



**North Bay & District Girls' Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting Agenda
March 23, 2021; 7 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Teams**

1. Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

2. Approval of May 21, 2019 Minutes:

Moved by Lucas Horsman and Seconded by Shauna Ouellette. Approved.

3. Approval of the 2020.2021 Virtual AGM Agenda:

Moved by Erin Cassidy and Seconded by James Knight. Approved.

4. Financials: Sylvette Brousseau

Kendall Sinclair will be completing a Financial Review of the Association books. This process will take place once Public Health Guidelines allow the physical sharing of the required documents. It will include the last two seasons and that information will be shared with the membership once the review is complete and brought to the next AGM for approval.

5. Annual Executive Reports: Bill Houlder

a) Vice President: Deena Duff

Director Reports:

Tournament:

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 situation, we were unable to host a tournament this season.

Fundraising: (on behalf of Erin Cassidy)

Bingo was greatly impacted by the Covid shutdown from March 2020 until September 2020. In September, they opened the Bingo Hall under a number of new procedures and protocols. And they were restricted to 50 players which has also impacted our profit share.

The Bingo Hall was shut down in late December but reopened again on March 22nd.

During the July 2019 - June 2020 Fiscal year our Bingo profit was \$10,351.28. This includes refunds of licencing fees during the closure.

From September 2020 - November 2020 our profits have been less than previous years with a total of \$2,374.88.

Girls Hockey Bingos are held every second Sunday from January to December. We currently have 5 Bingo Dedicated Volunteers and are always willing to train more.

Marketing and Communication:

Maintained Association Facebook page which currently has over 400 followers. Used this tool to share NBDGHA updates such as skills sessions and OWHA updates. Also used the venue to answer questions or to direct questions to proper people.

Equipment: (on behalf of Martin Mailloux)

The equipment room is always an active project. 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 in case any switches need to be made from one set to another.

Website Administration: (on behalf of Chad Frank)

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

Training and Development: (on behalf of Daina Desilets)

Due to the pandemic, we were only able to run Skills Sessions in October. We did things a little different in that we had skills training with Dan Selin on Tuesdays and power skating with Tim White on Thursdays. We had approximately 16 participants in skills and 11 in power skating but each program ran at a loss.

b) Treasurer: Sarah Bush

Financial Report 2019-2020/Summary 2020-2021 Season

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

NBDGHA currently has a net loss of \$12,850.86 for the 2019/2020 season. And a net loss of \$10,474.20 for the 2020/2021 season to date. As referenced in the Association President's report, our association suffered this loss due to lack of revenue and

increased ice costs due to the Covid19 pandemic. Main revenue sources are from registration fees, Charity funds (Bingo), also any surpluses arising from annual Girls Hockey tournament, Skills Camps, and/or tryout fees. Many of these revenue sources suffered as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Revenue/Fundraising	2019-2020	2020-2021 Summary
Registrations	\$77,645.00	\$54,208.00
Bingo Revenue	\$10,351.28	\$2,374.88
Tournament Revenue	\$9,983.00	N/A
Skills Camps	\$4,266.88	-\$534.08

Expenses	2019-2020	2020-2021
Ice Contract	\$103,612.34	\$77,434.76
Officials & Timekeepers	\$20,844.86	\$2,711.00
Police Record Checks, RIS, Coach Certifications	\$2,075.05	\$352.80
Bank Charges	\$1,217.54	\$1,195.43

To date, as of February 28, 2021 our General Account Balance is \$38,645.41, our Bingo account is \$4,092.02 and our three GIC accounts total \$97,695.38.

c) Registrar: Mike Brideau

Registration for the last Hockey Season 2019-2020 was 254 participants.

Fundamentals – 32

Novice – 3 house teams and 1 competitive team

Atom – 2 house teams and 2 competitive teams

Peewee – 1 house team and 2 competitive teams

Bantam – 2 Competitive teams

Midget – 2 Competitive Teams

Senior – 1 Team

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.

2020-2021

228 Registered players

Fundamentals – 28

U9 – 23

U11 – 55

U13 – 54

U 15 – 39

U 18 – 29

Started a new registration program this year from the OWHA and RAMP Systems. It was a learning curve with the new system and there are more features that we can use in the system.

Was a struggle to get the Merchant account set up and I do apologize for that.

Some thought that once registered that their credit card was charged. Credit Cards were not charged until January which caused some confusion.

Registration Fees have not been determined for next year yet. My suggestion is that we have 2 different registrations ready. 1) Normal Season and 2) COVID Season (like what we just had)

d) Scheduler: Jeannine Wolfe

This unusual year was very difficult to schedule. The association didn't get a chunk of ice to be distributed towards practices and games within our association for the entire hockey season. We had to request ice once a month and wait until the contract came out to distribute the ice between the 14 groups.

We started the season first week of Aug for skills and development and finished the season playing some games between our own groups until we were out on lockdown and then the City of North Bay Decided to remove the ice.

e) House Convenor: Chris Olsen

During the 2019-20 season, the association had 6 house teams along with the Fundamentals group. This consisted of a total of 107 players.

To provide a breakdown for the number of kids in each level.

Fundamentals – One group 32 kids

U-9 – Three teams - 32 kids

U-11 – Two teams - 29 kids

U-13 – One team - 14 kids.

We were unable to form a house team at both the U-15 and U-18 levels due to the limited number of players in attendance to evaluations. (we had four skaters at U15 and one at the U18)

The OWHA implemented Hockey Canada's initiation program changes to the U-9 program during the 2019-20 season and our players and coaches adapted well to these changes while utilizing the bumpers and boards purchased at the beginning of the year.

To run the local tournament at the U-9 level we were required to reformat the three teams into two teams to comply with requirements of the initiation program format.

We were able to have a year end fun skate just before lockdown with the Fundamentals group and each girl received an Ice Boltz medal and hat for participating.

All coaches did an excellent job.

2020-2021 Season

2020-21 understandably brought about many challenges including establishing teams while working through Hockey Canada's return to hockey framework. We ended up having 6 competitive teams including the return of our U-18 AA program. As convenors some overlap of both house and competitive players on teams was required, it was a great opportunity to work with all coaches. We were quite fortunate to have the coaches we had this season. All coaches did a phenomenal job this year. There were many additional responsibilities placed on them from contact tracing forms to enforcing distancing on the ice to making practices as creative and fun as possible. The future looks bright for our competitive programs from U-9 to U-18. Our U-15 AA and U-18 AA programs are strong and gaining respect across the province. We will need competitive coaches for U-9 and U-11 along with house coaches for U-9 through U-18 teams and finally the Fundamentals group also.

f) Competitive Convenor: Jeff Roynon

During the 2019-20 season, the association had 9 competitive teams. One team had to be recategorized during the season. Teams were competitive in their tournaments including a few teams who won tournaments. 8 teams qualified for provincials before they were unfortunately cancelled. The 2019-20 marked the return of the U-15 AA program. We had very healthy numbers for competitive tryouts for Atom and Peewee teams for 2019-20 which is very encouraging. The OWHA implemented Hockey Canada's initiation program changes to the U-9 program during the 2019-20 season and our players and coaches adapted well to these changes. Our teams competed in the NDHL, Northern Loop and Lower Lakes leagues during 2019-20.

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g) President: Sylvette Brousseau

I have been privileged to have served this association as your president, for two consecutive seasons. I have taken pride in representing women hockey within our community, especially through a COVID season, and have continuously build ongoing working relationships with our stakeholders, such as, The OWHA, The City of North Bay, the Public Health Unit, Nipissing University, Skater's North, The Referee Association, other minor hockey associations, and so much more.

Decisions making is for the greater good of the association's operations, and in my 2-year term as president, I've had to vote only the once, due to a tie and all other motions brought forward were either voted unanimously or had reached quorum +1, there was approximately 16 motions brought to the table.

Changing the executives allows to infuse different volunteers into the Association and get the benefit of their skills and abilities. This only helps the Association become more diverse and dynamic in a way that can make your daughters enjoy their hockey experience.

My objective when as House Convener then onto as President, is to always assure these young players had a safe place to play hockey, grow as person and be empowered. I also believed that there is so much more a player can achieve within this association, aside from wanting to pursue hockey at a higher level.

To all the coaches and their staff- Thank you. Thank you for having accepted to lead and support our players during this unprecedented season. You've had to alter and create new ways to teach hockey and all while keeping it fun and safe for everyone!

To the Members and the Volunteers- Thank You. Thank you for your patience and for your continued support in helping to preserve the safety of all the players and volunteers this season by respecting the safety protocols. Without you, it would not have been as successful as it was. The overall experience for the association to have

maintained an upstanding reputation and a zero-case reported in our hockey community is something that I am Proud to have been part of!

And Most importantly, to all the players- Thank you. Thank you for being as strong as you are. You have had to navigate, adapt, and relearn hockey in a different format, through so many restrictions, yet you've done with acceptance, perseverance and patience! I am very proud to have served you all!

Before I leave you tonight, know that I have kept yours and your daughter's safety and best interest at all times, I've served you with integrity, leadership and commitment. I would be honored to continue.

Remain strong, be well and stay safe!

6. Notices, Proposed Changes and Amendments: Sylvette Brousseau

The Constitution of the NBDGHA will updated to reflect missing language that is mandated by the OWHA that allows for today's virtual AGM and virtual monthly meetings. This information is required by the OWHA so is not something that needs to be put to a vote by our membership today as the OWHA rules supersede our Constitution.

Sylvette explained the voting process in the online format and ran three trial votes so that members could be familiar with the voting system.

7. Election of NBDGHA Executive

Bill Houlder

Bill ran the elections of the Executive members based on the nominations received. Members were reminded it was one vote per household and that the votes would be verified by Bill in the next 24-48 hours following the meeting then announced.

President: Mike Brideau

Vice-President: Chris Olsen

Treasurer: Sarah Bush

Scheduler: Shauna Ouellette

House League Convenor: Lucas Horsman

Competitive League Convenor: Jeff Roynon

Registrar: Paul Courville

Secretary: Dyane Brunton

Past President: Sylvette Brousseau

9. New Business

Sylvette provided a brief update from the OWHA regarding next season. The OWHA will develop and release a plan based on the vaccine deployment throughout the province in the coming month. At this time, tryouts are not permitted and teams will operate under their 2020-2021 rosters until August 31, 2021. No permission to skates will be issued, but a Player Release will be processed, but considered final. Not foreseeing a return to traditional hockey at this moment, but the return to hockey framework may change depending on the PHU and their recommendations.

10. Adjournment: 7:50 p.m. Moved by Lucas Horsman and seconded by Keira Jeffries.