

Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)

2021-2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 8th 2021

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Videoconference

Present: Tracey Gillies, Lisa Camilucci, Claire Bellefeuille, Tracy Foster, Marty White, Jamie Leppard, Karrie Singer

Regrets: Raymond Murphy, Gerard Gagnon, Chad Chambers

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

2.0 Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on October 4th, 2021 approved by Lisa Camilucci (seconded by Tracey Gillies).

3.0 Welcoming remarks [President]

4.0 Updates [President/Secretary]

Arenas:

No protocols re capacity limits for city ice. Sensplex capacity limits don't impact us. Carleton has gone from 9 in the dressing room to 16 and the capacity limits for spectators has gone to 100 in Rink B and 200 in Rink A. As facilities have continued to open up and increase their maximum capacities, spectator limits have also increased at all facilities. In our most recent version of the COVID-19 Protocol, we have a table that shows spectator limits at all facilities – now that this has increased we no longer need this table (as we wouldn't typically have over 100 spectators at a given game). An updated version of the Protocol will be uploaded this week.

Referees:

Shortage across Canada. Head Referee let us know that there wouldn't be referees for some games – this is unfortunately our new normal. Hockey Canada and OWSHA has not yet allowed for those who have done their referee training to write their exams so there are many waiting in the wings. Have offered ice to Head Referee so when the time comes she can get these refs certified.

Social Media:

Looking for a speaker to present on the implications of presenting on social media to present to U13 and up.

Mental Health:

Would like to have DIFD do a presentation on mental health. Many girls struggling and would be worth doing a presentation on this.

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

Proof of Vaccination for Players and Volunteers:

November 1st was the deadline for all players born in 2009 and earlier and all volunteers to submit their proof of full vaccination to the NGHA portal online. At this point we have 1,100 entries in the system from players and volunteers. We are still waiting on one U18 house league player and 3 house league volunteers to submit. These people cannot participate in any NGHA-related activities until this has been done. The house league director is aware and working with convenors and managers to finalize these last few. Some lessons learned for next season, if this is still a requirement: would be great if we could request proof of vaccination upon registration, would not recommend splitting up verifications by age group as several people volunteer across levels (perhaps by last name would be more suitable).

We are starting to receive questions about what will happen for 2010 players in 2022, particularly around players with January birthdays – we will need to wait for OWHA direction on this. At this point, their policy specifically states “players born in 2009” so until they provide an update, technically, 2010 players are exempt. Expect OWHA is waiting to see what happens with the impending decision on vaccines for those ages 5-11, but until they provide direction we can expect to continue to receive questions.

Spectators:

Additionally, as spectator numbers increase, it becomes more difficult for Team Safety Officers to manage the screenings and proofs of vaccination for both the home and away teams – is there a way we can better manage this requirement?

Website:

We have a new volunteer who has been helping us get the new website in a place where we can go live. He’s been working on the content for the home page, and we’re hoping to see something in the coming days.

5.0 Finance [Treasurer]

Ice Invoicing:

We are about to invoice all competitive teams for their ice – around \$93,000 in revenue. Teams will be invoiced automatically and they can provide cheques to Ray.

6.0 Registration [Registrar]

House League Rosters:

Rosters that have been submitted are as follows:

- U9 – None
- U11 – House 1
- U13 – House 1, 4 and 6
- U15 – House 6
- U18 – House 1 and 1

All other teams are either missing player or coaching staff RAMP registration. They have been contacted several times by the House League Directors and convenors. These teams are at risk of missing tournaments if they do not complete these registrations soon so we can have the rosters approved by OWHA.

7.0 House League [House League Directors]

Balancing:

In the process of balancing teams. Harder to do at some levels with fewer goalies.

RAMP Registration:

Chasing people for RAMP registration. Many have still not registered and need to do so so we can finalize the rosters.

Game Results and Standings:

HL games results and standings module for the website – Dave Hunter is developing this and it should be ready shortly.

Electronic Gamesheets:

Lots of questions about electronic gamesheets. People want to start using these for house league games.

Goalies:

Very few goalies, especially at U15 level. Got an email from Kanata – they are trying to set up a goalie sharing situation between associations. We have a policy that says we don't do this, but we could discuss.

8.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]

Update for the last month:

- Rosters have been submitted and approved.
- Convenors: U9/U11 – Greg Chambers, U13 - Ryan Sciampacone, U15 – vacant, U18 – Susan Andrews
- Team Budgets – most teams' budgets have been reviewed and approved.
- League games: games, referees and timekeepers are scheduled until the December break.
- U18 – there has been some roster shuffling at this level.

9.0 Operations [Vice President of Operations]

10.0 Round table items

Motion to close the Board meeting by Gerard Gagnon (seconder: Lisa Camilucci)

Meeting closed 8:21 pm