

NEPEAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF MEETING COVER SHEET

THE NEPEAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting – May 8, 2013

Nepean Sportsplex – Hall A 7p.m.

PRESIDENT: KAREN RUSSELL regrets
DISTRICT CHAIR: CRAIG SHOULDICE
VICE PRESIDENT: STEVE BRUSH regrets
SECRETARY: GAIL WISTAFF
REGISTRAR: JANET SHOULDICE
TREASURER: BRENT CAVES
HL CHAIR: NIKKI LOTHIAN

ARLENE CAMERON NICOLE KINGSBURY MARK KINGSBURY VALERIE PAUL - regrets

PATRICIA STEELE CAMERON WATTS KARLA CLARKE regrets BRIAN MCDIVITT
VICKI SENS BRENDA NEUMAN GREG CLARKE

JOHANNE DIOTTE - regrets MARILYN HARGREAVES KIM JOHNSON TERRY MARTIN

JOHN MURRAY - regrets HART WOLFE - regrets

SHAIL PALIWAL -regrets TERRY MARTIN JANE SHEPHERD - regrets

ARLENE THIESSEN - regrets HART WOLFE - regrets

Motion:

**First order of business to appoint the auditor WGP Professional Corp.
Moved by Arlene Cameron and seconded by Steven Moss motion carried**

AWARDS:

Presidents Award – NIKKI LOTHIAN

MINUTES

**Steve Brown moved and Mark Bellanger seconded the approval of the Minutes
of the previous Annual General Meeting of May 9, 2012**

PRESIDENT – (Craig reported for Karen) DISTRICT CHAIR – CRAIG SHOULDICE

Awards were presented to the following retiring directors:

NIKKI LOTHIAN

ARLENE THIESSEN

KIM JOHNSON

KARLA CLARKE

JOHANNE DIOTTE

The year has been relatively quiet with fewer appeals and disciplinary issues than previous years. Not zero, but relatively few.

At Minor Council, a couple of initiatives have been discussed:

- 1. The AAA Zones are being reviewed to see if the makeup of each Zone is correct. There is a definite imbalance that needs to be addressed, as much as it can. It can be very difficult to effectively balance urban and rural Zones. Sometimes close enough is good enough.**
- 2. Hockey Canada is considering raising the minimum age group for bodychecking to Bantam. It is currently Peewee. It is my belief that bodychecking is on its way out at all levels, so this move is just the first step. The NMHA eliminated bodychecking in House League last year. Other Districts in the ODMHA have followed suit.**
- 3. The transfer rules implemented last year have been generally successful, so there may be a few minor changes for the coming season.**
- 4. The ODMHA implemented the Hockey Canada minimum suspension list this year. I feel that these new suspensions are not really workable and are not suited to our House League. The suspensions are quite long and there are new categories of suspension, esp. for coaches. It is one thing to suspend a competitive player or coach for 4 games, which they can serve in a weekend or a week at most. A House League coach could miss a month. These suspensions were implemented by Hockey Canada for their championship events and then added to the HC rules with no announcement, in Jan. 2012.**
- 5. The various HC Branches outside of Ontario are trying to get the 3 Ontario Branches to combine into one Branch (and 1 vote). No-one at the ODMHA favours that, since that would mean Branch meetings in Cambridge.**
- 6. Nepean has moved (again) to get the voting structure changed for the ODMHA AGM. Currently, we get 2 votes, as does Kanata. Cumberland gets 3 votes, although they plan to their merge**

competitive and House programs into a single Association, giving them just 2 votes after that happens. We are proposing 1 vote for each 400 players. With 25% of the players between the three Districts, we have just 10% of the votes.

Thanks to all of our volunteers, to our officials and timekeepers, to all of the people that make things happen for the NMHA. We are critically short of Board members, with just 20 for the 30 positions. If this doesn't change, we may have to make some drastic decisions on programs. We can only ask so much of people

CORRESPONDENCE - NIL

COMPETITIVE CHAIR – GREG CLARKE reported for STEVE BRUSH

Greg thanked his fellow directors for all their hard work during the season. Tryouts registration is showing an increase in registration.

Greg also thanked Bob Brynes, the Technical Director, for another excellent year. He works as a mentor as well as helping with tryouts.

Greg also thanked Karen Russell for organizing the Turkey Tournament for a fourth year. It was again a huge success.

Greg presented Awards:

B COACH OF THE YEAR - GRAHAM HUGHES

A COACH OF THE YEAR – FRED PARKER

AA COACH OF THE YEAR – TODD PATERSON

TRAINER OF THE YEAR – GREG BRIGHT

COACH LIST FOR 2012 2013

NOVICE B BLACK AUSTIN DOUGLAS

NOVICE B WHITE – SHAYNE BENOIT

MINOR ATOM A – DAVE BELLEVEUILLE

MINOR ATOM B BLACK – CHRIS ARMSTRONG

MINOR ATOM B WHITE – DOM MACDONALD

MAJOR ATOM AA – FRED PARKER

MAJOR ATOM A – DAN CHENEY

MAJOR AQTOM B BLACK – MICHAEL CHERRIE

MAJOR ATOM B WHITE – ROB VOYER

MINOR PEEWEE AA – JOHN CONSENTINO

MINOR PEEWEE A – PHIL BERGERON

MINOR PEEWEE B BLACK – MARC FRAPPIER

MINOR PEEWEE B WHITE – MIKE FOWLER

MAJOR PEEWEE AA – FRANK ONDROVIC

MAJOR PEEWEE B BLACK – BUD CLOUTHIER

MAJOR PEEWEE B WHITE – PAUL OAKES

MINOR BANTAM AA – GARRY GALLEY

MINOR BANTAM B BLACK – PAUL ADAMS

MINOR BANTAM B WHITE – DEAN O'BRIEN

MAJOR BANTAM AA – GRAHAME HUGHES

MAJOR BANTAM B – WAYNE BIFOLCHI

MINOR MIDGET AA – BRIAN WILLMOTT

MINOR MIDGET B – CHIRS MULDOON

MAJOR MIDGET AA – JEFF DEAVY

MAJOR MIDGET B – SYLVAIN CORTEAU

REGISTRAR – JANET SHOULDICE

As of today we have 2,860 players' members. All team officials were certified. Due to lack of ice, registration will be capped at the same number.

TREASURER – BRENT CAVES

The auditor was unable to attend the meeting. The audit was completed and the financial statements will be posted on the web site.

TECHNICAL – TERRY MARTIN

Terry ran one Development and two coach stream clinics which were full. Trainer level 1 is now online only. You have 60 days to take the refresher course and must retake the entire course if you miss that deadline.

HOUSELEAGUE – NIKKI LOTHIAN

2012-2013 House League Report

Volunteers

The NMHA depends and appreciates our volunteers. As rewarding as it is to volunteer, we understand at times it can seem challenging. I know I speak on behalf of our members to express our appreciation for the time and effort our volunteers contribute. Without these dedicated people that step up year after year we would not be able to house such a large organization.

2012-2013 season: HL consisted of 130 teams, Novice through to Juvenile.

This consists of 650 parent/non parent volunteers that give their time to insure the team is structured, organized and maintained throughout the season. Their level of commitment is a true asset to our organization and we could not operate without these volunteers each year.

Each year we depend on the assistance of our student volunteers to assist us with the sort outs, tournaments and really anything that was asked of them. Many of these volunteers will become the future of the NMHA. Thank you so much for all your help.

Directors/Convenors

It is truly not an easy task to run a division but year after year, we have dedicated members that put forth a great deal of effort as well as their family time to make sure all the teams in their division are organized in order to provide our members a organized and enjoyable season. I commend them for their dedication to the NMHA.

HL Mentors

I would also like to thank Alex Sperberg and Ken Lothian our HL mentors for all their efforts and hard work this season with our HL teams. We are looking forward to another successful season to come. We will continue our focus on player development at the Novice and Atom level.

Kanata Interlock

NMHA House has been interlocked with Kanata at the A level for 6 years and 2 years for the C level. We look forward to continuing next season.

Championship Teams

I would like to congratulate all the championship teams. Thanks to all teams for such exciting hockey during the round robin, finials and championship games.

House League Awards

Coach A Jeff Wilson

Jeff exemplifies what house league coaches strive to achieve. Jeff's positive coaching approach brought his team far into the finials. Jeff's dedication to player development while having fun made for an excellent season his team.

Coach B Lars Nielsen

Lars has volunteered with Nepean for many years, always willing to help out wherever he can, he exemplifies: great hockey

knowledge, incredible sportsmanship, his players have a high level of respect for him, the parents respect him and he always looks out for the best interest each player.

Coach C Steve Lee

Steve dedicated a lot of time to helping with sort outs, focusing on player development with his young players. Jeff took his team to the finals this year and won it all, which was well deserved!

Manager Dorie Milito

Dorie has managed for many years, year after year she does an excellent job keeping her team informed and organized. She is an excellent example of the perfect manager.

Trainer Ward Robinson

Ward has been a regular volunteer throughout his boys' time with NMHA, balancing these duties with his own Old Timer's hockey commitment and he rarely misses an NMHA game. He arrives with a happy disposition, is prepared to respond to an injury, or open a bench door, leaves the arena with the same attitude and is a positive influence on the players

Volunteer of the year Ed Gariano

Ed is truly a dedicated volunteer. Many directors depend on Ed to assist player evaluations during the sort outs. In addition Ed volunteered for his son's Bantam team and gave his time freely to help some peewee teams when they needed him. Ed is true asset to the NMHA.

Midget B Goalie of the year

A unanimous decision by Midget B coaches and managers that this year's winner of the Midget B goalie of the year is : **AUSTIN BELL**

INITIATION – KAREN RUSSELL - NIL

REFEREE IN CHIEF - CAMERON WATTS

Cameron noted there are 60 new officials each year. 110 officials give 150 hours each season with on ice evaluations This season the target was 500 and 487 were done.

VOLUNTEERS – VALERIE PAUL - NIL

RISK AND SAFETY- JANE SHEPHERD-NIL

SWEATERS – JOHANNE DIOTTE-NIL

SUSPENSTIONS – HOUSE LEAGUE – KIM JOHNSON-NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS –NIL

ELECTION TO THE 2013-14 NMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following directors are returning and are not required to run for election:

Past President: John Murray

Life Time Board Member: Hart Wolf

District Chair: Craig Shouldice

As of May 2013 Board members returning to complete the second year of their two-year term are as follows:

President: Karen Russell

Vice President: Steve Brush

Janet Shouldice, Jane Shepherd, Arlene Cameron, Brent Caves, Nicole Kingsbury, Greg Clarke, Terry Martin, Mark Kingsbury, Brian McDivitt, Shail Paliwal, Patricia Steele, Cameron Watts, Brenda Neuman and Vicki Sen

The following directors will be running for election and will also be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on May8. 2013

Directors:

Valerie Paul, Gail Wistaff, Marilyn Hargreaves

A motion to agree to the appointments was moved by Beth Evans and seconded by Todd Paterson carried

**FREE REGISTRATIONS – 1) Todd Paterson
2) Beth Evans
3) Terry Martin**

ADJOURNMENT

Steven Moss moved and Beth Evans seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting carried

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