



**North Bay & District Girls' Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019; 7 p.m. Memorial Gardens**

1. Call to Order: 7 p.m. Jeff Roynon and Jeannine Wolfe

2. Approval of May 29, 2018 Minutes: Mike Brideau and Martin Mailloux

3. Approval of the Agenda: Jayde Wolfe and Derek Lindeman

4. President's Welcome

Bill Houlder

- Bill thanked everyone for coming and shared he would be stepping down this year. It has been a successful season.
- As is always the case, items/issues are brought to the attention of the Executive that need to be handled. It should be noted that this Executive, and any Executive in the future, does not operate autonomously and issues are discussed at the table and decided there.
- There also seems to be a misunderstanding of how the Executive works. We must follow Hockey Canada and OWHA policy, rules and regulations. We get many frustrated members who feel that we can elect to not follow these which is incorrect and we would not be in good standing as an Association if we did not follow these guidelines.
- There continues to be a need to focus on membership. There are many options for kids and we need to make the option of Girls' Hockey more appealing to attract new members.

5. Vice-President's Report

Deena Duff

- Thanked everyone for coming and for their efforts this past year.
- Went through the Director's summaries (as outlined below)

Director Reports:

Tournament: John Daniels

- The tournament was held November 2-4, 2018.

- We used the RoomRoster system again to manage the event, which included hotel bookings. The process was much better than the previous year. We filled all the hotel rooms available to us.
- We had 61 teams, 12 divisions, and played 129 games.
 - 2017 had 61 teams, 11 divisions, 133 games.
 - 2016 had 49 teams, 9 divisions, 107 games.
 - 2015 had 41 teams, 9 divisions, 93 games.

There was a Nipissing Lakers vs Laurentian Voyageurs women's hockey game played during the tournament with players provided free access. Less than 1/2 the teams attended. The teams that did attend thought that the inclusion of the Lakers game was a very positive experience. The Lakers are playing out of town for the 2019 tournament weekend, so this is not an option this year.

To accommodate the Lakers game, we used ice in Powassan, Astorville and Trout Creek.

The teams were thrilled with Astorville, no comments about Powassan, and not happy with Trout Creek (also caused by scheduling the same teams for multiple games at that rink on Saturday, and the scoreboard malfunctioning).

We will likely contain the event to North Bay rinks for 2019, with a possibility to include either Astorville or Powassan for Saturday play.

2017 Tournament Champions:

Novice House:	Almaguin Gazelles
Novice B:	Timmins Falcons
Atom House:	Nepean Wildcats
Atom B:	Timmins Falcons
Peewee House:	Nepean Wildcats
Peewee C:	Clarence Rockland Lightning
Peewee B:	Timmins Falcons
Bantam House:	Hearst Ice Cats
Bantam B:	Ottawa Ice
Midget House:	Sudbury Hawks
Midget B:	Nepean Wildcats
Midget BB:	Nepean Wildcats

- The 2018 tournament will be held November 8-10, 2019.
We have to find more volunteers to help make this a successful event.

Fundraising: Erin Cassidy

In July 2018 I took over the duties of scheduling and reporting for the NBDGHA Bingo.

Since July 2018 we have had 22 Bingos. We have continued to have great success using the Bingo committee for scheduling. Currently our committee is comprised of 8 volunteers with daughters in all levels of Girls' Hockey.

The revenue between July 2018 and February 2019 has been \$10,955.15 with still 4 more months until the end of the fiscal year. Keep in mind that once the North Bay Casino opens the revenue for the Bingos may go down.

Thank you to all the Bingo volunteers who have helped support this ongoing fundraiser for the association.

Marketing and Communication: Dan Dorval

Maintained Association Facebook page which currently has over 360 followers. Used this tool to share NBDGHA updates such as power skating camps and tryout schedules. Also used the venue to answer questions or to direct questions to proper people. Contacted local media outlets to inform the public via PSAs of upcoming events. Brought volunteer group of 15 people to the North Bay Kids Triathlon; all volunteers wearing Ice Boltz jerseys. This was great PR for our Association; I received many positive comments from Kiwanis and community members about our participation. I believe this is something that we should look at further with other events to advertise our brand. Maintained, along with Sylvette Brousseau, an online Ice Boltz used equipment and apparel Facebook group.

Equipment: Martin Mailloux

The equipment room is always an active project. We also gave some old jerseys to teams to be used as practice jerseys. There are talks with an organization to take some of our other old jerseys to send to northern communities in need (more to follow on this later).

We do have a small number of cones, pucks and water bottles that are available for coaches to borrow. We also have a complete inventory of all jerseys and socks.

At the beginning of the season, a lot of man hours were spent sorting jerseys and getting complete sets ready to distribute. Most coaches were in contact with me afterwards to trade jerseys for different sizes, and so we went through the painful process of going through bags and bags of jerseys trying to find the proper size and number. With that being said, this year we are going 100% digital. An electronic inventory is about 80% complete. Once the inventory is complete, coaches will have access to view the full inventory.

Website Administration: Chad Frank

Maintenance of the website is ongoing as new documents and links are received and Association communications to post.

Training and Development: Marcia Manitowabi

Power Skating and Hockey Skills registration numbers are down this year with numbers quite low, so revenue from these programs is also down.

6. Treasurer's Report

Marcia Manitowabi

a. Presentation of Report: The report was reviewed with the membership. Our fiscal year end is June 30th each year. The overall financial status of the Association was presented.

b. Motion to accept financial statement:

A motion to accept the financial statement as presented was moved by Mich Paradis and seconded by Dan Dorval. This motion was moved.

7. House League Convenor's Report

Sylvette Brousseau

Fundamental - With the implementation of the IP program next season, the Fundamental program will follow the initiation format. The Association will be providing the equipment to develop both these programs. The Fundamental program will also have a new coaching staff starting next season for a commitment of 2 years.

3 Novice teams - We anticipate having the same numbers next season. Played all girls loop with Almaguin. We will be running the IP program next season.

2 Atom teams - It was a difficult season for this age group. The anticipated all girls' loop folded weeks before starting the season. The alternative was not well accepted by parents with concerns of safe play; leaving the 2 teams to play against each other for the remainder of the season. We anticipate good numbers next season. We are currently communicating with other associations to create an all girls' loop between Almaguin, NL and West Nip for next season. This will involve the teams to travel within the area for games.

1 Peewee team - No issues and good numbers for next season.

We had a merged Bantam/Midget House team due to low registration numbers in the Bantam Division. It is expected that we have low numbers for the Bantam House next season. Should that be the case, a merge with the Midget division is probable. We will attempt to communicate with other associations again to try and create an all girls' loop with Sudbury and possibly TS if they have a team.

8. Competitive Team Convenor's Report

Jeff Roynon

During the 2018-19 season, the Association had 10 competitive teams. No teams had to be recategorized during the season. Teams were competitive in their tournaments

including a few teams who won tournaments. 8 teams qualified and participated in Provincials with highlights being the Bantam A team winning a silver medal in a heartbreaking double overtime loss, and the Midget BB winning a bronze medal. Unfortunately, we will only have 9 competitive teams for 2019-20 season with the suspension of our Midget AA program for a season. We have a plan in place to return to Midget AA for the 2020-21 season. We had very healthy numbers for competitive tryouts for Atom and Peewee teams for 2019-20 which is very encouraging. Changes will be forthcoming to the Novice program this season as the OWSHA implements Hockey Canada's initiation program. Teams will continue to play in the NDHL, Northern Loop and Lower Lakes leagues for 2019-20.

9. Scheduler's Report

Jeannine Wolfe

City of North Bay distributed the same ice as previous years.

Fundamentals was allotted 2 practices a week having a full ice on Saturday and sharing with one of the Novice House teams on Tuesday.

House teams had their practice ice on Tuesdays which they shared amongst the rest of the house teams. They had approximately 1 game a week. Most rep teams received their 10 free practice ice times with the exception of the teams playing 1.5 hour games. To my knowledge all rep teams received a practice contract from the City with some teams picking up extra ice from outside arenas. Association had extra ice after all league games were allocated but only a few teams pick up ice. We will need to turn back quite a bit of weekend ice that doesn't get used because teams are out of town for tournaments, and teams are playing in the Lower Lakes and other leagues. This has opened up ice on weekends that we can't seem to use.

We will not ask the City for any school holiday ice such as Christmas, March Break or Easter because it never gets used. Over all lots of ice on weekends but short on ice during the week but manageable.

10. Report of the Registrar

Mike Brideau

Registration for the last Hockey Season 2018-2019 remains around 300 girls participating as North Bay Ice Boltz. Payment is now made using Stack Pay, not Paypal.

Our Fundamentals program continues to remain strong.

Once again, we had 4 teams at the Novice level and for the first time in a few years we also had 4 teams at the Atom Level. Our younger age groups continue to grow which will only help our Association in the future.

We continue to offer 1st time to our Association fees of \$125.00. Fees for next year have gone up slightly with each division seeing an increase of \$15.00.

We're always looking at ways to increase our registration. The cut off date for all rep teams is full payment by August 1. After this date players will not be able to participate in any team functions until payment in full is completed.

Online registration remains very strong and makes it much easier for everyone involved.

11. Election of NBDGHA Executive

Bill Houlder

Position	Nominee	1 st	2 nd	Let Stand	Accept
President	Sylvette Brousseau	Mike Brideau	Mich Paradis	Yes	Yes
Vice President	Deena Duff	Dave Brousseau	Mike Brideau	Yes	Yes
Secretary	Lisa Paradis	Deena Duff	Sylvette Brousseau	Yes	Yes
Competitive Convenor	Jeff Roynon	Steve Quirt	Dan Dorval	Yes	Yes
House Convenor	Martin Mailloux Chris Olsen	Dan Dorval Tom Laronde	Erin Bush Dana Desilets	Yes Yes	Chris
Registrar	Mike Brideau	Martin Mailloux	Mike Breadmore	Yes	Yes
Treasurer	Marcia Manitowabi	Mike Brideau	Derek Lindeman	Yes	Yes
Scheduler	Jeannine Wolfe	Bobby Lynn Shank	Mich Paradis	Yes	Yes

13. Election of NBDGHA Directors

Bill Houlder

Position	Nominee	1st	2nd	Let Stand	Accept
Tournament	John Daniels	Bill Houlder	Lisa Paradis	Yes	Yes
Fundraising	Erin Cassidy	Deena Duff	Mike Brideau	Yes	Yes
Equipment	Martin Mailloux	Sylvette Brousseau	Aaron Busch	Yes	Yes
Website	Chad Frank	Jeff Roynon	Derek Lindeman	Yes	Yes
Development and Training	Dana Desilets	Bill Houlder	Marcia Manitowabi	Yes	Yes
Marketing	Dan Dorval	Jeff Roynon	Mich Paradis	Yes	Yes

14. Adjournment: 7:51 p.m. Moved by Erin Cassidy, seconded by Dan Dorval