

RAIDERS

Minutes of the Board Meeting August 31, 2020 (via videoconference)

Present: Jodi Parker, Helen Tyson, Wendy Tyman, Brenda Neumann, Terry Martin, Arlene Cameron, Greg Clarke,

Regrets: Patricia Steele

Guests: Emma Grimes

1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the agenda by Helen Tyson, seconded by Jodi Parker.

Carried.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting by Arlene Cameron seconded by Helen Tyson.

Carried.

3. Business Arising

- a. Emma Grimes provided the Board of her preparations for the scheduling system for the fall program.
 - i. Only the master ice system will be used and published. There will be no ice allocated to competitive or house teams.
 - ii. All sessions are to be called “development” and not “game” or “practice”.
 - iii. Emma Asked to be updated regularly on the status of registration so she can adjust the schedule as required.
 - iv. Shutdown of online registration scheduled for September 5 which may be adjusted as required.

4. Motions

a. Background:

HEO Minor regulations require that players be registered in their home associations before trying out at AAA. When the \$25 Non-refundable Deposit was introduced, the intention was to reduce the financial burden on parents who wanted to try out at AAA. Those who were unsuccessful and returned to the NMHA had the \$25 applied to their NMHA fees or, in rare cases they withdrew.

With no tryouts at AAA for the foreseeable future, we have two possible scenarios.

- i. Players who were unsuccessful at AAA and wish to use the \$25 Deposit as a placeholder until AAA tryouts begin; or
- ii. Players who sit out the year but who will want to register and try out when AAA hold their spring tryouts in 2021.

In either case, the \$25 fee does not cover HEO participation fees, Hockey Canada insurance or contribute anything to the operational costs of the NMHA.

Motion:

In the case of the two scenarios above, the registration deposit shall be \$100. Failure to pay this registration deposit will result in the player been deemed to have withdrawn their registration and are therefore ineligible for AAA tryouts for the balance of the season.

Motion by Terry Martin and seconded by Brenda Neumann.

Carried.

b. As we have not had an AGM and cannot have one for the foreseeable future, we are still required to appoint an auditor for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Motion:

Motion to appoint WGP Professional Corporation as the auditor for the NMHA for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Motion by Wendy Tyman seconded by Arlen Cameron.

Carried.

c. Motion:

All NMHA Board members may not participate as a volunteer on any team as such

participation is a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of Board member.

Motion by Helen Crawford, seconded by Arlene Cameron.

Carried.

d. Motion (September 14, 2020 via email)

To change the fee structure for goalie rental charge to \$100 for the goalie equipment rental for the Fall session as there are no team fees to offset the cost.

Motion by Wendy Tyman, seconded by Arlene Cameron.

Carried.

5. Area Reports

a. **District Chair -Greg Clarke –**

i. Return to Play

The primary focus of the meeting was the release of a draft of HEO's Return to Hockey Framework. It resulted in a long discussion on technical questions on interpreting the Emergency Order or Public Health guidelines. There are those who still want to run "tryouts" for make teams for leagues that do not exist at the moment and may not exist for the balance of the season.

The document does not contain any direction or policy that we are not already following but there are some helpful statements that we can use to provide direction to our division directors, coaches and volunteers before our fall program gets underway.

Again, there was a statement for HEO, directly attributed to the Minister, that Ontario will not be moving to the next stage of opening until there is a vaccine.

I'll be receiving the draft today for final comment and it will be generally released Monday.

All volunteers will be required to complete an online, free COVID awareness course. Details to follow.

ii. HEO Elections

The Election of the new HEO President and Board of Directors will occur Saturday August 22. It was a virtual meeting and votes will be recorded by the law firm of Kelly Santini. Each District Chair gets 8 votes, U18 has 2 votes, Junior A has 18, junior B has 15 and Junior C has 12. This means that Minor (82 votes) can control the Board as

junior only has 45. I think that the new Board will be a step in the right direction for minor hockey.

iii. **Role of Minor Council**

There will be a role for Minor Council in this new structure but the focus on the governance group has been the reforming the HEO Board. We will be starting an initiative to define the terms of reference and operating policies to Minor Council.reg provided a summary of the amalgamation process of HEO and HEO Minor.

b. **Referee in Chief (RIC) – Nico Bidin –**

- i. No report

c. **President – Brenda Neumann –**

- i. Brenda has been provided the applications and will begin an interview process for prospective Board members. Greg, Helen, Arlene offered to help with the interview process.
- ii. Brenda reported that she was contacted by the Toronto Marlies association and was asked to provide advice on their return to play program.

d. **VP Competitive – Arlene Cameron –**

- i. No report.

e. **VP House – Helen Tyson –**

- i. Helen reported that her directors are in place for the House program and they will be having a first meeting September 2.

f. **VP Operations – Terry Martin –**

- i. No report.

g. **VP Finance – Wendy Tyman –**

- i. No report.

h. **Director At Large – Patricia Steele –**

- i. No report.

i. **Director At Large – Jodi Parker –**

- i. Jodi briefed the Board on the requirements of the Bauer First Shift program for this

season. Based on the information presented, we decided not to pursue this program in 2020-2021.

6. **Next Meeting Date:** September 21, 2020 (tentative)
7. **Motion to adjourn** by Helen Tyson, seconded by Terry Martin.

Carried.