

Board Meeting - Minutes

November 19th, 2024 - 7-9pm
Echo Room, Minto Rec. Centre

Members Present: Claire B, Tracey F, Lisa C, Estelle M, Shawn R, Lindsay W, Rob M, Rob S, Lisa T, Eric P.

Members Absent: Glenn B and Kim L.

President

- All fees due to OWHA for our teams have been paid.
- We will be hosting a joint event with the NMHA with speaker Brock McGillis.
- We should add the details for this event to our socials.
- Ice invoices will be distributed in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Approval of Minutes from last board meeting. Motion: Estelle. Seconded: Rob M.

VP Operations

- Tournaments Update:
 - House League tournament is full
 - We are waiting on payment from a few teams.
 - Waitlist is also full
- DIFD Clothing - preorder link will be sent out soon
- Approval Requests:
- Banners. Same design as last year. 22 banners \$2600 + tax is approx. \$3k.
 - \$1400 from Sensplex and \$1600 from NGHA. Motion: Lindsay. Vote: Yes, by majority.
- Player of the game pucks \$750. Motion: Lisa. Vote: Yes, by majority.
- NGHA Grad pucks 100 = \$250. Motion: Eric. Vote: Yes, by majority.

Competitive

- Coach surveys to be sent out in the next few days and feedback will be provided to coaches in a timely manner via in person meeting.
- Aiming to have Coach announcements for next season prior to DIFD.
- Policy discussion:
 - Injury callups - Coaches decision on who is called up.
 - Potentially add an Injury Protocol document.
 - What is our policy for tryouts, needs to be defined and followed.
 - Competitive Team Formation Policy - what information is covered in this document.
 - With clearer and more available policies that are adopted and followed - we can direct people to policies effectively for more information.
- Tryout preparation will begin soon.

House

- DS tryouts are taking place this weekend over 100 kids registered:
 - Evaluators for goalies secured.
 - Coaches have been selected.
 - ITRs are completed for DS.
- House League has lost a player to competitive and would like the Association to cover the team fees (up to \$400) for the player that has moved up. Budgeted expenses are very tight and losing fees can have a significant impact on the team. APPROVED.

Administration

- Newsletter:
 - NMHA uses MailChimp. Basic package of up to 1500 contacts is \$37.10 monthly (15% off for non-profit).
 - Approval for up to \$500 for newsletters.

- Motion Estelle. Vote: Yes, by majority.
- Wildcats Day:
 - One day event for Competitive only.
 - Requesting \$500 for decorations. Motion Estelle. Vote: Yes, by majority.
 - Preference to have a more comprehensive budget for future events based on experience.
 - Question about the possibility to get both ice pads at Minto to incorporate house league teams as well. Generally, well received and commitment to explore this.
- Tracksuits:
 - Appointment of a single vendor recommended for consistency.
 - Two sources have been engaged to date.
 - Will create an Apparel Committee to deal with the tracksuits and bring back proposals to the board for approval.
- Social Media. Would like to create a community and get information posted in a timelier fashion.

Programs

- Mentorship program kickoff is this weekend.
- Development sessions have been posted to December
 - If there are any new ideas for development send them to Eric.
 - Possible development from defense coach. More to follow.
 - Goalie development has received positive feedback.
- TeamSnap for ice scheduling and Team management is \$2700 US a year for unlimited teams and centralized ice scheduling. Will report back.

Finance

- Outgoing funds:
 - City Ice.
 - OWHA.
 - Carleton Ice.
- Incoming funds:
 - DIFD cheques to be deposited.
- Reimbursement cheques are completed and ready to be distributed (includes expenses incurred by Board members and others in the execution of Association business).
- Auditor for previous seasons had some questions that we are working to address so we can finalise the audit.

Policy

- Outdated links have been removed from the website.
- Disclaimer added - policies are being worked on.
- Team Formation Policy - under revision.
- Financial Assistance - under revision.
- Constitution. All Board positions have a job description. Part of that is awareness of the Constitution so it is incumbent on the Board to be familiar with it.
- A policy committee has been formed.
- Timekeepers, Refs and Ice. Will revise and bring to the board for approval.
- Affiliated Player (AP) Policy:
 - Games and practices have different processes for AP requests.
 - Policy states convenors are supposed to approve call-ups, but this part of the policy is not being followed. Should convenors be aware of game and practice AP requests, or only game AP requests
 - Coach to Coach request - Requesting coach selects player
 - Competitive directors should be policing the application of the AP policy
 - What is the objective of the AP policy? Development or best fit players?
 - Leave in rules about what levels can call which level
 - Affiliated Player policy will be sent out to coaches via convenors for feedback and some revisions may be made based on this feedback.

Date of next meeting: January or February of 2025.