

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

Date: January 24th, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Videoconference

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

Regrets: N/A

1.0 Call to Order [President]: 7:32pm

2.0 Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on November 8th, 2021 approved by Tracy Foster (seconded by: Marty White).

3.0 Welcoming remarks [President]

4.0 Updates [President/Secretary]

WEBSITE:

Our new website is up and running, thanks to help from Chris Dunn and the content from our previous website has been migrated to the new website. If you see anything that is a miss or that doesn't look right, please let Tracey or Claire know. Still making sure that everything is up to date and all links are working as there was some delay between the initial content porting and the go-live date, but it looks great and we are in good shape.

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

Return to Hockey:

We have heard from Sensplex and it looks like we will be able to return to hockey in their facilities after January 31. There will only be 10 allowed per dressing room so recommend we continue to encourage players to arrive dressed where possible. No more than 70 people associated with each rental, but only 40 designated spots that are permitted to go on the ice. Limited to 80 spectators total per rink, and they must enter 5min before ice time, going directly to the spectator area, and exit within 10min after ice time - exception being to help players under 18 get dressed if necessary. We have not yet heard from the City of Ottawa or Carleton University regarding their protocols.

Note that players ages 12 and over may be asked to provide proof of vaccination now at facilities, so will need to be prepared with their QR code. There is an exception for those who have recently turned 12 - they have 12 weeks after their birthday to comply. It's not clear if City of Ottawa will be checking for vaccine QR code upon entry or if they will leave it up to contract holders as they have been doing. We can expect players to have to show their proof at Sensplex rinks, Carleton U and other private facilities.

Rowan's Law Update:

On January 1, 2022 The Rowan's Law Removal-from/Return-to-sport requirements came into effect. We are now required, as a sport organization, to have a removal-from/return-to-sport protocol. OWHA's current Concussion Awareness Resource covers the removal from play/return to play criteria that is mandated by the Province of Ontario so we are in compliance, however the web content needs to be updated as this section doesn't seem to have been ported over in the move to the new site.

Policy Updates:

Will be looking over our policies in the coming weeks to see what needs updating. If there are any people who would like me to prioritize, please let me know.

5.0 Finance [Treasurer]

DIFD Tournament Costs:

As everyone knows both tournaments were canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions, we had thought we would do the raffle draw through social media but it proved to be too complicated. We will be refunding or returning the teams back their \$100 tournament basket costs. Due to the cancellation the association will take a financial hit on the costs associated with purchasing the raffle baskets. There was \$3500 spent to purchase the baskets and this will go towards next year's DIFD tournament and budget.

DIFD Swag and masks that were supposed to be for the swag bags and additional that were purchased to sell at the rink. The monies spent for these purchases won't be recovered. Hopefully next year we won't need them next year but we will try to sell them to teams.

There is another \$5000 application fee for the sanction permit to the OWHA that we have to pay to apply for the tournament and it is unlikely that we will be able to recover these costs.

Ice Invoice:

Invoices for November and December's ice were sent out and we will have to keep an eye out over the next few days.

6.0 Registration [Registrar]

New Registrations:

Lisa had sent 3 new players that joined in December that have joined the NGHA and have been added to teams.

OWHA:

Gerard is finalizing the spreadsheet and will send Ray the spreadsheet with an invoice for the OWHA fees (\$60,000 or \$65,000) we pay each year to the OWHA. Need to cross-reference as there have been mistakes in past years. Only one or two teams to verify and then the documents will be sent to Ray for payment.

7.0 House League [House League Directors]

Goalie Clinic:

Just before the pause in early December, we were able to run a very successful "come try goalie" clinic. In all, we had 23 girls come out, the majority of which were either new goalies or had never tried it before. We had 10 x U9 goalies, 5 x U11 goalies, 5 x U13 goalies and 3 x U15 goalies come out. The clinic was run by a parent volunteer (Denis Blais) and feedback was great. He is a great resource and seems to recruit new goalies and coaches like working with him. We are looking at maybe doing these more often, and earlier in the season next year.

DS Program:

Unfortunately, we've made the difficult decision to not move ahead with DS this season. The shutdown has made it difficult to proceed with the program and we are running out of time. We will be refunding the U15 players that put their names forward and paid. Hoping to reinstate the DS program next year.

Graduating Players Motion:

I'm also planning on motioning for \$500 to be put towards something special for our graduating players. Lisa put forth motion for \$500 for a gift for graduating/outgoing players.
- Motion was passed

Championship Weekend:

Right now we are just hoping to finish up our season - and planning ahead for Championship weekend - which is currently planned for the first weekend of March. Looking positive for Championship weekend with restrictions being loosened on January 31st, 2022.

8.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]

Regular League play:

Since everything was shut down before Christmas we don't have any updates, waiting on OWSA and facilities for further information on how to proceed.

Coaches Applications:

We have received 20-25 coaches applications for competitive coaches for next season, and have coverage at most levels. Coach interviews will begin shortly.

Coaches Evaluations:

Lots of responses, good feedback. Before Christmas there was a coach feedback survey sent out and we received good feedback for the existing coaches we have and will help for coaches selection for the coming year.

More feedback provided at the younger ages. These evaluations are usually done later in the year but they were moved earlier to allow the feedback to be able to be used for the coach selection.

Sensplex Tournaments:

Tournaments are going to proceed as of February 4, 2022. This may not apply to any of our girls teams, but tournaments are proceeding. Not sure if there are teams in any of these tournaments. The 10 players in the changing room may be a challenge but we will explore this once we get more direction from the OWHHA and the city of Ottawa.

Tryouts:

Tryouts are planned to go forward in the Spring. Aiming to have it done by the end of May weekend.

Coach Advisor:

A proposal has been put forward to bring on Bill Courchesne, a previous U22AA coach of Kanata. He came over as part of our ADP committee. He has over 30 years of coaching experience and a wonderful disposition. Competitive committee has reviewed a

His functions will include: General Manager of Hockey operations. Coach advisor and the ADP program. Will be leading on the recruitment and retention of female coaches and bench staff. Will assist with a coach hub (group of people who can be advisors for all coaches within the association). He will work on a goalie development program for the Association.

There will be a governance structure around his functions and he will be evaluated against these requirements. This document will be housed publicly for membership to access. There is remuneration associated with this position. There will not be any compensation associated with this season, but there will be a salary starting in the 2022-23 season.

Tracey put a motion to nominate Bill Courchaine as a Coach Advisor to the vote - motion was passed.

9.0 Operations [Vice President of Operations]

10.0 Round table items

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

Meeting closed