promoted on social media.
- Penny Cooper asked Jessica Elliott about the status of the organization photo. Jessica advised that the photographer is still working on it, but hopes to have it done shortly. Jessica Elliott further advised that coach/sponsor photos were ready and the board discussed how to present those. Board agreed to frame photos for sponsors and have the borders signed by the players. Julie O'Neill will purchase these frames and will submit to Rebecca Lewis for reimbursement.
- Penny Cooper would like the organization to continue the tradition of purchasing flowers for graduating Angels. **VOTE: All 9 in attendance voted yes to this.** Penny Cooper will purchase these when the time comes and submit receipt to Rebecca Lewis for reimbursement.
- Will McIntyre advised of an issue that occurred last night - a U15C dad complained to the coaches about his daughter's ice time, did not deal with team staff in a civilized manner and his daughter then said something to one coach's daughter at school about it. Board discussed the incident in more detail and agreed the parent overstepped and that his actions were uncalled for. Board discussed how to deal with the issue and agreed that before the parent is allowed to attend the rink again, he must apologize to team staff in writing and take the Respect in Sport course and provide proof of his completion. He will also not be allowed to communicate with team staff moving forward. All communication from that family will have to come through the mom. Penny Cooper will advise the Dad about the board's decision and Mike Covey will be available to attend next ice time to ensure all goes okay. Related to this issue is the fact that the daughter was allowed to play for ½ price as she was expected to be a practice only player due to her abilities as she's brand new to hockey. However, given the team's lack of players, the girl has been allowed to play a little by team staff, when they deem it safe for her to do so. Dad is frustrated by this. Mom is apparently in total agreement with team staff. Board discussed the girl's abilities, recent injuries, concerns of team staff and how "fair play" applies to rep teams and decided that the girl should continue to play only when team staff feel it is safe for her to do so.
- Dana Pearce went through the survey feedback from the house teams with the board. She sent all coaches/managers the feedback and gave them the opportunity to

respond/ask questions. Suzanne Conboy was not present, so the feedback received from the rep teams was not shared - tabled until next meeting.

- Board discussed that the website needs to be updated with new news, etc. Mike Covey will ask Angie Covey to do this. Board members should be asking Angie Covey to update both the website and Facebook when they ask her to post something.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth Arena. Penny Cooper to book hall.