

NMHA Board Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2015 – 7:30 pm
CCC Tournament Room

Present:

Christian Eriksson, President
Matt McKeen, VP of House League
Mike Dahle, VP of Rep Hockey
April Kimmett, Secretary
Glenn Dees, Treasurer
Ryan Mullins, Director of Hockey Development
Fraser Adamson, Director of Administration
Jane Mullins, Office Administration

Regrets:

Phil Beatty, Past President
Lisa Filce, Registrar

Guests:

Allison Lester, lawyer
Jeff Snyder, OMHA
Eric Graham, SportsXpress magazine

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Amalgamation Agreement – discussion with lawyer Allison Lester

Allison advised that she had sent the Amalgamation Agreement in and it was sent back with four minor changes. Once the changes are made, both the former secretary's from Port Hope and Cobourg will then need to sign the updated agreement. Allison believes this will likely satisfy the needed changes.

Jeff advised that the timing of the agreement does not affect the tryout process.

Allison recommended we continue using the bank account we have been until the agreement is approved.

3. Approval of July 7 & 29, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion *“to accept minutes of July 29, 2015 meeting”* made by Matt, seconded by Fraser, passed.

No motion made for the July 7, 2015 minutes.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion *“to approve the agenda with the addition of Tournament and vacation policy”* made by Fraser, seconded by Matt, passed.

5. House League report (Matt)

Challenges getting the contact info for the Port Hope coaches from last year, Matt is preparing for every division. Otherwise, everything is going well. All governors have a few coaches so far, are working on getting others.

Fraser will ask Todd to email request for coaches link any email responses about coaches to Matt’s attention.

Christian has arranged a newspaper ad, and will contact them to ask they add information seeking coaches/trainers.

6. OMHA report (Mike)

Mike is still trying to get resolution on installing the referee boxes.

They may use the jerseys from in the cage or the Northumberland jerseys for tryouts.

Shelley sent an email about an MD7 child who will be away for tryouts, Mike emailed them back for clarification. The parents have asked if they can just directly tryout for Novice AE. Discussion ensued about how to manage vacations with children missing tryouts and whether or not they would be permitted to be part of AE, etc. Mike will use his discretion on an individual basis depending on the situation.

Coaches have indicated they prefer face to face cuts. Mike will talk to the coaches again to arrange the details of how to manage cuts in a sensitive manner.

Jane will be at Cobourg for tryouts, Mike will check with Shelley about being in Port Hope. No registrations will be taken in person at tryouts.

7. SportsXpress – Presentation by Eric Graham

They noticed that there is a lack of sports news in the community, not many venues to share the positive stories of the associations. SportsXpress' 1st edition distribution was 10000 copies around Northumberland.

They would really like to have someone in the Nighthawks jersey on the ice on the cover for the next edition. All the info is provided by the community, there are no reporters.

Costs of advertising could have the sponsor advertise on part of the page, and the other part talks about the association.

There's a photo booth where pictures get taken for free, sponsors advertise on the photo to cover the cost – could be good for tournament days.

Magazine has been around parts of Ontario for about 8 years, spreading to different parts of the province.

August 26th would be the deadline for submissions for next edition.

Cost for advertiser for 1/3 of the page would be roughly \$500.

Todd Gimblett as Communications person could prepare articles/submissions.

Discussion ensued about promoting NMHA in this venue, look at ways to offset the cost. Given sponsors will have just paid, agreement was that we wouldn't ask for further money to pay for an ad at the same time.

Motion *"to purchase a single page ad for \$500 for SportsXpress magazine's September edition"* made by Ryan, seconded by Mike, passed.

8. Financial report (Glenn)

Glenn will be loading the Sage software on Jane and his laptops.

Our access to PayPal account is limited due to the level of activity, as it was flagged and needs to be verified.

9. Registration (Lisa)

Lisa was absent. Jane reported approximately 250 people registered online and in person. The next in person registration is August 12th. Todd will be asked to email the members to advise that the 12th is the last registration before OMHA tryouts.

Motion *“that no in-person registrations will be accepted at the tryouts”* made by Ryan, seconded by Fraser, passed.

10. Development (Ryan)

Ryan advised there are still limitations to doing the coaching clinic due to merchant account issues, but he will be trying to sort that out before the clinic dates.

Some coaches have approached Ryan about NMHA limiting who can come onto the ice for development sessions. Ryan and Mike will pass along to interested people to ensure they are a coach at large, which will allow them on the ice.

Ryan has had some discussions with Jason Brown about being a head trainer/ trainer mentor, will develop package of info to pass along to assist in being a trainer.

There is still a need for Coach Mentor, hard to find interested parties due to the time commitment required.

11. Equipment (Matt)

Nothing to report.

12. Communications (Fraser)

Nothing new to report.

13. Banquet (Jane)

Jane is asking date and location of the banquet so she can ensure it is confirmed. April 18, 2016 mid-day will be the date. There will be a banquet committee formed to make the arrangements.

14. Bingo (Lisa)

Lisa was absent.

15. New Business

Sponsors – still a need for many HL sponsors, but many usually don't decide until September, Rep sponsors are almost filled. Fraser will send the sponsor list to Christian to see if he is aware of previous Port Hope sponsors who may be interested.

Fraser did a proposed budget for the Justin Williams AE tournament. There is a need for some money towards player gifts \$5 x 1000 players = \$5000. Glenn will prepare a separate revenue sheet to track. Motion *“to accept the proposed budget for the Justin Williams AE tournament”* made by Fraser, seconded by Mike, passed.

Ryan has asked if it is possible for Mike or Shelley to talk to Anne Quigley in Baltimore to see what they are doing about NRPs coming in, as Jeff Snyder used to, in order to ensure lines of communication are open.

According to the Manual of Operations, Ryan indicated that the Executive needs to approve the bench staff. There will be an Executive meeting on Monday, August 24th at 7:30 pm to approve bench staff. The regular Executive meeting will still be September 2nd.

Jane received an email from Shelley Smith, former OMHA rep proposing advertising and giving donation for every mortgage she signs. Fraser will follow up.

Motion *“To accept minutes of June 26, 2015 meeting”*, made by Matt, seconded by Mike, passed.

Motion *“to approve the 2015/16 budget”* made by Matt, seconded by Fraser, passed.

Motion *“for audit purposes the NMHA Board looks for a firm that is sympathetic to non-profit organizations, and if not then we will get three local quotes”*, made by Glenn, seconded by Fraser, passed.

Motion *“to purchase two new laptops with Sage and Microsoft Office for the Registrar and Office Admin”*, made by Glenn, seconded by Mike, passed.

Motion *“that NMHA covers the expenses for OMHA certification clinics”*, made by

Ryan, seconded by Christian, passed.

Motion *“that NMHA provides lunch for the Saturday clinic”*, made by Ryan, seconded by Mike, passed.

Motion *“to approve Top Performance Training and CT Crease Canada as development providers for NMHA, as long as they provide proof of appropriate insurance”*, made by Ryan, seconded by Fraser, passed.

Motion *“to accept \$1000 donation from Jan Rose to pay for 5 additional goalie development sessions”*, made by Ryan, seconded by Mike, passed.

Motion *“that NMHA provides exclusivity to our two development providers with any ice provided by NMHA”*, made by Ryan, seconded by Matt, passed.

Motion *“that NMHA appoints Phil Williams as Junior Referee-in-Chief and he will cover all of House League, and Steve Gallagher as Senior Referee-in-Chief and he will cover Rep”*, made by Matt, seconded by Fraser, passed.

Motion *“that Sommerville’s and PIAS be official vendors for the NMHA clothing for the 2015/16 season”* made by Ryan, seconded by Fraser, passed.

16. Adjournment

Motion *“To adjourn the meeting”*, made by Fraser, seconded by Ryan, passed, meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Next meeting will be September 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Port Hope Rec Centre.