

NMHA Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2015 – 6:30 pm
CCC Office

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
Phil Beatty, Past President
Lisa Filce, Registrar

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

2. Approval of August 4, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion *“to accept minutes of August 4, 2015 meeting”* made by Fraser, seconded by Mike, passed.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion *“to approve the agenda”* made by Mike, seconded by Fraser, passed.

4. Ice Scheduling

Todd was absent. Christian discussed the emails over the weekend about the ice scheduling jobs and people expressing concerns over it. It is now split with Todd doing House League and Cindy doing Rep side. He asked if anyone has any suggestions or issues to raise now. Matt discussed that part of it is that for referee scheduling, it was easiest to book two games together so Phil is having some problems filling a Midget game slot. There are minor things like that throughout the schedule, maybe can look at the bigger schedule for the second half of the season, and see if there are spots to fill in the times where it is just

one game scheduled.

Mike discussed ice allotments and passed around a sheet with the different games scheduled for weekdays and weekends. There is a large difference between weekday (257) games vs weekend (178) games. Ryan indicated that many other centres who book games on weekends, so the premise may have been to not have games back to back on the weekend. It is difficult to satisfy everyone's wishes, he wanted to raise this as some people have approached him to ask. Discussion around the advantages and disadvantages of weekday or weekend games.

If ice is cancelled without two weeks notice, then team is still charged for it and there is no make up ice provided to make up for the time the team didn't use. The Manual of Operations (10.1) says there should be a penalty if they don't use their scheduled ice. There is one team that is asking about this, and Jane will let them know that this time they won't be charged but after this they will be. Mike will send a reminder to everyone about this.

5. House League report

Matt indicated rosters are coming along but still a challenge, lots haven't completed their Respect in Sport. He is thinking we should arrange a time with the computer in the office to go through with people who aren't clear on how to do this.

There are some coaches who haven't finished their coaching/trainers qualifications, and Matt has given until this Friday to show they are qualified or will not be able to be on the ice. There are a bunch of coaches signed up for next weekend in Oshawa.

The tournament planning is coming along. Matt thought it was online already, it will be listed as soon as they receive a cheque. He has had a number of teams contacting him to sign up.

Matt has done guidelines for Select to provide to the coaches. Sr IP, Novice and Atom all have Select teams. There have been some challenges with people not understanding some of the guidelines, expectations.

6. OMHA report

Mike had nothing new to report, as he added his discussion into the ice scheduling discussion.

7. Financial report

The budget has been based on the whole organization. There have been lots of discussions of what Rep, House League, etc each get from the budgeted amount.

Fraser suggested we meet as Executive in January to discuss further and review how the year is going. Fraser will organize possible dates.

Glenn advised that SportsXpress has asked if we are paying the invoice. He called because they called him to ask about it. There has been an upcoming submission, but not approved by the board, so it may be a team who submitted on their own. We will pay the remaining balance from our article, but will not pay for anything submitted without approval.

8. Registration

Lisa is working with Matt on rosters, which is a long and challenging task.

9. Development

Ryan indicated it is about 2/3 way through development sessions, Ryan has seen some of Spike's session. He is a bit disappointed with the turn out to development in House League. The goalie clinics attendance averages between 10-15 per session. Split into two goalie groups - IP to Atom and then Peewee to Midget. Ryan is having a hard time finding shooters for the older group.

The Pro Smart system for House league is for all coaches to use the system for practice drills, beneficial because all the kids are receiving the same practices, skills. There are 50 registered users, 32 users have opened it, some aren't using consistently. He is not sure of why there is some resistance. The people who are using it are finding it very useful. Ryan has given an overview of the system to coaches who attended a meeting he invited them to.

10. Dress code & ball hats

Dave Somerville has not received a list of HL coaches to order their coats. This is will provided once rosters are complete to ensure all bench staff have their required qualifications. There are some bench staff on the Rep side who are not following the dress code. One bench staff is wearing a ball cap when on the bench. Mike will send out a reminder to the bench staff about dress code issues – to remind of the need to wear their coats. Given it is not clear if ball caps are included in the official dress code, he will encourage them to not wear ball hats to

look more professional.

11. Christmas get together for the Executive

We will do a Christmas get together on Monday, December 7th at 7 pm for dinner and Executive meeting. Jane will check into different spots for availability – Railside is a team sponsor so will try there first. If the Railside is booked, then try for the Mill.

12. Email etiquette

There was discussion around people being aware about the impact of what they are emailing and using appropriate language that isn't blaming or accusing. It is very difficult to determine tone and intention over email. There have been occasions where emails seem quite negative and hostile and this is not fair or appropriate when communicating with others.

13. Dates for upcoming Board & Executive meetings

We will do an Executive meeting once a month, and Board once a month to ensure there is more communication and the Executive is aware of needed information.

April will make up a schedule of upcoming meetings and send around. Jane will confirm Cobourg location and Lisa will confirm Port Hope location.

14. New Business

No new business was raised.

15. Adjournment

Motion *"To adjourn the meeting"*, made by Lisa, seconded by Ryan, passed, meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be an Executive meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7 p.m., location to be determined.

