

# Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)

## 2020-2021 Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Videoconferencing

**Present:** Tracey Gillies, Karen Major, Gerard Gagnon, Stephen Bent, Karla Clarke, Chad Chambers, Wendy Baldin, Lisa Camilucci, Karine Tremblay (Guest)

**Regrets:** Tony Matson

**1.0** Call to Order [President]: 7:06 pm

**2.0** Minutes from the March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 Board of Directors' meetings approved by Karla Clarke (seconder: Wendy Baldin)

**3.0** Welcoming remarks [President]

It was reported that there have not been any updates from the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) in the past month with activity being quiet under the Provincial Stay-At-Home order. Any information provided from the OWHA will be shared as it is received, including details regarding next season.

It was agreed that the 2021 Annual General Meeting will take place via Zoom on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A request was made to signal intentions for the upcoming season with respect to Board of Directors' positions. The Mary Lou Zywicki Bursary notice for applications was reported to be ready for posting on the NGHA website and social media accounts soon. An update on the process was provided with an independent review committee being assembled to evaluate the applications. It was reported that the Toni Guimaraes Bursary has ended with 2020 being the last year.

**4.0** Policy, Risk and Safety [Policy, Risk and Safety Director]

A request to reinstate the NGHA Membership of a past Member, whose membership had been terminated a few years prior, was reviewed. It was acknowledged that at the time of the membership termination, the member was told that they could petition to have their NGHA membership reinstated in the future. Upon review of this case, there was nothing to suggest that this membership shouldn't be reinstated. A Motion was passed to reinstate this membership with no objections.

A discussion took place regarding Teamsnap indicating that all of the 2020-21 team accounts will be archived. The Board was in agreement to renew the League Teamsnap account early August in order to get teams setup prior to September.

## **5.0 Registration [Registrar]**

It was reported that OWHA has advised insurance for existing NGHA players is covered throughout the summer with new insurance starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Permission to Skate forms are not permitted by the OWHA at this time (until the new season begins in September). A few players have requested a release and while releases are permitted, these players have been advised that they are not covered by insurance to play with another team in Ontario until September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

An update on outstanding fees for the winter session was provided with a few people still owing one instalment on their fees. The need to ensure Members who are not coming back next season are paid in full, was reinforced.

A discussion took place regarding registration for next season. It was decided that the 'Intent to register' that was implemented last year was confusing for some members and that the best approach would be to open registration once the provincial lockdown is over. The specific timing for registration opening will be revisited at the May Board of Directors' meeting. It was agreed that it is important to continue communication to Members and to remind Members to check the website and social media pages for on-going information and updates.

## **6.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]**

It was reported to be very quiet at this time with the only update to indicate that a few coaching applicants that were not successful in the selection process have requested an informal discussion on the process etc,...

## **7.0 House League [House League Directors]**

It was reported that goalie equipment did not get returned because of the timing of the provincial lockdown and additionally some sets of jerseys have still not been returned (presently with coaches). Communication to those holding equipment and jerseys will convey a new collection date once the provincial lockdown is over.

An update regarding head coaching positions was reported indicating that the applications are being reviewed.

## **8.0 Operations [Vice President of Programs]**

An update was provided indicating that the city ice has all been allocated and that the NGHA received the same ice as last year, including the tournament weekend. Additional details regarding jersey collection indicated that contact with coaches who are not returning has been made to ensure the jerseys are tracked for return.

## **9.0 Finance [Finance Administrator]**

It was reported that the process of ice and other bill payments for the 2020-21 season is almost completed. There is work underway preparing the budget for the AGM and details of the audit process are being discussed.

## **10.0 Round table items**

n/a

Motion to close the Board meeting by Lisa Camilucci (seconder: Gerard Gagnon)

Meeting closed 7:39 pm