



**North Bay & District Girls' Hockey Association
Executive meeting
September 17, 2023 at 7:00pm Nipissing University**

Attending: Mike Brideau, Kiara Jefferies, Lucas Horsman, Shauna Ouellette, Melissa Mackey,
Chris Kendrick, Jessica McLaren, Kayla Restoule (virtually)

Guest: Jeff Roynon

Regrets:

Location: Nipissing University

1. Meeting called to order: **7:05** Mike Brideau
2. Approval of August 20, 2023 Minutes: Kiara Jefferies, Lucas Horsman
3. Approval of Agenda: Lucas Horsman, Jessica McLaren
4. Directors' Report
 - a. Miguel – Fundraising
 - a. Not present
 - b. Jessica – Tournament
 - a. One U9B team wants to split their team in 2 so we will have 4 u9B teams if they go this path
 - b. No games are needing to be scheduled during the Lakers game so all teams can attend if they would like.
 - c. The Lakers game will be free of charge for everyone attending.
 - c. – Marketing
 - a. Not present
 - d. – Website
 - a. Not present
 - e. – Training/Development -Jeff Roynon
 - Registration for morning skills has been well received so far we have:
 - o U13, U15, U18- 27 registrations
 - o U7, U9, U11- 21 registrations
 - Instructor has been approached regarding goalie skills, also for info sessions with coaches.
 - Looking at running high performance power skating with Andrea
5. Business
 - a. Treasurer's Report Kayla Restoule
 - i. Raffles are running smoothly.
 - ii. Everything is up to date and paid
 - b. Registration Melissa Mackey
 - i. House league:
 1. U7-45 Skaters

2. U9- 49 Skaters
3. U11- 30 Skaters, 1 goalie
4. U13-35 Skaters, 2 Goalies
5. U15- 16 Skaters, 1 Goalie
6. U18-12 Skaters, 1 Goalie
7. Senior- 14 registration

c. Competitive Teams Chris Kendrick

- i. OWHA Loops were released, all divisions look good except for U9 that is a lot of travelling for those teams. Will submit a suggestion for changes to OWHA.
- ii. Tournaments have begun and we saw lots of success this past weekend.
- iii. Propose exhibition and tournament options for U9.
- iv. U18 player yet to receive refund for release to play U21- Executive agrees to keep \$110 of paid registration for fees acquired while she played with the association. The Coach will be asked if he has looked at her contribution to team fees and her sponsorship. We need to update association policies to deal with these situations in regard to refunds in the future

d. House League Teams Lucas Horsman

- i. House evaluations are completed teams have been formed and all coaches have been put in place. October 1st weekend we will have games in all divisions to see if teams are even and to evaluate the girls we did not see at evaluations.
- ii. Meeting with the Northern Loop is scheduled for the end of September to start working on a schedule for games.
- iii. Super weekends in divisions have been discussed as well.

e. Scheduler Shauna Ouellette

- i. Game time availabilities have gone out to rep teams.
- ii. Rep teams have received their ice contracts from the city.
- iii. Have had an issue with one coach who did not submitted an ice contract with the city thinking he had the same ice time as last year. They were informed that house league numbers have increased, and no ice was promised till house schedules were complete. Other options were provided but no resolution was found. We will keep working on the schedule and see how we can get this team ice.
- iv. We were denied additional ice from the city.
- v. Options to consider for helping with house league ice times: U13 HL & U9 HL sharing ice, U15 HL & U18 HL sharing Memorial Gardens ice periodically.
- vi. iPad need to be returned to ice for time keepers. As well as suggestion to purchase additional iPad for the association: 1 For West Ferris, 3 for Pete Palangio bringing the association total to 8 iPads for teams travelling to out of town home games and all ice surfaces in North Bay.

6. New Business: Mike Brideau

a. Conflict Of Interest

- i. In discussions with OWHA it was decided that and discussion specifically of a child's team is considered a conflict of interest and said party is not to have a vote or say in the discussion.
 - b. U13 & U15 AA/A
 - i. Decision was made by the request of the coach to lower U13 AA to U13A. This decision was unanimous among the coaches. Members of the executive who were present at parent/Coaches meeting supported this decision.
 - ii. Executive will keep monitoring this situation with the goal to continue with U15AA in the future.
 - c. Update on recent tournaments
 - i. Saw lots of success
 - ii. Positive feedback on seeing results posted on Facebook daily.
 - d. CoachThem software
 - i. A practice plan software with a current cost of \$100 per team for up to 4 users
 - ii. This software allows coaches to share practice plans. This is in line with what we are trying to do with coach and team development.
 - iii. Executives agree to covering cost to help coaches plan effective practices and share resources
 - e. Code of Conduct
 - i. A reminder needs to be sent out to the whole association about the associations code of conduct policy and comments made online or in person that do not reflect the association philosophy and mission statement.
 - ii. Parents and all members need to adhere to the 24-hour rule.
 - iii. An email will be sent out through RAMP to the whole association.
 - f. Playing against southern teams
 - i. We may see some push back in scheduling with southern teams who do not want to travel to North Bay for games. We need to be prepared and ready to propose alternative solutions.
7. Next meeting: October 29th 7pm at Nipissing University
8. Adjournment **10:04** Mike Brideau