

**Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)
2021-2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 13th, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Videoconference

Present: Tracey Gillies, Lisa Camilucci, Claire Bellefeuille, Tracy Foster, Chad Chambers, Karrie Singer, Raymond Murphy, Gerard Gagnon,

Regrets: Jamie Leppard, Marty White

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

2.0 Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on January 24, 2022 approved by Lisa Camilucci (seconded by: Tracy Foster).

3.0 Welcoming remarks [President]

4.0 Updates [President/Secretary]

New Website

We have migrated to the new RAMP website. If you see anything that is amiss or that does not look right, please let Tracey or Claire know, as the migration was performed by RAMP and they may have missed something.

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

N/A

6.0 Finance [Treasurer]

Ice Invoices

Invoices for the remaining ice from the season will be sent out over the next few days. Teams will be charged a fee for refs and timekeepers for playoffs.

Registration Cost

Likely able to keep registration fees very close to the same next season. Hopefully there will be more ice available to be allocated to teams, and the city will not increase hourly ice fees by too much (though they increase every year).

7.0 Registration [Registrar]

RAMP Registration

OWHA has made all association move to the RAMP registration for the upcoming season. We have been exploring how to use it. At this time we are all set to go live with tryout registration for U13-U18 opening on April 15th.

Email will need to go out to membership indicating that registration will begin on Friday April 15, 2022. It will be important to indicate the level at which you want to tryout and that you only need to register and pay for one level.

We still have PowerUp Sports until August, so we have access to information in that system which may help with the transition (i.e. certification information). We will need a cost on the interim access to the site.

OWHA Fees

Gerard received a letter requesting \$8200 for OWHA U22 league fees and the U9-U18AA (21 teams at \$150 each).

Releases

There have been a few releases requested to date. These are now being done directly in the RAMP system.

8.0 House League [House League Directors]

Championship Weekend

We wrapped up our weekend with a very successful Championship Weekend from March 4-6. We played 56 games in total, including round-robin, semi-finals and finals. We were able to get a local business to donate player of the game pucks, so the weekend had a tournament feel to it. Feedback on the weekend from players, coaches and parents was very positive.

We invited our teams to wear purple in support of DIFD to Championship weekend. We wanted to make up the for the house tournament being cancelled. We were able to sell some of the DIFD masks purchased for the tournament - not all - but we were able to bring in about \$750.

Graduation Game

We held a graduation game for our house league players as part of Championship Weekend. This worked really well and we'd like to keep the tradition moving forward.

Our U18 convenor, Lisa Brennan spearheaded the event. We had 13 graduating players this year. We asked them to each invite a 2nd year player to the game. They scrimmaged, had a fun shoot out and then we presented them with a small gift (rose and cookie). Having it part of Championship weekend and inviting the 2nd years made it a great event - more spectators and it gave the 2nd years something to look forward to for next year.

Goalie Gear

We have collected most of our goalie equipment and it is all in Bell Arena. Some house teams are participating in the Brampton tournament this weekend, so we have allowed them to hold on to equipment until after this weekend. We are considering raising the rental fee for goalie equipment to \$150 next season to help us better maintain our equipment. Currently we only ask for \$75 (it has been this price for many years), and we need to increase this in order to continue the upkeep of the quality equipment we provide.

We have 7 goalies who have rented equipment for the summer rentals so far. We have collected \$100 for summer rental fees and have asked parents to sign a waiver that says they are responsible for any damages or un-returned equipment. We've had some additional requests to rent equipment, so we're working with these goalies to get gear for them before the end of the month. Bell Arena is closing for roof renovations as of May 1st so we won't have access to our storage facility until the roof work is complete - at least 2 months.

Jersey Collection

We will be collecting jerseys from house teams next Thursday, and from competitive teams on Monday, April 25th. We have moved all the old jerseys out of Bell Arena. Once we have recovered all the jerseys that are currently out with teams, we will be sorting through all the jerseys and getting rid of the really old, damaged ones. Will likely need some help with this.

We are in the process of reviewing final budgets and working on wrapping up the season with our teams.

Planning for next year: We opened our house league coach application process and so far have a lot of applicants. We are going to leave the application process open until May 31st as there are some levels where we could use some more volunteers.

Convenors

We currently only have one returning convener for next season. We'll be working through the summer to put some new conveners in place.

9.0 Competitive [Competitive Directors]

New Jerseys

Teams will be purchasing their jerseys. We have figured out a way to not duplicate the numbers.

Jersey Collection

Competitive jerseys will be returned on April 25th.

Provincials

8 teams qualified in Provincials, with one team U15 winning Bronze.

Coaches Meeting

Coaches were selected for next season. There was a meeting on April 12 at Minto with all the coaches to go over the tryout process.

Call-up Process:

Revamping the call-up process for coaches going forward to ensure that call-ups are being administered properly, and to account for ODWHA no longer existing.

10.0 Operations [Vice President of Operations]

President has been working on a financial assistance program for non-parent coaches and assistant coaches to give them some financial assistance to stay with the association.

11.0 Round table items

Annual General Meeting

Will be holding our AGM in June to close off the season and do our elections.

We need some strong candidates to join the board. We also need some volunteers, for example a tournament director. This was Wendy's last year and she has a binder that she will hand off to a candidate that would like to take this on.

We need people who have honorable intentions and are willing to put in the time to grow and foster the NGHHA.

Proposed date for the AGM: June 1st or 8th , 2022. Location to follow.

We will announce the date of the AGM on our website 30 days prior to the meeting along with who is running for Board positions

Bursary Program:

Lisa Camilucci has agreed to run the Mary Lou Zywyki and Les Banks Bursary programs. Les Banks has communicated his vision for what he would like to see for the Les Banks bursary and candidates will be assessed based on that criteria.

Motion to close the Board meeting by Claire Bellefeuille (seconder: Lisa Camilucci)

Meeting closed.