

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

Date: October 25th, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Videoconference

Present: Claire Bellefeuille, Lisa Camilucci, Tracy Foster, Chad Chambers, Rachel Ellison, Rob Mahoney, Marty White, Kim LeClair

Regrets: Kevin Singer, Raymond Murphy, Justin Jedlinski

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

2.0 Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on October 4th, 2022.
Approved by Claire Bellefeuille (Seconded Chad Chambers)

3.0 Welcoming remarks [President]

N/A

4.0 Updates [President/Secretary]

President's Update:

Lonestar Restaurant is providing us with a sponsorship package for gift cards for every player. More details to come.

5.0 Operations [Vice President of Operations]

All ice times have been allocated up until the end of the calendar year. We're asking coaches if they can't use their ice times to please let us know as our preference is to not have it go unused given the cost. Discussions are ongoing regarding on how to re-allocate these ice times in a manner that benefits NGHA players as there are several skill coaches at our disposal (e.g., goalie clinics, skills sessions, etc.). Timing may be an issue given scheduling but if we can get ahead of this it would be beneficial as transferring City of Ottawa ice times between different contracts is complicated.

Regarding affiliating players, the OWSHA has passed along the updated process and all coaches should have a copy. If coaches don't have this information they should contact their convenor – at this time the NGHA website information regarding affiliations posted is out of date as it was posted pre-covid.

Action: Affiliation policy will be revised and circulated for comments.

7.0 Programs [Vice President of Programs]

Getting questions regarding travel out of town for non-parent female assistant coaches. Currently, for teams where this is relevant each team is provided \$1000 to compensate the cost of an out-of-town tournament. This is causing confusion regarding team budgets and how to properly record this information.

Two options discussed:

1. The NGHHA provides the teams that require this payment the money and the coaches get reimbursed via the team bank account.
2. The NGHHA provides each non-parent female assistant coach the compensation amount via the NGHHA Treasurer.

Option 2 unanimously chosen.

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

N/A

4.0 Finance [Treasurer]

N/A

7.0 Registration [Registrar]

Wrapping up registrations as most teams are done. Just chasing down a few items (e.g. jersey numbers, etc), and a handful of registrations through either RAMP or OWHA.

8.0 House League [House League Directors]

House League has had a busy couple of weeks. Highlights include:

- Ice Fest was a success - and the official start of our season. Teams played two or three games depending on their division. We were able to do an “ice fest final” for the top ice fest teams at each division - we have some real nail-biters and girls all seemed to have a lot of fun.
- We are almost done balancing - U13 and U15 rosters are now set. U18 balancing emails went out this afternoon. We foresee one tweak at U11 - that will be complete by Wednesday or Thursday this week at the latest.
- Budgets are almost all approved, and bank accounts are starting to be opened. Some teams have been telling us that certain banks are no longer offering cheques as part of their community bank account package - we may need to start thinking about how to update/modernize our financial policy. Realizing two signatures should still be required, we should start thinking about how we can prepare for transitioning if more banks start going this way.
- We have a few house teams starting tournaments this weekend - locally, and the first few teams are set to go away starting next weekend.

- DS coach application will be opened tomorrow. Tryouts will be held in late November. Practices to begin in early December. We will be putting out a survey to gauge interest for a U18 DS team, but are not optimistic based on historical participation.
- Timekeepers: Sherry is in the process of training several new timekeepers. Please remind all teams to be gentle with them - there will be a learning curve over the next few weeks.
- Photo Day: House League would like to resume our regular photo sessions. The NMHA is setting up with inAction at the Sportsplex in late Nov/early Dec - we'd like to piggyback on that. It's one of our most frequently asked questions! If competitive teams would be interested in joining, we're happy to connect with inAction on their behalf, but would request that competitive assign their own volunteer to manage their teams' photo schedule.

9.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]

Competitive Convenor's meeting went very well. A few questions were raised regarding who approves the budgets for the ADP teams as the NGHHA is still required to approve them. Note that the U22 budget is treated separately. Also received questions regarding D1 evaluators for Competitive Coaches as there is a shortage in Eastern Ontario.

Action: all agreed that we need to find people who can do D1 evaluations and work with NGHHA comp coaches

11.0 Round table items

Motion to close the board meeting by Claire Bellefeuille (seconder: Rachel Ellison).

Meeting closed at 7:58pm.