

Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)

2021-2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 10th 2021

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Videoconference

Present: Tracey Gillies, Lisa Camilucci, Claire Bellefeuille, Stephen Bent, Tracy Foster, Raymond Murphy, Gerard Gagnon, Jamie Leppard (joined at 8:00pm)

Regrets: Karla Clarke, Chad Chambers, Marty White

1.0 Call to Order [President]: 7:31pm

2.0 Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on July 6th, 2021 approved by Gerard Gagnon (seconded by Lisa Camilucci).

3.0 Welcoming remarks [President]

The President opened the meeting by announcing the resignation of Karla Clarke, VP Programs, effective immediately. Her roles and responsibilities are currently being managed by the President, VP Ops and Competitive Directors.

The President also addressed email from Director of Policy, Risk and Safety whose daughter will not be registering this season, but would have offered to continue on with the Board until end December 2021.

A Motion was put forward by Stephen Bent to approve the continuation of his role on the Board until the end of December 2021. Motion was seconded by Tracey Gillies and all attending Board Members voted in favour.

4.0 Updates [President]

Goalie Incentive:

- Discussion around the need to make a decision on whether we will be offering a goalie incentive and putting it forward to the membership. Other associations are offering this type of incentive, so we should consider this tactic in order to remain competitive as an association.
- Discussed offering a discount on registration of 50% discount for full time goalies (U13-U18), and 25% for part time goalies to incentivize players who might be interested in taking on this position, and increasing the number of goalies in the association.

A Motion was put forward by Tracey Gillies to implement a financial incentive for goalies playing at the U13-U18 levels of 50% off registration for full time goalies and 25% off registration for part time goalies. All attending Board Members voted in favour.

OWHA Meeting:

OWHA is running the competitive league this year, with league play anticipated to start in October. There will not be any DS this year. They are starting to take tournament applications and Wendy is working on our application for both the competitive and house league DIFD tournaments this year.

RAMP game sheets were discussed. Sherry Jones has reached out to ask about the electronic game sheets and the plan for implementing their use this year. Concerns include timekeepers being able to both keep time and input into the online game sheet simultaneously, as well as the need to have suitable devices on site in order to input. More discussion is required with House League and Competitive Directors on our plan for game sheets for Oct-Dec. On the house league side we need to determine if electronic game sheets are necessary for internal game play before we make a decision on how to move forward. For competitive, will need to consider various factors and options including whether we would need to provide devices for inputting into the game sheet, possibility of a timekeeper and a parent working together, etc.

RAMP:

Looking into migrating our website into the RAMP system. Secretary will be planning to reach out to RAMP Interactive to discuss options available and associated costs.

5.0 Policy, Risk and Safety [Policy, Risk and Safety Director]

Financial Assistance Policy:

Updated financial assistance policy was circulated with no concern from Board Members. Updates were made to remove limits on funding and make the policy needs-based, and clarify that if a family needs to request support mid-season that is possible. Updated policy and form will be posted on the website.

TeamSnap:

Plan is to renew the corporate TeamSnap membership for another year. Doing this will save 50% vs teams purchasing it on their own. Secretary has agreed to take over the custodianship and act as League TeamSnap Commissioner. We will continue to use the COVID screening tool. Stephen will send Treasurer final amount and invoice from TeamSnap (approx. \$3000).

COVID:

COVID committee will continue this season. This committee is composed mostly of non-Board members with expertise in related and relevant areas (i.e. health, education, etc). First committee meeting is planned to take place this weekend. Arenas are evolving in how they manage COVID and we'll need to be able to adapt to the new and changing public health measures they have in place. We will be pulling together a summary of how teams will interact at arenas. As we go forward, we can expect to see a shift in expectations around testing, screening, etc.

5.0 Finance [Treasurer]

Budget:

Original budget proposed at AGM might have overestimated the number of players to register. The Treasurer will work on updating and will circulate a revised budget for Board approval at the next meeting.

Financial Assistance:

We would like to come up with a new budget line for financial assistance.

6.0 Registration [Registrar]

A registration update was provided indicating that as of this meeting, 637 players have registered with 148 tryout registrations and 355 players who have completed their RAMP registration. Deadline to register is August 15, 2021. Deadline to register for U18/U15 AA/A tryouts is August 11, 2021. Competitive tryout registration for all other levels will open shortly.

We are seeing lower registration numbers than last year during COVID. The president noted we may see additional house league registrations into September, based on registration behavior from previous years.

At this time, 355 players have completed their RAMP registration. Two email blasts have been sent to parents about the requirement to register their players through the RAMP registration system. We need to ensure that the yearly registrations match with RAMP, otherwise girls who have not registered with RAMP will not be insured to play. The President noted that all Board members must also register their roles on the Board in RAMP.

Additionally, to date:

- 23 releases requested
- 5 imports
- 1 PTS being prepared for a player trying out for a PW team
- 3 players who are coming from the boys association

Machelle has been sent the OWHA coaching requirements for everyone who will be coaching this season.

7.0 House League [House League Directors]

Sort outs:

We are still in the process of planning sort outs. At this time we are looking to stagger sort outs so U18/15 are held one weekend and remaining levels will be held the following weekend. Due to the October start for this season, we would like to have the house league season go to the last weekend in March. The President will talk to the Sensplex about the possibility of booking ice for our house league championship weekend the last weekend in March, as Kanata typically does their championship weekend at that time.

Jerseys:

Outstanding house league jerseys will be collected this weekend and will be sorted at the storage unit.

A Motion was put forward by Lisa Camilucci to approve \$2,300 needed to purchase clothing racks for the jerseys at Dymon Storage. All attending Board Members voted in favour.

Blackout periods:

This season we there is no blackout period planned for Thanksgiving weekend, but there will be a blackout period over March break if the season goes to the end of March as planned.

8.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]

Tryouts:

U18/U15AA tryouts start this weekend and everything is in good shape. We are in need of volunteers for COVID screening and jersey distribution.

A message will be sent to remaining competitive applications regarding the start date for the next round of tryouts.

9.0 Operations [Vice President of Programs]

N/A

10.0 Round table items

N/A

Motion to close the Board meeting by Tracey Gillies (seconder: Claire Bellefeuille)

Meeting closed 8:39 pm