

Nepean Girls Hockey Association

2018-2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan 29,2019

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Minto Rec Center: Echo Room

Present: Les Banks, Karla Clarke, Marty White, Michelle McDonell, Stephen Bent, Gerard Gagnon, Keith MacEwen, Jarrett Thompson, , Tracey, Scott Boassaly

Regrets:, Tony Matson, Wendy

Minutes Approved – Les and Gerard

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Meeting called to order at 7:45

Finance –

- Current Bank Balance: \$213,457
- Forecasted Year End Position: Surplus of \$60K+ however this is very difficult to determine this year given the ice situation (less ice) and billing (lower billing).
- Billing: Outstanding list of Accounts Receivable. \$118, 012.

President's – Jarrett Thompson

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Scott:

- Play down Schedules – Working these through needing to rejig some of the ice times.
- Refs – Teams are responsible for paying the refs during play downs.
- House league playoffs ice is almost all entered into the system.
- Blended ice rate will be lower than the \$250 initially estimated.
- Ice has been assigned up until March 22nd.
- Peewee and up will get practice dates but will get full ice. Novice and atom will have more ice time but it will be shared.
- Summer Ice – tryouts are part of the summer ice allocation. In February, the City of Ottawa Ice Contact will meet with Scott and Les to review the association's annual ice needs – tryouts, DS Tryouts, Tournament Ice , Championship Weekend, etc.
- Current ice allocation takes us to April 17th
- Expect to start tryouts for the AA on April 11th (goalies will be the first session)
- Considering not conducting PW tryouts
- Bantam A will be balanced teams.
- 16 teams per level in house league.

- Dave, Keith and Scott looking at a new ice management system for next year.

Competitive Director – Keith

House league:

- Tournament – schedule is finalized schedule sent out ref's / time keepers, etc.
- Try out goalie discussion - Craig Boassaly – offered to revamp the goalie tryouts. This would include creating a plan for drills and the instruction that is given to the goalies on goalie night.
- Will discuss the potential change in goalie tryout approach with Shannon as well as a few goalie parents. This tryout night is the most important tryout for goalies – will look at getting some evaluators to assist.
- House Conveners have recommended doing Novice tryouts ahead of time.
- There will be a competitive team next year for Novice, we are waiting on information regarding half ice at the novice level. Important to remember that the Hockey Canada rules are geared towards the boys – which have a minor and major year.
- Affiliation issues, Pee wee teams are not affiliating players so playing with 8.
- Midget asking for an exception – to the affiliation rule as they have so few committed players. Can they have a go to list of Bantam players where they don't have to contact the coach. House League Affiliation can refuse if there is an event conflict – discipline, injured, event conflict.
- It was made very clear at the Managers meeting that they need to be pulling up for practices/games
- Novice Format – OWHA will be sending out an information package
- Chantal and Lisa from MNHA – running 2 teams playing a game on half the ice and another team practicing on the other half. A lot of hurdles at the start, all the coaches love it and now the parents are slowly getting on board. We will be meeting with them to discuss the challenges and successful to help form our program.
- Bumper pads at the Leitrim arena - sponsored by HEO – Bell, Merivale and Carleton U all have boards –All Novice ice will be at Carleton.
- Jan 16th –managers meeting - very well attended by house teams only 13 competitive teams.
- Pee wee team will not have any certified coach for the home tournament

Competitive:

- Ron Graham – hosted meeting
- PA2 – asking about their AA Discount – are we giving them should they get the discount? Yes, we recatted them before the season began.
- Maximum games for affiliation and tournaments/ exhibitions are not included.
- Coach surveys sent out. The process is that the surveys are reviewed by a few members of the Board, look at the comments and provide feedback, assist with adjustments as needed. Feedback might also be used with the coach mentor side.
- Teams may not make specific request to not have a particular referee unless there is a specific issue with ref for behavior and conduct. There is an avenue for escalating concerns.
- Need to send out the invoices for the additional in ice helpers. Gerard will be sending these out.
- We will need to start looking for a replacement head time keepers. Next year will be Sherry's last year of managing this.

- As of Jan 1st this year, coaching certifications can expire. Coaches will need to be cognizant of this.
- Dev1 trained but it is if you are certified that you can lose. Trainer expires after 5 years
- Steve is verifying the correct process for storing PRC information. Will report back next meeting.
- Coach Selections: Motion Forward –Approved – Les & Gerard
- Import Policy – all 4 City organizations have agreed on this (6 in total – 3 at AA & 3 at A). Peewee 3/3 Bantam 3/3 and only 3 for Midget AA in total we are agreeing to do it at all the other levels. Import Policy – Maximum is 3, however, it doesn't mean teams need to take 3.
- Anyone who has left their association can apply in amnesty – both presidents need to sign off on it. It is in the proposal. They will appear on the tryout rosters as a NGHHA player. This is a one year process only. In future years, any players that have left and looking to return will be considered imports.
- Ron will be the evaluator for Tier 1 Bantam AA and Midget AA
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Tracey:

- Wendy is working on the tournament organization
- To hopes of securing more female bench staff, we will look at adding a Hockey 101 session.
- As well, Tracey will organize an NGHHA Spring league hockey with no hockey experience required. We will look into registering the team as a Senior Women's House League to help with the insurance.
- Recommendation is being considered to not complete sort outs for Peewee level and above. The teams will be generated using the coaching feedback from the end of the year. We will move players around if required once the season starts.

Registration – Gerard

- A lot of activity with rosters moves. Late changes to rosters is getting out of hand. Atom House 5 is adding people 13/14th on staff. Have 3 players from Bantam House League that were on ice helpers. Want them to be assistance coaches.
- Bantam House – added and removed the same person 4 times
- Recommendation is December 1st for House League roster changes to align with the competitive.
- Midget AA – Spencer's – have been using players from Kingston, reached her maximum.
- OD rules have changed – 10 game max for call ups.
- Provincials information sent by February 1st –
- Scheduling of play down games deadline is Feb 1st.

Director Policy, Risk & Safety– Stephen Bent:

- Suspension Guidance – summary of what teams are required to do if there are a suspension. Put it up if no additional changes. Will be posted within the next week.
- Inclement weather – revision – outs the judgment call on the coaches. Do we do association/ vs individual – there will be instances like tornados where we just shut everything down. Coaches can make a call on what makes sense for the team/ timing. Ultimately it is up to the parents to decide what is best for their family.
- OD side, one team can cancel and reschedule it.

5.0 Next Meeting

- Adjourned 10:55pm
- Tracey and Steve