

RAIDERS

NMHA Annual General Meeting

Minutes

May 17, 2017

Present: President/District Chair – Greg Clarke
Vice President/Competitive Chair – Steve Brush
Secretary – Gail Wistaff
Registrar – Janet Shouldice
Treasurer – Wendy Tyman
House Chair Brenda Neumann

Craig Shouldice, Arlene Cameron, Karen Russell, Nicole Kingsbury, Valerie Paul, Terry Martin, Patricia Steele, Cameron Watts, Vicki Sen, Shawn Blank, Pat Lam, Helen Crawford, Jodi Parker, Dawn Demers, Keith Ellard, Chris Woodcock, Tom Jones, Kathi Moran

Regrets: Claude Provost, Marilyn Hargreaves, Jan Fequet, Hart Wolfe

1. Appointment of Auditor

Annette from WGP Professional Group presented the membership an overview of the audited Financial statements for 2015-2016. The audited financial statements are available on the NMHA website at <http://www.nepeanhockey.on.ca/docs/fin/nmha-financial-stmt-2016.pdf>.

Motion: To appoint WGP Professional Corp. as the auditor for the NMHA for 2016-2017.

Motion by Brenda Neumann and seconded by Dawn Demers.

Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion to approve minutes from the 2016 Annual General Meeting as presented.

Motion by Lincoln MacDonald and seconded by Lorna MacIsaac

Motion carried.

3. Reports

a. President's Report

I'd like to thank all of you for coming to tonight's meeting. Tonight marks the my last term as president and I have enjoyed the challenge of the position. I could not have done my job without all the support of our Board. We have an excellent team and I can truly say that it

has been an honour and a pleasure to work with all of you. Your commitment and dedication are second to none and I can only say thank you for everything you do.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all the volunteers without whom the Nepean Minor Hockey Association could not function. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all the coaches, assistant coaches, managers, trainers and all the other volunteers who made the season a success.

We will be again challenged again by the City on our ice contracts. The Manotick arena is closing for a significant period of time and the City has already informed us that all Associations will be contributing to cover the shortfall.

This year we embarked on a couple of new programs that will have a positive impact on the NMHA.

- We obtained \$14K in seed money from HEO Minor and directed it towards a goaltender training program for House goaltenders. Under this program, players received 3 training sessions, booked at their own convenience, at Stathos Goaltending in Kanata. We received a very positive response from the attendees and will be continuing the program in 2017-2018. Thanks to Brenda Neumann for her hard work in getting this program off the ground.
- In partnership with the NHL's Ottawa Senators, we organized a Little Senators Learn to Play program. For a very modest registration fee, the Senators provided 50 4-6-year-old players equipment and the NMHA provided the ice time and instructors. The NMHA received registration revenues less a small administration fee so there was no cost to the membership. Thanks to Terry Martin for getting the program off the ground and Dave Vesey for running the program. We will be evaluating the registration of these attendees into our regular program to measure its effectiveness. We have applied to run this program again next year.
- The Juvenile program was integrated into a larger league hosted by District B. In my view, it was a complete success and we look forward to continuing the program in 2017-2018. Many thanks to Jan Fequet for her efforts on this.

Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity now to congratulate all the teams for such a great season and to especially congratulate the championship teams on a job well done. I didn't see all the games but I'm sure they were very exciting as parents could be heard cheering throughout the hallways.

President's Award.

It gives me great pleasure to present the President's Dawn Demers. Dawn has been a Director for many years. She has been of invaluable assistance to me as she is the point contact for recording all the suspensions and affiliations that occur over the course of the last few years. On a sad note, Dawn and her family are moving away from the NMHA this summer.

b. District Chair Report

The Respect in Sport Parent program which was instituted last year for all Novice and IP players across the Branch was a success. The NMHA had 100% of our registered IP and Novice players' parents complete the course. The NMHA has decided that the program will be extended to all competitive teams at the peewee age and younger.

We have been informed by HEO that each member of every team's bench staff will be required to complete a Diversity Training course resulting from a ruling by the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal. The course will be free of charge but it is a mandatory requirement and must be completed no later than October 30 to be eligible to be on the bench. I will provide more details on this as they become available.

The AA League as decided to terminate the Midget AA pilot and Minor Midget AA will be re-instated next year.

The transfer rules implemented a few years ago have been generally successful, so there should be no changes for the coming season. We transferred 20 NMHA players to other Associations to allow them to join competitive teams after they had been released from NMHA teams.

Hockey Canada have introduced the new Initiation program. We are already in compliance with the new directives (and have been several years) and it will have minimal impact on our program.

As many of our teams travel to the US for tournaments, we will be watching with great interest the new US policies on travel restrictions as they make their way through the US courts. Depending on what transpires, this may result in action by the Board.

c. Vice President/Competitive Chair Report

Steve thanked all his team officials and noted that it was a very successful season with 445 games played.

Awards:

AA Coach of the Year - Kyle Platt

A Coach of the year - Paul Cannon

B Coach of the year - Lincoln McDonald

Manager of the Year - Rosie Jewel

Trainer of the Year – Todd Cosgrove

d. Registrar Report

Registration fees will increase for 2017-18 season as follows:

Initiation - \$480

Novice - \$540

Atom - \$540

Peewee - \$560

Bantam - \$560
Midget - \$510
Juvenile - \$460

e. House Chair Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the board for their guidance and assistance over the last few years. It has been truly rewarding to work with them all. I would also like to thank all the players, families and volunteers who made this hockey season a success! As a Board, we appreciate all the time and effort from our volunteer Coaches, Managers, Trainers and parents.

Volunteers are the most important resource community organizations have. The ability of people to work willingly together for the betterment of their community and themselves is a valuable resource.

Without these dedicated people that step-up year after year we would not be able to manage such a large organization. For the 2016-2017 season, the House program consisted of almost 150 teams, IP through to Juvenile. This consists of over 650 parent or non-parent volunteers that give their time to ensure 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. Additionally, 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.

I would also like to compliment our Directors/Convenors as we recognize that it is not an easy task to run a division but year after year. Yet we have dedicated members that dedicate a great deal of effort as well as sacrifice their family time to make sure all the teams in their division are organized to provide our members an enjoyable season. The Directors will typically put in over 100 hours even before the season starts! I commend them for their dedication to the NMHA.

This year we partnered with Dave Stathos Goalie Performance Centre. We had 110 goalies sign up. All the feedback we received was very positive and as such we will be offering it again to HL goalies next year.

I would also like to thank Alex Sperberg, our HL mentor, for his efforts and hard work this season with our HL teams. We are looking forward to another successful season to come. Tom Jones has done an amazing job expanding our Mentor program where players/goalies at the older levels go out to Novice/Atom and Peewee team's practices to help.

I would like to congratulate all the championship teams. Thanks to all teams for such exciting hockey during the round robin, finals and championship games. We no longer have trophies but on the second level of Walter Baker we have a plaque that displays the championship team with the names of the players and bench staff.

Awards

A Coach – Marilyn Mayard (Atom)
B Coach – Lorne Razjman (Peewee)
C Coach – Darren Legault (bantam)
Manager – Mike Coldrey (Novice)
Trainer – Jon Routliffe (Novice)
Midget B Goalie – Sean Pinder

Midget Bursary

Bursaries were awarded to Oliver Hogle and Sarfraz Faruqui.

f. Referee in Chief

Nothing to report.

g. Risk and Safety

Nothing to report.

4. Election to the 2017-2018 Board of Directors

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors

President: Greg Clarke (acclaimed)
Past President (ex-officio): Karen Russell

The following positions were elected:

Vice President (House) - Helen Crawford (elected)
Vice President (Competitive) - Steve Brush (acclaimed)
Vice President (Operations) - Brenda Neumann (acclaimed)
Vice-President (Finance) - Wendy Tyman (acclaimed)
Member-at-Large Craig Shouldice (acclaimed)
Member-at-Large Jodi Parker (acclaimed)

As there were two nominees for the VP House position a motion was presented to destroy the ballots used during the election.

Motion by Greg Clarke and seconded by Craig Shouldice.

Carried.

5. Registration Draw

The winners of a free registration for the 2017-2018 season are:

1) Pat Lam

- 2) Kevin Lefebvre
- 3) Marco Campagna

6. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Tyler Filion and seconded by Lorna MacIsaac.

Carried

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