

NEPEAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF MEETING COVER SHEET

THE NEPEAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting – May 12, 2010

Nepean Sportsplex – Hall A

PRESENT: Craig Shouldice, Greg Clarke, Janet Shouldice, Nikki Lothian, Christine Shute, Hart Wolf, Karen Russell, Kristina Tam, Chris Woodcock, Arlene Cameron, Patricia Steele, Marilyn Hargreaves, Amy Smith, Karla Clark, Jane Shepherd, Nicole Kingsbury, Kim Johnson, Melissa Klaus and Gail Wistaff

ABSENT: John Murray, Valerie Paul, Tim Huras, Bill Vankeeken, Caise Chandler, Krystal Sayer, Jim Hiel and Tanya Thompson

Craig Shouldice chaired the AGM meeting at 7:05pm

AWARDS:

Coach/Manager/Trainer of the Year Awards

House League

Coach

A Joe Krekler

B Peter VanDusen

C Jamie Koch

Manager – Jennifer Goodkey

Trainer – Arlene Thiessen

Midget Goaler of the Year – Landon Arbuckle

Competitive

AA Coach - John Dawley

A Coach – Brian Mcdivitt

B Coach – Mike Killingsworth

Trainer – Gary Renaud

Manager - Sue Oliver/Greg Hodgins

Presidents Award- Angus Boyd

District 10 Volunteer of the Year Award – Amy Smith

Retiring Directors are Tim Huras, Hart Wolf (lifetime director retiring position), Krystal Sayer, Bill Vankeeken

MINUTES

Arlene Thiessen moved and Lorna Smith seconded the approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of May 13, 2009

PRESIDENTS REPORT/DISTRICT CHAIR – CRAIG SHOULDICE

HART WOLF

We have no idea how long Hart has been the ice scheduler here. Pucks could have been square when he started. He's been the rock that we have relied on for our ice scheduling for more than 30 years.

Every Association and every District looks for that consistent ice scheduler, who will stay on and bring experience and attention to detail to a very demanding job. We have a budget of some 7,000 hours of ice that needs to be allocated between three hockey programs, technical courses, special events (tournaments). These ice slots need to meet the demands of the competitive leagues, the house league directors and the members of our Association. It is a long and tedious task at times. He is now passing the torch to Mary Lou Zywicki, who has the right skill set to replace him. Thankfully, we've had an ice scheduler with all of the abilities we'd like to thank Hart for his many years, but with something more than a plaque. We heard that he is a model train buff, so we've got him something to help him with that hobby.

Thanks, Hart and we hope you enjoy this gift for many years to come.

Craig thanked all of the directors for a great job this season with a special thanks to Dan O'Brien and Kristina Tam for their work making the move from Merivale arena to Megacity run smoothly.

The NMHA and AAA association has gone very well and the NMHA will continue to support the venture financially to help offset their ice fees. The AAA project has been confirmed as permanent.

The ODHA AGM is on June 12, 2010. Craig has chosen Amy Smith for the Presidents Award, which will be handed out at that time. There will be a motion at the ODHA AGM to change the voting structure. Now each district has a vote and each association has a vote. Most districts have several small associations. The NMHA is an association and a district. Therefore although we are much larger than some of the other districts, we only receive two votes. The smaller associations outvote all the three largest associations. Hopefully this will be changed at the AGM. Information for new players to the NMHA, including Transfer and DOR (Declaration of Residence) forms are posted on our web site.

CORRESPONDENCE - NIL

VICE PRESIDENT/COMPETITIVE CHAIR – GREG CLARKE

Program highlights – NMHA Competitive Program 2009-2010

Before I begin my report, I would like to thank the members of the Competitive program. A lot of time and effort goes into managing the program and I would like to recognize then efforts of the following Board members:

Greg Clarke - Competitive Chair

Melissa Klaus – Atom Director

Chris Woodcock – Peewee Director and Tryout Coordinator

Tim Huras – Bantam Director

Karen Russell – Midget Director and Competitive Tournament Chair

Phil Leberge - Membership Feedback

James Hanlon - Technical Director

I would also like to thank all the volunteers, our 24 coaches, assistant coaches, managers and trainers in helping to make 2009-2010 a success and a positive experience for the kids.

I'd also like to thank Karen Russell, who will be leaving the Committee for other responsibilities within the NMHA. She's made a real contribution over the years and I look forward to working with her in her new role.

AAA Hockey

At a special general meeting of the ODMHA, a motion was passed making AAA hockey a permanent fixture in the ODMHA.

As part of our commitment mandated by the ODMHA to supply ice to the AAA Senators as part of the pilot, we entered into an agreement whereby we would purchase a contract at the Sensplex and make it available to the Senators at regular NMHA rates. We also agreed to supply 20 hours of game ice for AAA teams to play in Nepean. This resulted in a net subsidy to the AAA club of \$7485.00.

NMHA

Technical Director

A significant amount of effort has gone towards the improvement of the Technical director program, particularly in regard to revenue generation and financial reporting. When the TD program was initiated a number of years ago, the TD was paid directly through registration fees.

Since that time, we have developed a number of revenue-generating player development programs within the program. At present, the TD operates the following programs:

- Hockey fest
- Spring 3-on-3
- Spring Power Skating
- Spring Goalie Clinic
- Full Day Camp (2 weeks)
- Bantam/Midget Prep Camp
- Goalie Only Prep Camp

These programs generated \$76,000 in revenue with \$51,000 in expenses. This resulted in a net profit of \$25,000 which contributed towards the TD salary and other expenses.

For the 2009-2010 season the TD program:

- Continued to improve and strengthen our in-house, revenue-generating Raider Development camps and clinics.
- Purchased audio-visual equipment and other coaching aids.
- Moved our new tryout program forward to include combined AA/A tryouts and a selection committee for tryouts.
- Continued the power skating program at Minor Atom.
- Continued the program of "Raider Development Nights" on Mondays for the major atom, minor peewee and major peewee levels. These sessions are combined skill development programs for our teams at that level.

The Raider Development nights, the Raider Development Fund, combined tryouts, Raider Development camps and clinics and Hockey Fest emphasize the message that we are a club and not a collection of teams.

Moving forward into 2010-2011 we have established several objectives for the Technical Director program.

- The implementation of the team rules was a worthwhile undertaking. We will be holding training sessions with the coaches on their implementation and application prior to tryouts.

- We have purchased some audio-visual equipment and other coaching aids for Coach Development. The Technical Director will be conducting hands-on seminars.
- Moving the combined tryout program forward to all levels.
- Improving and developing the Raider Development Nights on Mondays.
- Examining ways to attract new capable coaches to Nepean and providing an environment where top current coaches want to continue coaching here.
- Investigating new revenue streams that can increase the balance of our Raider Development Fund.

Turkey Tournament

Our first edition of the Turkey Tournament was a success and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Karen Russell, the tournament Chair, and James Hanlon who were instrumental in this achievement. I would also like to thank the volunteers of the two Nepean teams; Kris Klein's Minor Atom B White team and John Capaldi's Major Atom AA team.

The tournament also provided the following financial highlights:

- We had 47 teams registered, 10 of which were from outside the ODMHA.
- Our 9 Nepean teams were able to play at a reduced registration rate of 600.00 and play at home during Thanksgiving weekend.
- Our 2 venue hosting teams combined to raise approximately \$6000.00 for their team funds.
- The NMHA also received a profit of \$6000.00 which will be used to help offset costs for all NMHA members.

We will be continuing this tournament in 2010.

2009-2010 Season Summary

Overall, we saw an improvement in team play but our playoff performance at the higher levels was disappointing. We had a number of very good playoff runs with our B program with a good number of teams getting into the final 4 of the playoffs.

The Committee hosted a coach summit at season's end and the coaches made a number of recommendations that we will begin to implement 2010-2011.

- Increase the amount of practice ice available. We are looking for additional hours outside of our NMHA allocation from the city.
- Coach seminar sessions to allow coaches to discuss strategy and tactics.
- Extending the Raider Development nights into bantam and midget.
- Improving our off-ice conditioning program

- Improving the competitiveness of our feeder programs (IP, Novice A) to give our players a jumpstart when they enter the competitive program. Nikki Lothian, Jim Hiel, Craig Shouldice and I have already met to discuss what we might be able to do.

Coaches for 2010-2011

B coaches

Minor Atom B – Paul Frigault and Gord Weatherall
Major Atom B – Paul Adams and Peter Gauthier
Minor Peewee B – Mark Sears
Major Peewee B – Gord McWilliams and Trevor MacLeod
Minor Bantam B – Mike Killingsworth
Major Bantam B – Ted Hay
Minor Midget B – Jaime Squirrel
Major Midget B – Wayne Newell

A Coaches

Minor Atom A – Brian McDivitt
Major Atom A – Mike Griffith
Minor Peewee A – Steve Davidson
Major Peewee A – Todd Paterson

AA Coaches

Major Atom AA – To be announced (in negotiation with a candidate)
Minor Peewee AA – Bryan Richardson
Major Peewee AA – Peter Rowe
Minor Bantam AA – Andre Dube
Major Bantam AA – Barry Wilson
Minor Midget AA – Rob Aubry
Major Midget AA – John Cosentino

Registrar- Janet Shouldice

Janet noted that 2,881 players, 921 team officials and 175 teams were registered for the 2009-10 season. The online system was delayed three weeks by Hockey Canada. As of the AGM 811 members had registered online. Five-year-old registration was moved to May 1st this season. The NMHA will move new player registration to the first Saturday in June next season and no post dated cheques will be accepted. Returning players may register on April 1st and will have until June 3rd to register and be guaranteed their position. New players will register Saturday June 4th, 2011 and will also not be allowed to postdate their cheques.

TREASURER – Christine Shute

1. Total Revenue approximately \$1,972K. Total expenses approximately \$1,863K leaving a contribution of little over \$100K compared to contribution of \$53K in 08/09 season.

This has allowed us to keep registration increase to a minimum. Four age groups remained the same, decrease in one age group and increases of less than 10% in two age groups.

2. Total registration for the season was \$1.1M - similar numbers to last year and estimate similar numbers for the next season. This amount does not include prepaid ice included in the registration fees.

3. Ice cost for the season was \$1,012,522.55. Projected ice expenses for 2010/11 are \$1.2 M. HST impact is \$75K

4. Financial Highlights

- Negotiated new lease and space at 810 Greenbank, which will result in over \$5K savings per year.

- Goalie Equipment - continue to upgrade equipment available to players to rent. \$13K rental income this season

- Jersey Replacement - entering the second year of five-year plan. 09/10 purchased \$52K and plans to purchase \$61K in 10/11 seasons

5. Budget for 2010/11 will be posted on the website once it is passed in June's Board Meeting. Revenue projected at \$2.1M with net contribution estimated at \$80K.

6. Audited Statements for previous years will be available on line at the end of June.

HOUSELEAGUE – NIKKI LOTHIAN

2009-2010 House League Report

Volunteers

I would first like to thank the countless volunteers for all the help this season. Without volunteers we could not run such a large organization. The NMHA also greatly appreciates all the student volunteers that came out to help this season with the sort-outs, tournaments and really anything that was asked of them. In house league alone there were 133 teams, which equates to almost 680 volunteers that assisted with these teams this season to help make it successful for the players. On behalf of all of us, a sincere thank-you to each and everyone for your dedication.

Directors/Convenors

A huge Thank-you to the Directors and Convenors. These people dedicate a tremendous amount of time and effort to make sure all our divisions run as smoothly as possible and to insure that players and parents have the best season possible.

So I wanted to make sure I thank them for the dedication and all hard work and making my job so much easier.

HL Mentors

I would also like to thank Mike Goddard 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 with Power Skating and goalie development continued within these levels.

Bantam/Midget Non- Body checking division

For the 2010-2011 season at the house league level we will introduce a division of non-body checking at the B level for Bantam and Midget. Bantam and Midget will consist of the following - A level, B level body checking, B level non-body checking and non-contact divisions. A communication letter will be sent to parents and players on what to expect for the upcoming season.

Kanata Interlock

HL has completed its 3rd year of our interlocked divisions with Kanata, this year the interlock consisted of Atom through Bantam division. The feedback we've received from coaches, players and parents is still very positive. We're happy about this success and that we've been able to provide this element to our A teams.

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.

Enjoy your summer and see you at the rinks soon

House League Awards

Coach A – Joe Krekler

Joe does many things that are deserving of this award. Joe is known to be excellent with the players. He takes the time to talk to each one personally every week, always highlighting their strengths. Joe has a motivational speech for the players. This speech is not about winning; it is about **teamwork, respect** for others.

Coach B - Peter VanDusen

He exemplifies the best qualities: great hockey knowledge, superior ability to communicate this knowledge, incredible sportsmanship (he walks the talk), the

kids respect him, the parents respect him and he coaches for the best reason: to positively influence the children entrusted to him. Peter VanDusen is simply the best I've ever seen.

Coach C – Jamie Koch

Jamie has coached many years and at many different levels within Nepean. Each year Jamie dedicates his time by taking the role of coach for two Nepean teams. It's Jamie's extensive knowledge of the game, focus on player development and teamwork values that make Jamie an asset to the NMHA.

Manager – Jennifer Goodkey

Jennifer is one of the most organized people I have met. I never had to ask twice for anything, she was always the first to respond back. Jennifer kept her team informed and organized. She is an excellent example of the perfect manager.

Trainer – Arlene Thiessen

Arlene has volunteered in many capacities within the NMHA over the years. Each role Arlene takes on she strives to be the best of the best. In setting this high goal she is always successful. As a trainer Arlene is held at the highest standard, she demonstrates her passion for the game and care for all players. The NMHA is very fortunate to have a volunteer like Arlene.

REFEREES IN CHIEF NIL

INITIATION- JIM HIEL REPORT GIVEN BY CRAIG SHOULDICE

1. Metrics - 305 players, 18 teams (10 IP5 and 8 IP6)
2. Would like to thank all the parent reps and helpers for all their hard work
3. Judging from the number of emails complementing both the instructors and the program we had an excellent season.
4. We will be making some fundamental changes to the IP6 level next season in order to better prepare the players for their entry into Novice
 - (a) adding more structure to the practices earlier in the season introducing basic game skills
 - (b) offering, as an option at an additional cost, further on-ice instruction with a focus on increased game/skating skills

Jim emailed all the parents of those players returning next year at the IP6 level and it looks like he should be able to support a split of 4 and 4 teams at the IP5 level. In other words the uptake on the additional instruction should support 4 teams. Of 102 returning got no answer from 62, 26 who would sign up and 14 no interest.

VOLUNTEERS – KARLA CLARKE

Karla thanked all those who volunteered for the season. All student volunteers should contact Karla to have their forms signed and by put on next seasons list.

RISK AND SAFETY- JANE SHEPHERD

Jane noted that the police did still not process 250 forms from last season.

SWEATERS – Kristina Tam

We will be replacing 9 competitive teams while still phasing in the black jerseys. We will also be replacing 18 HL teams. Kristina will be ordering approximately 3000 pairs of sets.

SUSPENSTIONS – HOUSE LEAGUE – KIM JOHNSON

Kim noted that there were 138 game suspensions and 80 of those were Midget and 32 Bantam. Kim will be monitoring all carry over suspensions for next season. All directors must send in suspension game sheets to Kim.

GENERAL BUSINESS - NIL

ELECTION

The following directors are not required to run for election:

Past President: John Murray

Life Time Board Member: Hart Wolf

The following members are returning to complete the second year of their two-year term are as follows:

Directors:

Amy Smith, Melissa Klaus, Nikki Lothian, Valerie Paul, Gail Wistaff, Caise Chandler, Kristina Tam, Marilyn Hargreaves and Patricia Steele

The following directors were voted on:

President: Karen Russell moved by Garry Renaud seconded by Ted Hay carried

Vice President: Greg Clarke moved by Gary Renaud seconded by John Consentino

District Chair: Craig Shouldice

Directors:

Janet Shouldice, Jane Shepherd, Jim Hiel, Arlene Cameron, Kim Johnson, Tanya Thompson, Nicole Kingsbury Chris Woodcock and new directors Dale Booth, Terry Martin, Mark Hargreaves, Mark Kingsbury and Eric Klaus moved by Gary Renaud seconded by Arlene Thiessen

FREE REGISTRATIONS – Peter Rowe, Sharron Collins and Todd Patterson

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Graham moved and John Consentino seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting carried

