

Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)

2021-2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 31st 2021

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Videoconference

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

Regrets: Marty White, Jamie Leppard

1.0 Call to Order [President]: 8:01pm

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

3.0 Welcoming remarks [President]

Madison Erbach (FUNdamentals coach/convenor) has resigned, but her two sisters have offered to take over the program. The Board would like to do something to thank Madison for her work on this program over the last seven years.

4.0 Updates [President/Secretary]

NGHA Website:

The President and Secretary met with a representative from RAMP Interactive to discuss moving the NGHA website to their CMS platform. RAMP provides a platform and content management system with a number of features the association can employ to provide members with more easily accessible information.

Associated Costs:

- \$500 initial website set up fee
- \$700 annually for: website licensing, hosting, maintenance, training and support
- \$25 domain transfer and annual renewal
- \$300 optional content transfer (transfer existing base content to speed up transition to new site)

A Motion was put forward by Claire Bellefeuille to approve the necessary expenditure of funds (\$1,525) in order to move the NGHA website to the RAMP platform. Motion was seconded by Tracey Gillies and all attending Board Members voted in favour.

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

COVID Committee:

Two members of the COVID Committee have left, and we are looking to replace them. The updated draft protocol is almost finished, and we should be in a position to send something to coaches in the coming days. Two key positions that will continue this season are Designated Team Official and Team Safety Officer.

COVID Screening:

Like last year, everyone will still need to complete a COVID screening prior to entering a facility. This year, we can expect to see more spectators as the city has become more flexible. Using TeamSnap to screen and track all spectators is not an option as it can only hold about 1200 names. TeamSnap will only be used to screen players and team staff, so we need to determine how we will manage COVID screening for spectators. We can use City of Ottawa screening tool, but teams would be responsible for managing spectator screenings.

For practices, we can allow 1-2 adults per player, if the facility allows. For games we will need to be able to provide the option for more than 1 spectator per person. At this time we are looking at 2 spectators for practices where possible, and 4 spectators for games.

Mandatory Vaccination:

Carleton University is implementing mandatory vaccination for anyone aged 12 and over who wishes to enter their facilities. They have developed a platform where people can upload their vaccine certificates, and anyone visiting Carleton will need to be able to provide proof of vaccination. We can anticipate that some people who can't abide by this will withdraw. Ontario is working on a passport, CMOH have been very vocal about wanting this. Additionally, the Greater Toronto Hockey League has implemented a mandatory vaccine requirement and HEO likely to implement this as well.

Teams will need to be able to help with managing this requirement, especially at the start of the season.

Other associations are close to having their own mandatory vaccination policy in the absence of an OWHA policy.

5.0 Finance [Treasurer]

Update on Finances:

Treasurer has full access to the accounts now, has verified all amounts, and has been matching deposits to registration figures.

To date we have received three requests for financial assistance. Treasurer has spoken to two families so far and all documents are in order. He will check in with families we expect to receive requests from to see if they plan to apply.

6.0 Registration [Registrar]

A registration update was provided indicating that as of this meeting, 758 players have registered. We are expecting about 50 more registrations by Labour Day.

7.0 House League [House League Directors]

Jerseys:

Racks are set up at the storage unit, and jerseys are being organized to make sure we have full sets for our house league teams.

Goalie equipment has been collected, though some families have asked to keep the equipment for this season. As the Bell Arena storage unit is completely full, we may have to move more jerseys to Dymon Storage.

Coaches:

The list of house league coaches has changed. House league directors are working with Competitive Directors to complete the list of coaches and will update the list in the coming

weeks. The house league coaches meetings are set for September 21 (U18) and 22 (all other levels).

Convenors:

One new convenor confirmed at the U15 level – Diane Chea. The U 13 and U18 convenors are returning, and we are in the process of looking for two more house league convenors to step in at the U9 and U11 levels.

Sort outs:

Planning for this season's sort outs is ongoing.

8.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]

N/A

9.0 Operations [Vice President of Operations]

OWHA Update:

OWHA is hoping for a normal season this year. They will be controlling the ice for every game played in this province; we don't know when games will start but likely September or early October.

Competitive Tryouts:

U18AA team and both U18A teams have been rostered through a fair and transparent tryout process. Two independents evaluators were used for goalie evaluations.

This season, rather than two U18BB teams and one U18B team we will only have one U18BB and one U18B team. We will be sending a message to all U18 parents to inform them of this.

Tryouts for all other levels will start September 2nd.

10.0 Round table items

N/A

Motion to close the Board meeting by Stephen Bent (seconder: Lisa Camilucci)

Meeting closed 8:56 pm