

NEPEAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF MEETING COVER SHEET

MEETING OF Nepean Minor Hockey Association Board of Directors

Meeting – January 17, 2011 in the Library Board Room, Walter Baker Sports Centre

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Executive Directors:

PRESIDENT:	Karen Russell
DISTRICT CHAIR:	Craig Shouldice
VICE PRESIDENT:	Greg Clarke(regrets)
SECRETARY:	Gail Wistaff
REGISTRAR:	Janet Shouldice
TREASURER:	Christine Shute
HL CHAIR:	Nikki Lothian(regrets)

DIRECTORS; Amy Smith Arlene Cameron Caise Chandler Chris Woodcock Dale Booth(regrets) Eric Klaus Hart Wolf (regrets) Jane Shepherd(regrets) Jim Hiel(regrets)l John Murray(regrets) Karla Clarke(regrets) Kim Johnston Kristina Tam(regrets) Marilyn Hargreaves Mark Hargreaves(regrets) Melissa Klaus Nicole Kingsbury(regrets) Patricia Steele(regrets) Steve Brush(regrets) Terry Martin Valerie Paul(regrets)

No quorum

1. NOTES FROM EXECUTIVE MEETING JANUARY 15, 2011:

Upon recommendation from the external auditor and current treasurer the sweater allocation fund of \$65,000 is to be removed from the financial reporting. All sweater purchases for the next season will set in the budget.

The Charlie Conacher Fund will also be used for office equipment, namely file cabinets so that it will be removed from the budgets as well. The committee has decided that due to the large amount of returned cheques, the NMHA will no longer accept any post dated cheques for registration. In order to ease the transition for parents, returning players will now be guaranteed a spot as long as they register before June 1st. New player registration will be on June 1st.

2. PRESIDENT – Karen Russell

3. DISTRICT CHAIR/ ITT WEB – Craig Shouldice

Craig attended minor council last week. The AGM is June 18th at Kemptville College.

The ODHA has back up trainers for teams who are missing their trainer for a game. Minor Council will focus on 1) Clearing 2) Recruitment and Retention and 3) Technology. The ODHA has put aside \$6 million dollars for the project.

Coaches who have not done their work books are being offered a last chance session and they are due in 90 days. Amy Smith notes that the NMHA is doing very well with our coaches and most have completed their work books. The ODHA is looking for a storage place for their used equipment. As of March 31st, all referees must have speak out. There will not be a Major Peewee AAA next season. The Initiation meeting is January 27. Craig notes that appeals and discipline hearings are down significantly from last season at the ODMHA.

4. VICE-PRESIDENT/ COMPETITIVE CHAIR – Greg Clarke - NIL

Due to lack of quorum the following motion was done via email

The Major Peewee A team won the Empire State Tournament was a series tournament and they have been invited to the Tournament of Champions in Chicago, March 11-13-2011. This is similar to the Silver Stick tournament.

Motion: To provide \$1000.00 to the Major Peewee A team to help offset their travel expense to attend the Tournament of Champions in Chicago on March 11-13, 2011. Motion was carried via email

5. SECRETARY- Gail Wistaff NIL

6. REGISTRAR – Janet Shouldice

Janet now has all team lists with the exception of Juvenile.

Extra team official bills will be sent out shortly by Janet.

Next season all refund rates will include an admin fees. Charges for insurance, credit card fees, postage etc., will now be covered in the administration fee.

Registration for new players will now be June 1st. The NMHA will no longer be accepting post dated cheques.

The office will open before and on June 1st for registration.

AAA would like us to register their players next season for tryouts.

7. HOUSE LEAGUE – Nikki Lothian - NIL

8. REFEREES IN CHIEF – Caise Chandler

Due to lack of quorum the following took place as an email vote.

NMHA Referee-In-Chief Meeting Notes (Caise Chandler)

1) All AA/A, B and HL directors, please send the below RIC message to coaches and

managers:

To NMHA Team Coaches and Mangers:

There have been too many instances of poor communication between the referees and coaches in Nepean.

Here are a few things to keep in mind regarding communication

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between yourself and the officiating team:

- refrain from yelling at an official. Doing so can result in a bench minor or a game misconduct for harassment of official;**
- report any official not making the game safe, or fair, to your Division Director who will forward your concerns to the NMHA Referee-In-Chief;**
- the Referee-In-Chief will investigate the incident, and can help the official learn from his mistakes (in some cases the official may be suspended or fined depending on the incident or a history of problems). Our goal is to make sure that we follow the Speak Out clinic guidelines. As a coach or manager we encourage you to take a pro-active role by remaining calm, and reporting any issues regarding officiating or timekeeping to your Directors. When dealt with through the proper channels issues can be care of quickly.**

Thank you,

Caise Chandler

NMHA Referee-In-Chief

2) I brought up the raise in Timekeeper pay rates in the last meeting in September. Many of the directors were concern about the cost to pay for the increase, and would affect the hockey fees. Also, it was brought to the attention to me that the NMHA Timekeepers are very fortunate to be the only officiating program to be paid by the league. The NMHA Officiating Program will not pursue the raise in Timekeeper rates, and will only allow the NMHA to control whether the timekeeper get a raise.

3) Timekeepers this year will supervised by our supervisors, so that we can correct any issues that the timekeepers has during the course of the season. While the supervisor are watching the officials on the ice, the supervisor has a timekeeper supervision check list. The supervisor will simply check off the list to ensure that the timekeeper is meeting the standard that the NMHA expects. There is no extra cost for this timekeeper supervision program.

4) Assign fee raise for Jay Kleiman was brought up at the August and September meeting, but no decision has yet to be made on this.

NMHA General Meeting - November 15th, 2010

! Currently, the NMHA game assigner is charging:

- \$4.25 assign fee for officials, plus standard \$2.00 admin charge**
- \$2.00 assign fee for timekeepers**

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- Total assign fee per game is \$8.25

! New propose assign fee (\$1.00 raise):

- \$5.25 assign fee for officials, plus standard \$2.00 admin charge

- \$2.00 assign fee for timekeepers

- Total assign new propose fee per game is \$9.25

! NMHA has approximately 2200 games

Assign fee for each game is \$9.25 per game.

Total cost added for 2011-12 season is approximately \$2,200.00 or 1.12% pay increase.

ODMHA assigners across the board are charging \$5.50 for officials, plus standard \$2.00 admin charge according to the new officials pay rate chart on the odharefs.com website.

Need NMHA Board approval.

The motion for pay raise increases listed above was turned down.

Motion not carried

9. RISK AND SAFETY-Jane Shepherd and Mark Hargreaves -NIL

10. INITIATION – Jim Hiel-NIL

11. TOURNAMENTS AND VOLUNTEERS – Karla Clarke -NIL

12. TECHNICAL – Amy Smith

Amy would like the information below sent out to the teams



Volunteering as an On-Ice Helper

We understand that each year more and more players are interested in volunteering within our amateur hockey program. And that some of these volunteers are young adults wanting to collect high school volunteer hours, and/or are looking to take on a different role within hockey. It has become evident in recent years that older Minor Hockey players as well as Junior Hockey Players partake in practices with teams of lower divisions to assist and volunteer within their association.

With this change in role – moving from player to volunteer helper – Associations and Leagues are faced with many questions. How old should they be? What equipment is required to wear? What training do they require? Etc.

To provide guidance to our members, while ensuring safe opportunities for our young “helpers”, please utilize the following. It is also important to stress, that team officials are to utilize sound judgment when selecting a young person as an on-ice helper. These decisions must be made from a developmental and supportive perspective. We want these “helpers” to provide assistance to the other team officials, while gaining knowledge and experience of a teaching type role. This is not designed as an opportunity for players to get extra ice time.

- **Individuals that volunteer within our association must be either a “registered” member of a Minor Hockey Association, or a Junior Hockey League, or an on-ice official. This ensures that the insurance coverage has been secured.**
- **Individuals may volunteer with a team during practices. They may only be demonstrators/helpers and are not to partake in any scrimmages as a player would.**
- **Individuals that volunteer must be a minimum, two age division higher than the team which they are volunteering with. And are not permitted to Volunteer, as an on-ice helper, with a team at the same or higher division.**
- **Individuals that volunteer must wear full hockey gear if under the age of 16. If older than 16 they must as a minimum wear a CSA certified helmet, facial protection, (as required by their level of hockey) BNQ certified neck guard (as required by their level of hockey) as well as hockey gloves and skates. Although this is the Branch’s minimum**

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requirement, the volunteer's Home Association/League may mandate full gear.

- **Individuals, who are not registered team officials, and who are 16 years of age or older are recommended to complete the Speak - Out Program.**

Officials Conflict Management Workbook

Beginning this coming season, the Officiating Body will now be required to complete Speak Out training. The following motion was passed by the ODHA Board of Directors.

Effective as of the 2010/2011 hockey season:

ALL new (first time) On-Ice Officials who are 16 years of age and older will be required to complete the 4 hr Speak Out Program.

ALL new (first time) On-Ice Officials who are 12-15 years of age, as well as ALL existing On-Ice Officials having been certified during or before the

2009/2010 season will be required to successfully complete the Prevention of Conflict for Officials Workbook. NOTE: Once the 12-15 year-old Official turns 16, they would be required to complete the 4 hr Speak Out Program

(download the workbook) complete all sections then save and email it to

Brent Dick : odharsm@cogeco.ca

NOTE:

All team players must wear full gear for all games and practices with their own team.

13. SPONSORS AND COMMUNICATIONS – NIL

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14. SWEATERS – Kristina Tam- NIL

15. TREASURER – Christine Shute

Christine presented the Auditor's report as in New Business above

16. SUSPENSIONS – Kim Johnson

Kim asks that all teams fax in their suspensions to her. The NMHA Christmas party is at Kim's house this Saturday.

17. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is February 28, 2011 @ 7pm in Library, Walter Baker Sports Centre