

**North Bay & District Girls' Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2023 – 7:30pm West Ferris Arena**

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Approval of May 18, 2022 - AGM Minutes-Vernoica Winsor, Shauna Ouellette**
3. **Approval of Agenda-Shauna Ouellette, Lucas Horsman**
4. **President's Welcome** **Mike Brideau**
 - Thank you for a successful year

5. **Annual Executive Reports**

a. **Vice-President's**

Kiara Jefferies

- Thanked everyone for their efforts during 2022-23 season.
- Went through directors' summaries (as outlined below).

Directors Reports

Tournament: Jessica McLaren and Kiara Jefferies

- Tournament was held November 4-6, 2022.
- Used event connect for registration and hotel bookings, all hotel rooms available to us were filled.
- We had 47 teams attend, 7 divisions, 3 arenas, and played 110 games.

The headlining event for the tournament was an OUA Women's Hockey Game between the Nipissing Lakers vs York Lions. Close to 1000 tournament participants attended the game, players were provided free access and parents/guardians were offered tickets at a reduced rate of \$5 each. All teams that attended the OUA game had positive reviews. The Lakers will be playing again on the Friday night of the 2023 tournament vs Ontario Tech at 7pm.

2022 Tournament Champions and Finalists:

U11 House:	Sudbury (Gold)	Gloucester-Cumberland (Silver)
U11 B:	Carleton-Place (Gold)	Temiskaming Shores (Silver)
U13 House:	Kemptville (Gold)	Gloucester-Cumberland (Silver)
U15 House:	Mattice (Gold)	Sudbury (Silver)
U15 B:	Sudbury (Gold)	North Bay (Silver)
U18 House:	Sudbury (Gold)	Nepean (Silver)
U18B:	North Bay (Gold)	Oshawa (Silver)

The 2023 tournament will be held November 2-5, 2023.

Fundraising: Migel Giroux

- Had a good number of volunteers for the 2022-23 season.
- More volunteers are needed for association bingos moving into 2023-24 season.

- Some bingo sessions this past season were hard to fill based on who was and was not in town.

Marketing and Communication: Stacey Fitzgerald

- Created written and visual content for social media.
- Team and game updates were posted when made available.
- Worked with local media outlets to share events happening within the association.

Equipment: Paul Courville

- New lock was installed on the display case at Pete Palangio Arena.
- Association jerseys were loaned out to all U9 through U18 house league teams during the 2022-23 season.
- Some age groups were missing numbers due to not all jerseys being returned during COVID seasons.
- Equipment room was cleaned out during the 2022-23 season.

Website Administration: Todd Bertrand

- Entered all teams on website for coaches/managers to have access to team sites and RAMP App.
- Supported coaches/managers with their team webpages.
- Contacted RAMP Support when required.
- Posted news articles and monthly meeting minutes.

Training and Development: Jamie Lowery

- No Report Available

b. Treasurer

Kayla Restoule

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – 2022/2023

North Bay and District Girls Hockey Association has a July 1st to June 30th fiscal year. These numbers are approximate and pending.

Revenue/Fundraising	2021/2022	2022/2023
Registrations	\$138,805.00	\$169,378.50
Bingo Revenue	\$3,754.31	\$7,864.24
Tournament Revenue	N/A	\$15,652.30
Skill Camps	N/A	N/A

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Expenses	2021/2022	2022/2023
Ice Contract	\$107,204.57	\$147,296.49
Officials & Timekeepers	\$13,326.00	\$22,943.66
Police Record Checks, RIS & Coach Certifications	\$1,232.94	\$2,829.81
Bank Charges	N/A	\$56.48
Misc. Expenses (OWHA, Insurance, website, RAMP, postal box, general expenses, etc.)	\$23,481.71	\$27,012.84

To date as of April 30, 2023 our General Account Balance is \$69,104.57, our Bingo Account Balance is \$4,696.87 and our three GIC Accounts total a Balance of \$88,238.29

b. Registrar

James Knight

All but one player was paid in full for 2022-2023 season. All competitive teams have been created in RAMP. Waiting on 2 coaches to register. Waiting on OWHA to Approve teams for 2023/2024 and the U18BB team is fully registered ready to submit once teams are approved.

c. Scheduler

Shauna Ouellette

Regular season- saw 1058 hours of ice utilized from the city out of 1139 hours provided. 81 Hours were turned back or unused.
Officials/Timekeepers - 24 timekeepers assisted with our season, and 200 games scheduled with officials.
 Tryouts - 36 hours of ice allocated to tryouts for 2023/24 season
Additional hours
Pre provincials ice 16.5 hours out of 24.5 hours of ice allocated to team
March Break Camp - cancelled
Christmas Skate - 2 hours
Christmas Skills - 8 hours to individual coaches and teams
 Total ice allocated from the city 1212.5 hours 1120.5 utilized on ice time.

d. House Convenor

Lucas Horseman

During the 2022-23 season, the association had 8 house teams (U-9 to U18), FUNdamental group and our senior division with 4 teams. Total participants for the house league were 219.
 FUNdamentals: 42 participants

U-9: 25 participants
U-11: 32 participants
U-13: 28 participants
U15: 14 participants
U18: 18 participants
Senior Division 60 participants

The season brought on some challenges and we worked through them as the house league joined the NOWHL and had the opportunity to play other girls associations. Overall, it was successful and take some lesson learned and apply them to the upcoming season.

We will be playing in the NOWHL again this year and already have had some discussions with how to improve on this season.

All the coaches and volunteers did a great job this year to provide a fun season for all the players involved.

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e. Competitive Convenor

Jeff Roynon

The association returned to pre-pandemic levels in 2022-23 with 8 competitive teams. All teams competed in OWHA leagues with the exception of the U9 team which will compete in an OWHA league in 2023-24. This represents a significant change with all teams always competing against other girls teams. Our competitive teams competed in both the northern and southern leagues with consensus for the future that the southern league is a better option for our teams. Kudos to our coaches and managers for navigating through the scheduling process to accomplish this task. One team had to be re-categorized during the season. 6 teams qualified for provincials and multiple teams had successful playoff runs and tournament successes.

After the recent completion of tryouts for the 2023-24 season, the competitive program is growing with ten teams rostered. With three teams in the U18 and U15 divisions, two teams in the U13 division and one U11 and a U9 team, an area for potential growth is the U11 group where in the past we have had two teams. A few notable items from this year's tryouts were the significant number of requests for playing up an age group and the increased number of players coming from other associations to play for our teams. Both were significantly higher than in recent years.

8. Notices, Proposed Changes and Amendments: Mike Brideau

a. Motion #1 Re: By-Law 18

Presently Reads:

BY-LAW EIGHTEEN Association Team Names, Logos, Colors and Apparel

A. The NBDGHA official colours shall be Black, Gold and White.

B. All Competitive and House Teams shall be known as the North Bay Ice Boltz.

- C. The use of the “North Bay Ice Boltz” Logo shall be at the permission of the Association Executive.
- D. All team apparel shall be purchased through the designated supplier as advised by the Association.
- E. Only team apparel items which have been pre-approved by the Executive Committee shall be available for purchase. A team cannot request a non-approved item directly from the supplier.
- F. Apparel contracts shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Executive.
- G. Only official Association colours and Logos shall be used, and apparel shall be suitable to the sport and age appropriate for the players.

Change to Read:

BY-LAW EIGHTEEN Association Team Names, Logos, Colors and Apparel

- A. The NBDGHA official colours shall be **Blue, Green and White.**
- B. All Competitive and House Teams shall be known as the **NBDGHA Jr Lakers**
- C. The use of the “**NBDGHA Jr Lakers**” Logo shall be at the permission of the Association Executive.
- D. All team apparel shall be purchased through the designated supplier as advised by the Association.
- E. Only team apparel items which have been pre-approved by the Executive Committee shall be available for purchase. A team cannot request a non-approved item directly from the supplier.
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Rational:

NBDGHA has entered into an MOU with Nipissing University to assist with promoting growth and development of female hockey in Nipissing area. As such, NBDGHA will change its “nickname” to Nipissing Jr Lakers and wear colour blue, green and white.

Carried Carried with Amendments Defeated (77 voters , 49 voted yes, 28 voted no)

b. Motion #2: Part 2 – By-Laws Duties of the Executive Committee Officers

In specific Section H - Convener of House Team Operations
 23) Shall not be a Head Coach of a House League Team within NBDGHA during their term of office

Section I - Convener of Competitive Team Operations
 Add: 24) Shall not be a Head Coach of a Competitive Team within the NBDGHA during their term of office

I would like to amend those statements to reflect their true nature to provide transparency that was initially stated.

AMENDMENT

In specific Section H - Convener of House Team Operations

23) Should not be a Head Coach of a House League Team within NBDGHA during their term of office. Should extenuating circumstances arise, the NBDGHA executives reserves the right to approve the Convener of House Team Operations as Head Coach while in their term. The executive reserve the right to approve a current executive member with no conflict to oversee issues within that division if necessary.

Section I - Convener of Competitive Team Operations

24) Should not be a Head Coach of a Competitive Team within the NBDGHA during their term of office. Should extenuating circumstances arise, the NBDGHA executives reserves the right to approve the Convener of Competitive Team Operations as Head Coach while in their term. The executive reserve the right to approve a current executive member with no conflict to oversee issues within that division f necessary.

Rationale for Changes:

Having a House Coach be the House Convenor and a Competitive Coach be the Competitive Convenor is a conflict of interest for those positions. Changing this will lead to some transparency in these positions for our members.

With a small association at times, it can be faced with a low number in volunteers, this can lead to a loss of coaches or executives, however, still allows for transparency and equal opportunity.

Carried Carried with Amendments ___ Defeated ___ (77 voters, 48 voted yes, 29 voted no)

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9. Election of NBDGHA Executives

Sylvette Brousseau

President: Mike Brideau (entering year 2 of 2-year term)

Vice-President: Kiara Jefferies (entering year 1 of 2-year term) (*with 47 of 72 votes*)

Treasurer: Kayla Restoule (entering year 2 of 2-year term)

Scheduler: Shauna Ouellet (entering year 1 of 2-year term) (*with 37 votes out of 69 votes*)

House League Convenor: Lucas Horsman (entering year 2 of 2-year term)

Competitive Convenor: Chris Kendrick (entering year 1 of 2-year term) (*with 41 of 72 votes*)

Secretary: Jessica McLaren (entering year 2 of 2-year term)

Registrar: Melissa Mackey (entering year 1 of 2-year term) (*with 36 of 70 votes*)

Past President: Sylvette Brousseau

Votes counted by Sylvette Brousseau & Chad Frank

10. New Business

11. Adjournment :8:35pm

Mike Brideau