

**Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)
2022-2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 17th 2023

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Cambrian Room Minto Rec Complex

Present: Claire Bellefeuille, Lisa Camilucci, Tracy Foster, Rachel Ellison, Rob Mahoney, Kim LeClair, Kevin Singer, Raymond Murphy, Justin Jedlinski, Chad Chambers, Marty White

Regrets: Ray Murphy

1.0 Call to Order [President]: 7:38pm

2.0 Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on November 29th, 2022. Approved by Lisa Camilucci (Seconder Kim LeClair)

3.0 Welcoming remarks [President]

Very excited to be having our first in person meeting in almost 3 years! We are at the mid point of our season, and it's been a busy year. OWHHA recently advised associations that competitive tryouts can start 19 April and we intend on starting at that point. Reminder that tryouts for U9 & U11 will take place in September.

4.0 Updates [President/Secretary]

NTR

5.0 Operations [Vice President of Operations]

From an ice time pov we're still burning ice but not as much as in years past. We are trying to reuse as much as possible for goalie and player skills development. In saying that, we are struggling to get volunteers to come and run these sessions. May have to consider hiring a few people to run sessions for both comp and house league players.

We are starting to prep for competitive tryouts. We are getting questions about players who left the association and now want to return, and our rule is that if former players want to come back they are considered imports for the first year they return.

MOTION: We would like to reach out to find paid volunteers? Motion PASSED.

6.0 Programs [Vice President of Programs]

NTR

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

As you're all aware, I sent out a motion for a competitive affiliation policy update based on OWHA refreshing their policies.

- One change to note is each player can only be affiliated for a max of 7 regular season to ensure that other players also get the opportunity. For playoffs/playdowns there is no limit as regular season guidelines on limitations don't apply. This will be sent out to coaches and managers to ensure everyone is aware.
- House League would also like to see specific language updated to help coaches understand the process for affiliating a house player to a competitive team.
- Added language that clarifies which coach decides the player being affiliated. For games it's the higher-level coach (e.g. AA coach) that chooses the player being affiliated but for practice the lower-level coach (e.g. A coach) selects who attends. These decisions shouldn't be made in isolation as they two coaches should be in communication about the process.
- Will add language clarifying that emergency non-association goalies can be used based on OWHA clause, but it must be for emergency purposes only. The emergency non-association goalie must be at the same level or below.

Seeing more concussions this year and documentation has been inconsistent. Players can only come back when the Return to Play documentation and Doctor's note have been filled out, both of which can be found on our website.

MOTION: Convenors need to be notified in addition to the Manager and the Trainer to ensure safety. Motion PASSED.

8.0 Finance [Treasurer]

N/A

9.0 Registration [Registrar]

NTR

10.0 House League [House League Directors]

- In December we collected all outstanding fees from our house teams - gave them all to Treasurer in one shot. House teams are now all paid up on tournament fees, tournament basket contribution, goalie equipment & development, Ramp Teams and Coach Them.
- Our DS teams are all up and running. They've been practicing and have started playing some exhibition games. There are limited local teams to play against.
- Coach feedback surveys will be sent out to parents later this week.
- Our convenors are in the process of collecting & reviewing midseason budgets.
- Planning for the DIFD tournament is well underway. The tournament directors are hosting their meeting with the tournament reps on Thursday.

- We've started planning for Championship weekend. Our medals have arrived and we're working on our schedule.
- We've also started a discussion on how we are going to end our season with Kanata. The plan is that our "division champion" will play Kanata's "division champion" in a league final the weekend after Championship weekend. We are trying to figure out if we'll award medals or a cup. Costs for prizes, ice and referees will be split with Kanata. We'll have more to share on that soon.

11.0 Competitive [Competitive Directors]

- We have received coach applications and tryouts dates/times are being confirmed.
- Ice invoices have gone out to teams for payment.
- We have never provided feedback to coaches before, and we want to do so this year. While the format is still tbd, we're thinking that a summarized discussion to highlight the good things and provide points to improve upon.
- We would like to get non-parent cheques distributed for coaches asap.

MOTION: Can we update the NGHA policy information in RAMP to assist with teams when traveling out of province. Motion PASSED.

12.0 Round table items

- All rooms for DIFD have been booked and paid for.
- Secretary is the only person that can book room for NGHA so please reach out as early as possible as City facilities are getting busy this time of year.

Motion to close the board meeting by Claire Bellefeuille (seconder: Rachel Ellison).

Meeting closed at 845pm.