

Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)

2020-21 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1st, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Video-conferencing

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

Regrets: Tony Matson

1.0 Call to Order [President]: 7:03 pm

2.0 Update [President, All]

An update was provided concerning plans for continuing the remainder of the 2020-21 hockey season. It was reported that the Programs Committee met on weekend to discuss options for the winter session. Consideration was given to the numbers permitted back on the ice, and any additional restrictions that may be directed by the provincial government and Ottawa Public Health, once hockey is permitted to resume. It was also reported that Ottawa-area girls hockey association presidents have been communicating to keep in touch about their respective positions on continuing the season. Additionally, it was reported that once a direction from the province is communicated, the Ottawa ice providers will allow for a short window to resume/cancel existing ice contracts without penalties.

Contingencies were considered based on whether the Ontario Stay-At-Home order would be lifted on February 11th 2021 or whether it would be extended for two additional weeks, which would push a restart date for hockey towards the end of February. The discussion took into consideration the number of ice times available to players (based on scenarios of 10 versus 25 people permitted on the ice) as well as the cost-benefit analysis for Members. Under the scenario where there would only be 10 people permitted on the ice, Members would still have to cover all remaining ice costs even if not permitted to attend every time (to abide by the number restrictions) since the ice costs would not be reduced. If direction for resuming hockey is provided on February 11th 2021, Members will be given a short amount of time to decide whether to withdraw.

It was agreed that in the event that the season does not resume, refunds will be issued and a spreadsheet has been drafted to facilitate the process. If the season is canceled, the option to credit accounts for next season will be the default with refunds available upon request. This decision was based on the considerable amount of time required to issue refunds as a default for all Members.

Motion 1 put forward by Tracey Gillies → Should on February 11th 2021, the Ontario Stay-At-Home order be lifted, the NGHA will resume all hockey regardless of whether we are in the red or orange provincial colour coded framework (i.e. dictating whether 10 or 25 people are allowed on the ice). Motion seconded by Wendy Baldin.

Motion 2 put forward by Tracey Gillies → Should on February 11th 2021, the province extend the Stay-At-Home order, the NGHHA will cancel the season. Motion seconded by Mike Speers.

3.0 Round table items

N/A

Motion to close the Board meeting by Chad Chambers (seconded: Stephen Bent)

Meeting closed 7:35 pm