

# Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)

## 2019-2020 Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 7, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Teleconference

**Present:** Tracey Gillies, Karen Major, Gerard Gagnon, Jarrett Thompson, Stephen Bent, Les Banks, Mike Speer, Karla Clarke, Chad Chambers, Wendy Baldin

**Regrets:** Tony Matson

**1.0** Call to Order [President]: 7:10 pm

**2.0** Minutes from March 10th, 2020 Board meeting to be approved at next Board meeting

**3.0** General Remarks [All]

The President opened up the meeting by summarising the current situation with respect to Covid-19 and the cessation of all Hockey Canada/ Ontario Women's Hockey Association sanctioned activities including games, practices, tryouts, Provincials and all other related activities, as communicated to Members in the emails sent March 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Further updates were provided including that all U16 camps have been cancelled as well as all Annual General Meetings (AGMs) until further notice. The importance of transparent delivery of information to Members with respect to communications from Hockey Canada and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association was emphasized.

The registration process for the upcoming 2020-21 season was discussed since the planned registration opening has been delayed due to the current situation. A discussion took place as to whether the online registration process could be opened in weeks to come to assist with planning (e.g. number of players, ice requirements etc,..). It was emphasized that should online registration open, delaying the collection of fees is important as it was recognized that many families may be experiencing financial hardship due to the current Covid-19 crisis. It was recognized that given the greater public health concerns, the predictability of when youth recreational sports would resume is uncertain. Further consideration will be made as to the best approach to opening registration, taking into consideration all of the unknowns of the current situation and prioritizing what is in the best interest of Members.

A discussion took place concerning the end of the 2019-20 season activities (i.e. jersey returns, closing of accounts etc,.). The importance of conveying to all teams that bank accounts must not be closed until further notice, was raised. Given the present situation, it was recognized that banks are closed for in-person transactions such as closing of accounts, and that this will be contingent on public health direction. Ice invoices (which will be generated in the next few weeks) and outstanding cheques will require finalizing so accounts can be ready for closing once restrictions are lifted. It was

agreed that a letter will be sent to all teams regarding the closing of team accounts to clarify any confusion in this regard.

An update was provided that team jerseys have not been returned for either house league or competitive teams. It was recognized that while house league coaches/managers have likely all collected their jerseys, competitive teams will not have done so due to the abrupt ending to their season. It was agreed that collection and examination of jerseys is not a priority right now but that effort should be made to ensure jerseys are not forgotten, especially by players who will not be returning in the fall (e.g. last year midget players). An email update to all teams regarding jersey returns will be sent.

It was recognized that Members have many questions regarding the tryout process, coach selections etc,. It was acknowledged that it is understandable that there are many questions but given that everything is on hold until further communication is received from Hockey Canada (as per public health direction), no further action can be taken at this time. Reassurance was provided that the Board members are paying close attention to the situation and will continue to communicate any updates to Members. Board meetings will continue as needed.

#### **10.0 Round table items**

- N/A

Motion to close the Board meeting by Les Banks (seconder: Gerard Gagnon)

Meeting closed 7:50 pm