

Nepean Girls Hockey Association (NGHA)

2020-2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 27th 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Videoconferencing

Present: Tracey Gillies, Karen Major, Gerard Gagnon, Stephen Bent, Karla Clarke, Chad Chambers, Lisa Camilucci, Wendy Baldin,

Regrets: Tony Matson

1.0 Call to Order [President]: 7:04 pm

2.0 Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held on April 26th 2021 approved by Karla Clarke (seconded by Gerard Gagnon).

3.0 Updates [President]

The following updates were provided:

- The Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) communicated that there will a retroactively applied reduction in the Hockey Canada fee for every player who played this past season. Specifically, \$12.71 per player will be reimbursed to every player through either a refund or a credit to their NGHA account.
- Lisa McLeod, MPP and Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries announced that the NGHA will receive a grant from the Ministry which will provide \$7/player to the NGHA. The NGHA is free to direct the grant money to areas where it is considered best served. A vote will take place to agree on how it will be spent.
- The President and the Treasurer met to discuss registration fees for next season. The Treasurer recommended fees remain stable as there was no expressed need to support raising fees. A Motion was put forward to keep registration fees at the same amount with no increase for the 2021-22 season. The Motion was approved by Chad Chambers and seconded by Wendy Baldin.
- To date, there is no direction from OWHA with respect to competitive tryouts given the uncertainties with the Covid-19 pandemic. In order to be prepared, the President, Vice President of Programs and Competitive Directors will meet to work through different scenarios and have contingency plans ready for when direction is provided based on provincial and local restrictions.

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

No updates were provided given the quiet post-season period.

5.0 Finance

No updates were provided.

6.0 Registration [Registrar]

A discussion on registration for the 2021-22 season took place. It was agreed that registration should open following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and that late registrations may be accepted (based on direction from the OWHA). Further consideration of the fee payment schedule will examine the possibility of deferred payment to August 1st. A reminder was given that player transfers cannot occur until September 1st and thus an administration fee would be applied from registration fees in these cases.

Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) concerning registration-associated topics were reported to be almost ready for posting on the website. These questions will be compiled along with other FAQs to provide an additional source of information for Members.

It was reported that there are still a few outstanding fee payments from the previous season that continue to be tracked down.

7.0 House League [House League Directors]

The following updates were provided:

- A meeting took place to discuss coach applications. There are at least 4 coaches in each division. Depending on how many teams end up in each division, and depending on registration numbers, there may be a need to add additional coaches. The one division that may need greater focus in recruiting coaches is U15. The House League Directors will reach out to the coaches who have applied to acknowledge they have received their applications and notify that more information will be sent out once specific details for the upcoming season are known.
- Several graduating players have reached out regarding wanting to remain involved with the NGHA as assistant coaches on house league teams next season. The goal is to pair them up with some experienced coaches, who will be mentoring them, showing them how to make and execute practice plans, and how to coach effectively behind the bench. This is being considered as a 'pilot' project to create a mentorship program that would encourage graduating players to stay involved and active within the organization.
- As soon as restrictions are lifted, the priority is to arrange for goalie gear returns and jersey drop-offs.

8.0 Competitive [Competitive Director]

There were no updates to provide other than to report that a few Members had reached out to express thanks regarding the coach selection process and emails continue to be answered addressing questions concerning the upcoming season, tryouts etc,.

9.0 Operations [Vice President of Programs, Secretary]

The following update was provided based on a meeting with the OWHA which took place on May 26th 2021:

- The OWHA is following the provincial protocols and waiting to see regionally how things open up in the respective areas. The OWHA hopes to have more communication in the next two weeks. For now, we remain status quo.

- Insurance covers each player in their own association until Aug 31st
- Date to accept new players still remains September 1st. No player from outside the association may practice with our association.
- If the protocols allow us to get back to hockey sooner, the OWHHA will be looking at the movement of players. If things go back to normal sooner than Sept 1st we will be allowed to give player transfers and sign players from other associations before the Sept 1st.
- Protocols to get back to hockey will be regionally-based. It will also depend on facilities and what they will be allowing. No green light as of yet.
- We will be receiving a memo June 1st regarding girls who had been playing in boys and co-ed leagues who subsequently want to come to the NGHHA. Moving forward, the OWHHA will need to approve a transfer.
- Try outs will depend on the structure and the different rules from various facilities and regions.
- The U9 division will NOT have a competitive team this coming season but it is highly recommended by the OWHHA that the U9 house league players are grouped to put kids of same skill level together. The U9 division will move to full ice after Christmas within individual associations. The NGHHA will not be having a competitive team or coach at this level for the upcoming season.
- Tournaments are not being sanctioned yet for the year. They will likely be running regionally only. The date for Ontario Provincials is set for April 7-10 2022 but whether it will take place will depend on the restrictions under the Covid-19 pandemic.

A brief update on the AGM was provided. It will take place on June 15th via teleconference (Zoom webinar). Keith MacEwen will be helping to administrate the AGM again. The registration for attendance has opened via the NGHHA.powerupsports.com site. Board Members are to prepare slides to present at the meeting. The Mary Lou Zywicki Bursary applications are currently being reviewed by the selection committee. The recipients will be announced at the AGM.

10.0 Round table items

Motion to close the Board meeting by Tracey Gillies (seconder: Wendy Baldin)

Meeting closed 7:43 pm