

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

Date: March 21st, 2023

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Minto Recreation Complex – Blackburn Room

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

Regrets: Rob Mahoney

1.0 Call to Order [President]: 7:34pm

2.0 Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on February 21st, 2023 to be done secretarially as Secretary is absent.

3.0 Welcoming remarks [President]

4.0 Updates [President/Secretary]

President's Update:

President noted that we are coming to the end of the season – the first out of Covid that has been relatively normal. Would like to thank all of the Board Members for their work this year. It takes a huge effort from everyone to run a successful season, especially as everyone does this on a volunteer basis. House League has officially wrapped up, with Championship weekend and the final “Grand Finale” championships taking place with Kanata. Thank you to the House League Directors for all of their work coordinating the pilot with Kanata – it was very well received on both sides and KGHA President has expressed an interest in continuing to run the program. Lots of lessons learned this season and will need to start preparing for the 2023-24 season as tryouts begin shortly.

It was the first year back for DIFD Tournaments after a two-year pause due to Covid and both the competitive and house league weekends were a huge success. Through the canteen, the NGHA Gives Back table and the silent auctions we raised \$5,017.61 in donations for DIFD.

Motion put forward to donate \$5,017.61 raised to DIFD. Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Finance [Treasurer]

While we have not yet received all of the final payments from teams for ice, we have a healthy balance that will allow us to pay off our final ice bills owing to the City of Ottawa, Carleton U and Sensplex.

The Treasurer has been working to determine registration fees for the upcoming season and has determined that we should be able to stay at \$800 for season registration, even if the cost of ice goes up again this year.

6.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]

For the most part the 2023-24 coaches have been named and posted on the website. There are still some holes, mostly at the C level. U15A and U15BB will be determined during the U15A tryouts as we need to solidify the level of potential coach's players.

Tryout registration is now live and will be open until midnight on April 14th. We have received the preliminary schedule from our ice scheduler, but some adjustments need to be made before we can finalize and post.

Player evaluations have been received from most coaches. These will not be provided as raw data to 2023-24 coaches in advance but content will be used during the tryout process as team selection decisions are made.

The schedule for competitive championship weekend has gone out to teams. Teams are wrapping up playoffs and we will know in the next few days who will be attending championship games the first weekend in April.

The second (of three) ice invoices have gone out to teams. Final invoices will be sent after provincials. Teams will need to make sure everything has been paid before they can close their community accounts.

Coaches Maggie Brennan and Andrea Johnston are interested in running a player development and coach mentor program next season. We will be looking into the best way to make this work.

Kristin Clark has offered to run a manager's meeting in early September to provide guidance and mentorship to new and returning managers, and a forum for discussion and sharing ideas.

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

Planning to hold a meeting on Rowen's Law with Policy Directors of local associations to discuss how we are supporting trainers/coaches who have players on concussion protocol.

8.0 Registration [Registrar]

Packages for tryouts have been posted on the web and people are already registering. This season we have created a separate package for purchasing tryout jerseys only to make things easier.

On the goalie incentive rebate: how is it best handle to goalie rebates for those who are eligible - can we offer up credits in lieu of rebates if players are interested in going that route?

Motion put forward to provide a 50% (\$400) registration credit or rebate to the following full time goalies: House League goalies U11-U18; Competitive full time goalies U11-U13.

Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 House League [House League Directors]

Championship weekend was a huge success! Our teams played a total of 51 round robin games, 6 semi-final/final games across all divisions. We included our annual Grad Game and an hour of ice for our FUNdamentals to play some mini games. Overall a great experience.

Kanata hosted our U9 teams for a "U9 Fun Day" where each team played 3 mini games. Kanata handed each player a loot bag (consisting of an OWHA purse, a custom mini stick and a few treats. Was a fun way to wrap up the season.

Our season officially concludes next Monday with a Nepean-Kanata Grand Final. We are looking forward to that. We will be sending a survey to coaches to get their feedback on the new Nepean-Kanata HL format and will share that with the board once we have it.

We're collecting goalie equipment next week & handling new spring/summer rentals. Bell Arena is scheduled to undergo construction again this year - facility to be closed as of May 1st. We need to have all gear collected/sorted/distributed before then.

Jersey collection will be coming up after Easter - date and time TBC - we'll be looking for volunteers to help with that. We'll also be putting out a call for banners in case anyone has some they want to have put up.

We've discovered Ramp has a scheduling and volunteer assignment function we are exploring. Will share details with the board when we have them.

Information about applying for the Mary Lou Zywicki and Les Banks Bursaries is ready to go out and will be shared with U18 players this week.

DS program is wrapping up and we need to send out the invoices to the 3 teams.

10.0 Programs [Vice President of Programs]

The following teams will be attending Provincial Championships the weekend of April 13-16: U11AA, U11A, U15AA, U15BB, U15C, U18AA, U18A-DO, U18C.

11.0 Operations [Vice President of Operations]

Ice has been allocated to all the teams that are still in play-offs.

11.0 Round table items

Motion to close the board meeting by Lisa Camilucci (seconded: Marty White).

Meeting closed at 8:26pm.