

Nepean Girls Hockey Association

2016-2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Minto Rec Center

Present: Phil Clarke, Jason Corrigan, Dana Mulvihill, Keith McEwen, Jarrett Thompson, Les Banks, Joanne Erbach, Tracey Gillies, Tony Matson, Tracy Lafreniere, Dom Bueti,

Absent: Andrew Thompson, Monica Armstrong

Guests:

1.0 Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. – Chaired by Phil Clarke

2.0 Previous Meeting Minutes

- A motion was put forth, by Phil Clarke, to approve the minutes from the January Board meeting
- 2nd – Jarrett Thompson
- Unanimous

3.0 Reports

• President's – Phil Clarke

- NGHA tournament
 - Discussion about splitting the tournament into two – House League and Competitive – due to the size of our organization now
 - Starting to have issues with ice availability, and official's availability
 - Three potential dates – October, February, and March
 - Would a September date be better?
 - This will need further discussions
 - Regardless, we will need to confirm our February date and get it submitted
- PWHL
 - Provided a written response for commitment for the upcoming season
 - Phil hasn't heard back from the PWHL
- Board of Directors
 - President and Vice President will not be returning next year
 - Phil sent out an email to see who will be returning the board next year
 - Joanne will return as Registrar but she needs help – thinking of splitting it into HL and Competitive (due to the size for the organization)

- **Volunteers**
 - We need volunteers that do not need to be board members
 - Members should talk to folks to see if they are interested in volunteering
 - Suggestion of having convenors – not associated with the board – to help take on some extra responsibilities
 - Roles – Bingo, PRC, equipment, NGHAs Pins, tournament co-ordinator(s), convenors,
 - Look at having training for some of these roles

ACTION – Phil to check with Monica about board members and the constitution

Vice President – Jason Corrigan

- Nothing to report

House League – Les Banks / Tracey Gillies

- **NGHA HL Tournament**
 - **70 teams in total**
 - 17 NGHAs teams made it to the quarter finals.
 - 4 NGHAs teams made it to the semi-final
 - 1 NGHAs team won gold
 - 3000 players reached with DIFD message
 - Priceless!
- **Championship Weekend**
 - Friday, March 3-5 at Minto Rec Complex
 - Schedule has been finalized
 - Need volunteers for the weekend - sign-in, making sure games are on-time
- **Coach surveys**
 - HL parents will be sent the survey created by Jarrett
- **Player evaluations**
 - Hoping to get these done before championship weekend

Competitive – Dom Bueti / Dana Mulvihill

- Most teams made the playoff in their Divisions (only BCA2 and MCBB did not)
- No recats this year
- Nepean tourney was a success on the ice from the competitive side, 11 teams made the finals with 8 wildcat teams winning gold.
- Play downs are underway
- Looking at getting a coach certification clinic in the late spring, early summer
- **Admin process around tryouts**
 - Looking to have convenors run their respective tryouts this year
 - We have put together a roles and responsibilities document that outlines what they will need to do
 - Will begin looking for individuals who would like to volunteer as convenors (1 per age group) under the new Rules and Regulations
 - April 21 start of tryouts - Ice times have been assigned

- Need to get them on the website asap so families can plan around tryouts
- Get dates posted
- **Surveys**
 - Jarrett and Joanne sent out coach evaluation surveys to all competitive teams
 - Results are coming in...nothing too surprising
 - Will be conducting player evaluation surveys for coaches to complete within the next month to provide feedback for next year's coaches
 - This will allow next year's AA coaches, once they are selected, watch some games and validate the information
- **Coach selection**
 - Notification that we are now accepting coaching applications went out late November, the website is up and running
 - AA applications are in and interviews to happen this week and next
 - AA decisions expected before the end of February so the coaches can begin to watch players and get a feel for the kids at their respective levels
 - Remaining coaches (outside of AA) will be interviewed and (hopefully) selected between May 1 - 20
 - We NEED to run a coaching clinic soon
 - Many prospective coaches have contacted me asking when we will be running one, and are worried that they will not be able to apply for a job due to lack of certification now that we've made it a pre-requisite to have the certification before the season starts
 - We were discussing running one in the late spring
- **Affiliation**
 - Still a few issues with some of the older team coaches allowing their players to be called up
- **Suspension policy**
 - A GM suspension – can return to play when it is served

Registration – Joanne Erbach

- Registration will open on March 20th timeframe
- Fees need to be discussed and approved before registration

MOTION - Phil put forward a motion to accept board approvals via emails

- **2nd – Joanne Erbach**
- **Unanimous**

Ice – Andrew Thompson

- Absent from the meeting – nothing new to report

Policy & Procedures – Monica Armstrong

- Monica absent from the meeting – nothing new to report

Finance – Tony Matson

- reviewed draft budget

- couple competitive surcharges not paid
- Revenue from the tournament to still come in
- Cost for tryouts to be entered
- Keep the budget conversation going via email
- Registration and fees to be looked at

ACTION – Phil to check on Bingo to get an update

Miscellaneous

- Nothing extra to discuss

4.0 Adjournment

Motion was made by Phil Clarke to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

- **2nd – Joanne Erbach**
- **Unanimous**

5.0 Next Meeting

- March at 7:30 p.m.