

Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)

2020-2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 6th 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Offsite

Present: Tracey Gillies, Chad Chambers, Karla Clarke, Lisa Camilucci, Claire Bellefeuille, Stephen Bent, Tracy Foster, Raymond Murphy, Marty White

Regrets: Gerard Gagnon, Jamie Leppard

1.0 Call to Order [President]: 7:15pm

2.0 Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on June 10th, 2021 approved by Karla Clarke (seconded by Lisa Camilucci).

3.0 Welcoming remarks [President]

The President opened the meeting and set forth the expected tone for the upcoming season as prioritizing the three existing pillars: safety, respect, and integrity. She also introduced a new fourth pillar, inclusion, making the acronym for the 4 pillars "IRIS".

The importance of transparent and honest interaction was recognized as critical for success as a Board. The Board members were asked to review the NGHA Constitution, especially with respect to their specific roles and responsibilities and the importance of following rules and NGHA policies was emphasized. A reminder was provided to respect confidentiality and professionalism at all times, including not discussing Board-related content in front of Board Members' children, players or to Members.

To facilitate productive Board meetings, it was requested that agenda items be submitted prior to the meetings, when possible, to enable preparation for the meetings and provide time for information gathering and questions in advance. The importance of reviewing the previous Board meeting minutes prior to each meeting was emphasized.

An overview of all of the Board committees was provided including the COVID Committee, which will be returning for the second season.

4.0 Updates [President]

The following overall updates were provided:

- The President confirmed that Mabelle Giovagnoli will continue in her volunteer role as the Head of Certification and the Bingo Coordinator.
- Dave Hunter is developing a program that will allow us to automate our ice, but will need volunteers to monitor and deal with situations that come up outside the program.

- This season there are 335 fewer ice times available across the city due to COVID vaccine clinics. The city did an equitable reduction of ice times across all associations. Our ice times for this season will be at Minto, Manotick, Sensplex and Nepean Sportplex.
- The President will be attending a call with the Presidents of KGHA, OGHA and Gloucester on July 7 to discuss the upcoming season.
- Metro Ottawa Girls Hockey League (MOGHL) approached the NGHA about considering joining the league. We will not do so this year, but could consider in the future.
- The President will be sending an email to competitive parents about the upcoming season and to address rumours and concerns about the competitive tryout process.
- Timekeepers for this season: electronic game sheets mean that two people are required, one to work the clock and one to input into the app. Potential solution is one hired timekeeper and one home team parent per game. Will look into what other associations are doing. Once we have decided on strategy, need to let Sherry know and arrange for training.

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

The following update was provided:

- The Director of Policy, Risk and Safety will check in with Head of Certifications (Machelle Giovagnoli) to discuss necessary certifications. We will need to set timelines for completion of mandatory of certifications and determine consequences for failure to comply.

Discussions took place regarding reimbursement of:

- VSS and PRCs
- Various courses that are mandatory for coaches and/or volunteers, including Trainers course, Respect in Sport, HP1 course for competitive AA coaches

5.0 Finance [Treasurer]

N/A

6.0 Registration [Registrar]

A registration update was provided indicating that as of this meeting, 263 players have registered. Deadline to register is August 15, 2021.

7.0 House League [House League Directors]

The following update was provided:

- Jerseys have been transferred to Dymon storage, but we will need to purchase clothing racks for the unit in order to keep them organized. Once racks are purchased, jerseys will need to be sorted and sets that are in poor condition will be taken out of rotation.

The update was followed by a discussion on the jersey deposit strategy for this season, and disposal of jerseys that are taken out of rotation.

A Motion was put forward by Tracey Gillies to approve the funds needed to purchase clothing racks for the jerseys at Dymon Storage. Motion was seconded by Lisa Camilucci and all attending Board Members voted in favour.

8.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]

N/A

9.0 Operations [Vice President of Programs]

The following updates were provided:

- Competitive and House League Committees met to discuss tryouts for the upcoming season. Committees decided we are planning for a full tryout and sort out process, as we would have done in the spring had we been able, assuming the OWHA permits. We have our full ice allotment going into tryouts.
- At this time, we are planning for tryouts to start September 8th. Will be employing a staggered approach to tryouts/sort outs: as each division in competitive stream is completed, house league can sort those levels). U18 and U15 will go first. Goal is to get players on the ice as soon as teams are determined.
- Looking into finding an independent goalie evaluator. Committee will meet again to determine the parameters and expectations for the evaluator(s).
- Proposed tryout schedule to be completed by Monday, July 12.

10.0 Round table items

Roundtable discussion took place on updating the Financial Assistance Policy and form, along with accompanying web content. Proposed social media campaign to let members know about the financial assistance policy following the update.

Motion to close the Board meeting by Tracey Gillies (seconder: Marty White)

Meeting closed 9:16 pm