



**North Bay & District Girls' Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting Agenda
March 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Teams**

Attending: Jeff Roynon, Sarah Bush, Mike Brideau, Chris Olson, Dyane Brunton, Paul Courville, Shauna Ouellette, Lucas Horsman

Regrets: Sylvette Brousseau

Location: Via TEAMS Meeting – 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order @ 6:36pm Mike Brideau
2. Oath of Office Mike Brideau

Mike reviewed the Oath of Office. All members have provided a signed copy of their signed oaths to Dyane.

3. Welcome Mike Brideau

Mike welcomed all new board members. It is always beneficial to have new members join the executive. Mike introduced the executive members that have been on the board in previous years.

4. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2021 Chris Olson/Jeff Roynon
5. Approval of Agenda Paul Courville/Lucas Horsman
6. Business Mike Brideau
 - a. OWHA Update Mike Brideau

Email received indicating that 2021/22 will begin on September 1, 2021. Current season will end on August 31, 2021. Players will remain in their current group until the start of the new season. This correspondence from the OWHA indicated there were some guidelines that are to be adhered to. Releases are not to be given at this time, and any releases that were given will require the player to remain with their current rostered team. April 1, 2021 will be the beginning of registration. Rates for the 2021/22 season have not been decided on, given the current pandemic and the unknown future of the season. NBGDHA have always maintained affordable rates, and although an increase will be necessary, the executive will ensure hockey is affordable. Any spring/summer

ice could be an option for current coaches, as long as the ice surface is located in this PHU.

b. Treasurer's Report Sarah Bush

There have been no financial updates since the AGM update that was provided by Sarah. Signing authorities will be changed to meet the needs of the current executive members.

c. Registration Mike Brideau / Paul Courville

There are some outstanding balances from some 2020/21 registrations. Approximately \$3900 outstanding that will require collection. Registration numbers are consistent with the AGM report. Mike will ensure that Paul is well equipped to manage RAMP to allow a smooth transition for the Registrar.

d. Competitive Teams Jeff Roynon

There are no updates regarding the competitive teams that would be different from the AGM report. Jeff explained that typically he would share updates from the teams.

e. House League Teams Chris Olsen / Lucas Horsman

There are no updates regarding the house league teams that would be different from the AGM report. Chris explained that typically he would share updates from the teams.

f. Scheduler Shauna Ouellette

Shauna has nothing to report at this time. She will continue to work with the city of North Bay regarding the facilities. There are two members that would like to assist Shauna. There is a plan in place to secure the last two weeks of August for teams to return to the ice surface prior to the end of the 2020/21 season. Review of the ice contract will need to occur to confirm.

7. New Business

a. Directors Mike Brideau

Historically, directors are named at the AGM. This has yet to be completed for the 2021/22 season. Correspondence will be sent to the membership to seek nominations for directors. Following this, the executive will determine the appropriate directors. This correspondence will be formed as a message from the executive, to engage the community. This will be sent as a media news release.

Review of current directors:

Martin Mailoux – equipment
Training and Development – Daina Desolets
Fundraising – Erin Brideau
Marketing – Dan Dorval
Website – Chad Frank
Tournaments - Vacant

b. Website Mike Brideau

Currently, Chad Frank maintains the website. Goal Line is the current website platform, which has a contract ending on May 1, 2021. Ramp will be considered in the future, as a replacement for Goal Line. The previous executive had a successful vote to allow for the website change. There are some costs involved with moving to a new platform. Ramp is used by the OWHA, which would create ease of use for the membership.

There was a suggestion for use of an app/program that worked well for scheduling the time keepers. This was used by a member previously. Reaching out to this member for the information may be beneficial for managing time keeper schedules. Discussion around the use of iPads for electronic game sheets occurred. There will be some unique issues with other teams within the NDHL, given they are not all female teams, and may use a different platform for games. It was agreed that the electronic game sheets are going to continue after the pandemic settles. Suggestion that the three North Bay associations join to purchase the iPads that can be left at the rink. Mike will be reaching out to the City or North Bay regarding the wifi access, which is needed for the electronic game sheets.

c. Trillium Grant Sarah Bush

Trillium grant will open for registration on March 31st. It would appear that this grant may not apply to the association. Sarah is looking in to some alternative grants that might be applicable.

d. Storage of Association Documents Jeff Roynon

A solution is needed to determine a good location to store the association's documents. It would be beneficial for the membership to have all of the documents in the same location. Jeff will continue to research a solution for this.

e. Transition

Mike Brideau

New executive will reach out to past executive members that have held these positions to ensure there is a smooth transition of association documents. There is a file cabinet in the equipment room that Sarah has a key for. Mike will inquire about this. Current exec members will continue to reach out to past members to obtain information and documents as well.

f. Coaching Applications

Mike Brideau / Jeff Roynon

There were no applications received for U9 or U11 primary teams. There are no secondary coaches for the U13 or U18 that have come forward. Coach recruitment will be included in the media release mentioned above. House league coaches will also be sought through the media release. There was a U13 primary coach selected. This individual has not confirmed acceptance. The U13 primary coach decision will be revisited at the next exec meeting.

g. Constitution Change from AGM

Mike Brideau

There is a constitution change required to allow for virtual meetings, given the pandemic. There is some value in taking this 2021/22 season to review the current constitution and reflect changes that are necessary or suggested. The policies and procedures may also require a review.

h. Apparel Supplier – New Items?

Mike Brideau

The previous meeting included some suggestions around adding items to the Ice Boltz catalogue. Any item from Source for Sports has to be approved by the executive, if the Ice Boltz logo is being used. Chris is discussing with Source for Sports, certain items that would be popular choices for players. There was a suggestion that there is a certain level of professionalism related to the players having the same apparel. Specifically, an Under Armour back pack will be added to the catalogue. There was a suggestion that the association website should promote the apparel. There was a discussion around jerseys and name bars. A vote for the U18 AA team purchasing their own jerseys, with names, occurred. The vote was unanimous to determine that the team players will purchase their own jerseys for the 2021/22 season to allow for name bars. This discussion will be ongoing with respect to the younger age groups, as the decisions has many complications tied to it (Number repetition, integrity of jerseys, costs to families, etc.)

8. Date of Next Meeting will be April 13, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

9. Adjournment at 9:32 pm.