

NMHA Executive Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 7, 2021
Zoom

Present: Michelle Brown, Patricia Flynn-Press, Bill Woodman, Lynn Marie Brocanier, David Hilliard, Kim Caletti, Bob Harper, Shannon Drumm, Kelly Morris, Jodi Metcalfe, Jennifer Lean-Gadbois, Adam Holzmann, Jenn Barlow, Karen McCormack

Regrets: none

A. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. **Additions to the Agenda:** AGM date, end of season recap, Castleton Sports Club request.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** motion by Bob Harper, seconded by Jen Barlow
3. **Approval of March 7th, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** motion by Shannon Drumm, seconded by Adam Holzmann

B. Standing Items:

- OMHA- U9 will no longer have REP level, we are not allowed to go on the ice until September 7th, no sanctioned tournaments until October 8th, OMHA will provide us dates permitted for tryouts in the fall. Lakeshore AGM coming up.

C. Discussion Items:

Coaching Selection Approval- Successful candidates presented, we did interview for the U9 level players despite the change in the REP level removal, all candidates for the U9 are aware, successful candidates are U9- Jacob Taylor, U11AE- Kevin Cork, U10AE- no applicant, U16AE- no applicant, U15AE- Kevin Metcalfe. Motion to approve- **Motion APPROVED.** Bob Harper will reach out to successful candidates first and then to those that were not selected prior to posting successful candidates on the website.

Equipment Return- CCC has been contacted, this Sunday April 11th, between 10 am and 12 pm they will allow for equipment return, only one person permitted, Dave Hilliard will coordinate this, email all Tier 1 and Tier 2 coaches and information will be posted on the website.

Development Feedback- Adam Holzman- in summary there was little reply in response to the request for feedback, one reply was concerned about HL, suggesting that they were neglected, didn't feel that they had the same opportunities for development and less ice time. Request made that HL begins at the same time as REP, in general concerns were about perceived inequalities. Some other suggestions included having a tiered House League program (we don't have the numbers for this) Adam will reach out to the individual to address concerns.

Development suggestions- Discussed in generalities the difficulties this particular year has experienced with COVID restrictions. One coach suggested a more tech inclusion, videotaping games and allowing teams to meet to review footage. The inclusion of some of these ideas would be valuable if the budget allowed for it.

Development Tender Extension- Adam Holzmann- last year we agree to extend it. We are still in similar circumstances with COVID. Moving forward we will tender this opportunity, will connect with the current development provider to discuss our intentions.

First Shift Registration- we have applied for it, we will most likely be approved again, COVID did impact this however, we still qualify. What is the overall benefit to the Association? It was determined that we will not participate in the First Shift program for the 2021/2022 season.

Discussed future of novice, (no rep, division progression) our progression isn't as high as some centres but we are working to be comfortable at the AA level, the focus needs to be on number of kids coming out to tryouts. It appears that we need to encourage players to be motivated to work to move either from House League to AE and AE to AA, some AE players are content to remain where they are. General discussion regarding messaging to players that may discourage them from trying out for AE or AA. Discussed messaging and importance of equality during tryouts, this may help to promote player tryout.

Coaching Mentor- this is still a good idea for our association, it is something we should look at and move forward at creating this position. COVID is not the time to do this but something to put forward in the future.

AGM date- June 23rd, if we need to move it we will. Karen McCormack will send the revised policies to Lynn Marie for review, save as PDF and share with Michelle Brown and Shannon Drumm.

End of season recap- despite all the unexpected events with COVID the season was a good one, we were able to provide players with a quality hockey experience despite the health circumstances. Michelle thanked all for everything we did.

Castleton Sports Club request- this is a privately owned sports club, they are trying to raise money, they have asked if we could help. It is privately owned, run by volunteers, it is a community driven sports venue, ice pad, ball diamonds, soccer pitches. They are struggling. Many of our kids use their facilities, they have served the community and have served our members for years. Suggestions to help include- we pay them to put our NMHA logo on the Zamboni, share this information with our association seeking their monetary assistance, we could advertise for them, help them out with social media. We will start with sharing their story. Shannon will work on putting something together to put on the website, share their story and share their goal to raise money.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday May 19th at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn Bill Woodman seconded by Kelly Morris