

# **Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)**

## **2021-2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Location:** Videoconference

**Present:** Tracey Gillies, Lisa Camilucci, Claire Bellefeuille, Tracy Foster, Raymond Murphy, Gerard Gagnon, Marty White, Jamie Leppard

**Regrets:** Stephen Bent, Chad Chambers

**1.0** Call to Order [President]: 7:31pm

**2.0** Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 approved by Tracey Gillies (seconded by Lisa Camilucci).

**3.0** Welcoming remarks [President]

**4.0** Updates [President/Secretary]

Stephen Bent, Director of Policy, Risk and Safety will be leaving the Board earlier than anticipated, effective immediately. Claire Bellefeuille will be taking over his work on the policy side.

If teams are playing exhibition games, the NGHA does not provide funds for timekeepers or officials. Teams must pay for this out of their own budget.

Reminder that if anyone receives a question from a member about something that is not in your area of expertise to refer those questions to the appropriate Board member.

### Non-parent coaches:

Quite a few non-parent assistant coaches this year. We have been approached by a non-parent assistant coach on whether there is funding from the NGHA to pay for their travel to at least one tournament in the pursuit of them working towards one day becoming a head coach. This is worth the investment on our part to encourage young, graduated players to come back and help out. Those that are looking to be mentored and eventually become coaches on their own. Perhaps we could consider a coach-mentorship program that would cover travel costs for one non-parent assistant coach.

### DIFD Tournaments:

So far our competitive tournament has 131 teams registered. Out house league tournament has 40 teams registered.

A Motion was put forward by Claire Bellefeuille to allow Tracey Gillies to remain on as NGHA President until the AGM in May 2022, even though her daughters have elected not to play hockey this season. Motion was seconded by Marty White and all attending Board Members voted in favour.

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

### COVID Committee:

We are looking for two or three more members for the COVID Committee. This is especially necessary now that all volunteers and players will be submitting their proof of vaccination through our portal and we need to verify and cross-reference with the team lists. The protocol has been updated with the latest information on mandatory vaccination. So far only one player has withdrawn due to this policy, and we are only aware of one other player that may not meet the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to be fully vaccinated.

### OPH Letters:

There are several different letters that people have been receiving from OPH if they are identified as a close contact. We have been asking to see the letters where possible to determine the best course of action on a case by case basis, but if a player has been asked to isolate until a certain date they must abstain from hockey and related activities until that date. Typically, if a player is able to attend school, they are able to attend hockey.

### Website:

Website has been built and we will be identifying a go-live date once all of the content has been updated.

## **5.0 Finance [Treasurer]**

### Tryout budget:

Treasurer has been putting together a snapshot of the tryout budget, and we have ended up with approximately \$25-28K inflow from tryouts.

### Financial Statement Audit:

Will be following up on the Financial Statement Audit that is a requirement of our constitution. Next step is to reach out to the accounting firm to see where they are with this.

### Budget:

Planning to recast the budget based on our current situation. We will plan a finance committee meeting shortly to discuss.

## **6.0 Registration [Registrar]**

We have 806 players registered. Once player we imported is suspended so will miss the first 3 games of this season as we need to uphold the suspension.

A few hiccups with rostering, and we are still waiting on a few teams to receive their official rosters from OWHA. Need an official roster to apply for tournaments.

Still waiting on the email to unlock all of the electronic gamesheets, right now we must use paper gamesheets which are available from Tracey's mailbox.

## **7.0 House League [House League Directors]**

### Pathways:

We ran our U9 and U11 pathways September 18-19 and September 25-26. Our U9 & U11 coaches ran the sessions, and we had some coaches from other levels fill in as well. Lots of positive feedback from those who took part. Participation rate was much higher at U11 - For U9, there were some ice sessions where we had very low numbers on the ice.

We had four groups at each level, sorted alphabetically, in order to comply with capacity rules at Carleton. So that's 32 total ice sessions offered.

Moving forward, we think we should look to run our house and competitive pathways together. We also need to look for ways to make it run more efficiently (maybe asking for registration to participate) and take the extra ice costs into consideration when planning for the season.

#### Sort outs:

U15 and U18 sort outs were held the weekend of September 25-26. They ran smoothly and these two divisions had their first ice times this past weekend.

U9, U11 and U13 sort outs took place this past weekend. Teams will be on the ice beginning this Thanksgiving weekend.

Sort outs were successful. We incorporated a skills evaluation into our U9 and U11 sort outs.

Most parents came prepared to show COVID-19 screening and proof of vaccination. We had a couple of parents and grandparents react poorly to the protocols, but overall, most were understanding and cooperative. The Carleton University system is more complicated than the city system and we spent a lot of time walking people through it. Teams with ice at Carleton will need to be diligent in making sure their parents and volunteers are following all the requirements there.

#### House League Teams:

This year, we will have 5 teams at U9, 5 teams at U11, 6 teams at U13, 6 teams at U15 and 5 teams at U18.

Coaches are now all set. We lost a few coaches for various reasons, so we had to reach out to several divisions to ask parents to step in. As a result, we have quite a few brand new coaches, especially at the lower levels. We also have several co-coaches.

Our final list of house league coaches is as follows:

U9: Michael Russell, Ryan Sciampacone, Pierre Gagnon, Dave Doran, Jason McNicol

U11: Dave Nordquist, Kirk Pashak, Nic Gagne, Mark McMahon, Richard Boyle/Jeff Prentice

U13: Pierre St. Pierre/Ryan Bellinger, Corey Pickford, Steve Camilucci, Molly McIntyre, Arjo Mukherjee, Ben Cassan

U15: Kim Richer, Brad Park, Mike Poitras, Tim MacDonald, Claude Morris, Javier Viciano/Christy Miller

U18: John Norman, Ken Cheeseman, Russ Warren, Jason Ross, Steve Brennan

We held a goalie equipment pick up last week and have started handing out jerseys to teams. We have created a jersey report document and will be requiring all teams to complete and track their jerseys. We are telling parents they are responsible for returning their jerseys in similar condition, or a \$100 fee per jersey will apply. Players will not be allowed to register for the new season if jerseys are not returned and the fee (if applicable) is not paid.

We're holding our managers meeting next week - Wednesday, October 13 at 7:30pm.

## **8.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]**

#### Tryouts:

Tryouts ran over a month and a half, and teams are all formed. In the process of getting all of the budgets approved – many on the U15/U18 side are still outstanding.

#### Jerseys:

We need five sets of jerseys for 5 out of the 21 competitive teams. If Lisa and Tracy can share the jersey form we can use that for competitive as well, so each team can keep a log of the condition of their jerseys.

#### Tournaments:

We have 7 teams in Clarington next weekend, so there will be extra ice for the house league ice fest.

#### Ice Schedule:

Schedule came out for competitive teams until December 22, trying to go with the set nights again. Mike Garcia has taken over this role, and is working with Dave Hunter on ice distribution.

#### Coaching Certifications

Discussion on whether we are we willing to reimburse head coaches for certifications this year. Decided that yes we will.

### **9.0 Operations [Vice President of Operations]**

N/A

### **10.0 Round table items**

N/A

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

Meeting closed 8:21 pm