

Board Meeting - Agenda

May 27th, 2025 - 7-9pm

Echo Room, Minto Recreation. Centre

Present: Claire B, Estelle M, Glenn B, Shawn R, Eric P, Rob S, Rob M, Tracy F, Lisa C and Lisa T

Absent: Kim L. and Lindsay W

President

1. Approval of minutes of March 19th - Approved.
 - Annual General Meeting – Monday 9th June. Three people have put their names forward:
 - Tara McCallum – Competitive Director
 - Shannon Steele – House League Director
 - Laura Reid – Any vacant Board position
 - Since there are currently not candidates for VP Ops or the Registrar, there needs to be a Board meeting soon after AGM to address filling these positions.
 - Convenors: Unknown at this point.

Administration

2. Travel to the US tournaments.
 - General feeling not to support crossing the border but this was not unanimous.
 - Having Canton in our loop complicates the argument that some teams may have to cross the border to play away games.
 - The Board will establish a position and communicate it and the associated risks of US travel (LGBTQ+, immigration status, etc.).
 - Board reserves the right to force teams to cancel depending political environment.

VP Operations

3. Jamie Leppard will be returning as ice scheduler.
4. Drew will be returning as timekeeper coordinator.
5. Need DIFD Tournament Coordinator.
6. We will be submitting an application to run the DIFD tournament soon.

Policy

7. No update.

Competitive

8. Tryout Update. Good progress and things seem to be working well so far. There has been positive feedback on the use of independent evaluators. Rob S. is very confident in the notes and information being generated. This was born-out by comments from evaluators from other associations who are impressed with the transparency and depth of information that is used to roster players.
 - Information on continuations with respect to where & when they will be posted should be added to the tryout information already provided.

House

9. U22 House League
 - Opening registration soon. Motion to set fees at \$400 for the season. Glenn B. seconded. **Carried.** Covers ice, etc. We purchase sets of jerseys so they can choose to buy their own or borrow one of ours. Lisa working on an outline of what is included in the programme.
10. Bursaries
 - Have received a good number of applications for both bursaries. The Bursary Review Committee is in the process of evaluating the submissions. Recipients will be announced at our upcoming AGM.
11. Jerseys and goalie equipment has been collected.

Programs

12. Fundamentals Coach: Jenna Morris.
13. Proposal to set the Fundamentals coach fee from \$5k. Motion by Eric P. and seconded by Lisa C. **Carried.**
14. There will be a coaches clinic next week. This is currently free for our coaches to participate. Motion by Eric P. to make a financial contribution. Eric to confirm the amount but start with \$500. Seconded by Rob M. **Carried.**
15. Bank letters to close accounts have been sent to teams. All cheques have been deposited.
16. Still need to approve teams' closing budgets. Teams to put final budgets in their Google Drive.
17. Going to be hosting a Referee clinic for players who would like to be referees. This will be open to existing referees who feel they would benefit from a refresher.

Finance

18. Financial update
 - The Association is in sound financial position.
 - New registrations coming in will cover most of the costs of the 25/26 season.
 - Excess funds are due to increased registrations. The NGHHA has held registration fees steady and not increased them for a number of years.
 - The Board will be looking for ideas on positive ways to use some of the excess funds to the benefit of players, coaches and parents. Suggestion for the Board to form a sub-committee to investigate this further.

Any Other Business

19. Ice Scheduling System
 - Explore options to DMC ice scheduling system.
 - Logo on the ice. Estelle has followed up with the City but there is a pause on this right now.
 - Courses for Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches would mitigate the risk of not having a certified coach as a replacement if a Head Coach has to step down. Suggestion to have a Coach Mentor be certified to certify coaches. Head coach at Carleton is certified to do this.
 - Suggestion to cover cost of Head Coach and Assistant Coach coaching course (if every team has two it will cost us about \$6k). Limit of two per team. Requests to Competitive Committee. Fundamentals Coach will need the certification too.
20. Huge thanks to departing Board members (Claire/Rob/Tracy).

Date of next meeting: TBD – after the AGM.