



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

**MEETING DETAILS:**

Date:	Monday, March 10, 2025
Location:	Zoom
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Board Members Present:	Jimmy Sirmas, Mike Covey, Suzanne Conboy, Penny Cooper, Rebecca Lewis, Kaleigh Connell, Jessica Elliott, Dana Pearce, Stacy Lanois, Will McIntrye
Board Members Not Present:	Julie O'Neil, Cole Spicer
Guests Present:	None

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Mike Covey called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:**

- Not done - special meeting

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

- Not done - special meeting

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

- Correspondence and reports of the executive not done - special meeting
- Meeting convened to discuss tryouts. More specifically: progress on tryout arrangements, tryout fee, underage girls trying out up a level, tryout registration opening date, Permissions to Skate (PTS')/releases and U11 tryouts.
- Suzanne Conboy is working on tryout arrangements. She wanted to use coaches as on-ice instructors, but coach selection will not be done in time. Rebecca Lewis advised that Cole Spicer has not received any coaching applications yet. Mike Covey advised that Cole Spicer will need to ask Angie Covey to send him the applications received. Rebecca Lewis to relay this message to Cole Spicer.

- Mike Covey suggested it is better to have third parties run tryouts in the spring and then coaches in the fall. Will McIntyre suggested we get 1000 Islands Hockey to do it. Board agreed to see if 1000 Islands Hockey would do it. Will McIntyre to reach out and see if 1000 Islands Hockey will run the tryouts and see what they will charge.
- Will McIntyre suggested we consider having some former Angels do some evaluations - including Zee O'Neil and Hailie Cooper for goalies. Mike Covey advised he is fine with that, but suggested there be some age gap between the former Angel evaluators and the ages of Angels they will be evaluating - he thinks they should be out of the organization for a few years to be considered for the role, many board members expressed their agreement.
- Board discussed and agreed that: 1) we need 3 evaluators, and 2) it is necessary to have the same evaluators at each tryout so that the evaluations are consistent.
- It was discussed that last year (2024 tryouts), we paid \$100/day to people to evaluate. Some commented that it seemed fine, others thought that was high.
- Penny Cooper advised tryouts can open March 25th and that only currently registered players (for the 2024/2025 season) are allowed to attend conditioning per OWHA rules.
- Penny Cooper advised that we can hold U11 tryouts in spring, but the second set of U11 tryouts cannot be held until the fall - after labour day. Board discussed the merit of continuing with spring tryouts for U11 given this new information and voted on the decision. **VOTE: Yes - 9, No - 0.**
- Penny Cooper advised that the OWHA requires girls to have four (4) ice times before fall tryouts. Dana Pearce questioned how we do that with players new to our organization when they are not allowed at conditioning. Penny Cooper advised that she's asked that question to the OWHA but has not heard back yet. She will keep us updated.
- Penny Cooper needs a development/coaching roster to be prepared and submitted for people on-ice at tryouts (not including players or goalies being evaluated). Suzanne Conboy and Will McIntyre will keep Penny Cooper up-to-date on who they are using and Penny Cooper and Will McIntyre will work together to make sure whoever needs to be on this roster is on it.
- Rebecca Lewis opined on cost of tryouts and suggested \$75 for all or \$30/session. We always lose money on them - would be nice to be closer to breaking even. Dana Pearce and Penny Cooper questioned whether \$100 is more appropriate given costs for evaluators and on-ice instructors and this was discussed. We want to be the cheap, but come closer to breaking even. **VOTE - \$75/all or \$30/each: Yes - 9, No - 0.**

- Rebecca Lewis suggested that we let younger girls tryout at higher age levels if they want to - tryouts will end up weeding out anyone who shouldn't be playing up anyways. There was great discussion about this. Penny Cooper and Suzanne Conbody suggested it be limited to second-year players, not first year players and many opinions were heard and discussed on various topics related to this, including how this could effect numbers at all levels and more specifically how movement of some girls up a level will effect lower levels. Could assist with retention of higher calibre players. Discussion evolved to whether or not this could happen in spring or just fall, whether conditional spots would be offered to underage girls pending final numbers in fall and whether or not the girls would tryout at their level, the level they want to play at or both. Board voted first on whether it should just be second year girls: **VOTE: Yes - 9, No - 0**. Board voted second on whether or not girls would tryout at their level, the level they want to tryout at, or both: **VOTE: Level they want to tryout at: 5, Both: 4**. Decision made to allow second year players to tryout at a level higher and secure a permanent spot in spring. If they don't make it in spring, they can still tryout at higher level in fall and tryout at regular level.
- Penny Cooper advised people are already asking for PTS'. Board discussed history of when PTS' have been allowed and how they affect the level of hockey we offer. Tier 1 hockey is BB, A, AA - Tier 2 hockey is C, B. Board voted on whether or not to allow PTS' for Tier 2 hockey this season or just Tier 1 hockey as in prior seasons. Everyone was good with only giving PTS' for Tier 1 hockey. **VOTE: Tier 2 only - 9, Tier 1 and 2 - 0**.
- Penny Cooper and Rebecca Lewis to prepare an email to go out to the membership with information about the tryouts.
- Other updates:
  - Banquet prep is going well. Penny Cooper will reach out if she needs help;
  - Parent at U11 asked Penny Cooper if U11 will be house or rep next season - player wants to come back and play as a goalie. Board agreed to tell the parent our goal is both a rep and house team - no idea what will happen come fall; and
  - Ryan Billing from Brockville Winter Classic reached out and indicated that he'd like to meet with the board about how this season went with their involvement, what they can do next season, etc. Board discussed the merits of meeting with him before or after the AGM when the new board is in place. We agreed to invite him to next meeting if he wanted to come later (after parent meetings, say 9:00 p.m.) or to wait until May when new board is in place.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

- Already scheduled - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at the Youth Arena, after the individual team meetings.