

NEPEAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF MEETING COVER SHEET

**THE NEPEAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Meeting – May 13, 2014

Walter Baker Cafeteria 7pm

**PRESIDENT: KAREN RUSSELL
DISTRICT CHAIR: CRAIG SHOULDICE
VICE PRESIDENT: STEVE BRUSH
SECRETARY: GAIL WISTAFF
REGISTRAR: JANET SHOULDICE
TREASURER: BRENT CAVES**

**ARLENE CAMERON NICOLE KINGSBURY-regrets MARK KINGSBURY VALERIE PAUL- regrets
PATRICIA STEELE CAMERON WATTS VICKI SENS BRENDA NEUMAN GREG CLARKE
BETH EVANS -REGRETS MARILYN HARGREAVES JOHN MURRAY- regrets
SHAIL PALIWAL -regrets TERRY MARTIN-regrets
JANE SHEPHERD- regrets HART WOLFE - regrets**

APPOINT AUDITOR

First order of business is to appoint the auditor WGP Professional Corp. – Annette provided financials.

Moved by: Arlene Cameron Seconded by: Steve Brush carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from our previous year's Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Greg Clarke Seconded by: Steve Brown carried

President's Address

I'd like to thank all of you for coming to tonight's meeting. It's been 4 years since I was elected President and I have to say I enjoyed my time. I could not have done my job without the tremendous help and support of our board. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work alongside you. You are the backbone of this organization and the most dedicated group of people I know. I have the utmost respect for the work that you do for the NMHA. Thank you for everything you do.

While in this position I had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people and am truly amazed at how much time people are willing to volunteer to such an organization. We've had teams, players and parents, involved with many charitable organizations throughout their hockey season. They were collecting toys and food for Christmas, winter clothing, raising funds for different causes and I think it's a wonderful thing to be teaching our young players about giving to those less fortunate than they are. They are being taught life lessons on top of participating in a sport they love. I'm sure those organizations are truly appreciative of all your efforts. It's amazing what can be accomplished when putting groups of families together on a team when they don't really know each other and at the end of the season, have so many new friends.

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.

Presentation of Awards

PRESIDENT'S AWARD – Terry Martin

Terry has been a long time volunteer with the NMHA. He moved from a House League Director position and took over as Technical Director 2 years ago and did a tremendous job organizing all our clinics. We have been short volunteers of late so Terry also took on the role of House League Tournament Director and guided the host teams in

organizing 8 house league tournaments (Novice to Juvenile) as well as the Bell Capital Cup. Your dedication to the NMHA is very much appreciated Terry. Congratulations.

PRESENTATION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AWARDS

This year we have 2 retiring directors – Mark Kingsbury – Midget House League Director and Jane Shepherd – Risk & Safety. Thank you both for all the time you have given to the NMHA. We very much appreciate all the work you have done for us in the past years and wish you all the best in your retirement. Mark won't quite be retired as I'm sure he'll be back coaching for us next season

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS

District Chair

The year at the ODMHA has been relatively quiet with no disciplinary hearings for abuse of official and fewer appeals. There is one physical abuse of official case, but it is heading for police action and is therefore out of the hands of Minor Hockey.

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

1. The AAA Zones are being redrawn and there will be a motion in June to confirm the changes. South Stormont returns to the Wild, Russell moves to the Wild and Leitrim is divided between the 67's and the Cyclones.
2. The transfer rules implemented two years ago have been generally successful, so there should be no changes for the coming season.
3. The ODMHA is planning to rewrite its Code of Discipline to make it more readable and to remove a number of inconsistencies. That should be done by the start of 2014-15.
4. HEO has a motion for their AGM to modify their voting structure. Along with a number of changes to bring it up-to-date, they have proposed a method for allocating votes by player population. They are proposing 1 vote for less than 1000 players and 1 extra vote for each 500 players beyond that. Nepean has tried to get approval for a similar structure for a few years now, with no success. We have moved that the ODMHA make the same change and I am hopeful that it will pass. It will all depend on whether or not Junior wants to release a bit of its stranglehold on HEO business.
5. HEO will be bringing a motion to increase the fees paid by every participant under their purview. They are proposing a 300% increase, to cover many years of bad financial management and a lack of planning. It will pass, simply because the whole bill is getting passed on the Minor Hockey, with none going to Junior and they hold the majority of votes. A Minor Hockey Association President has put forward a series of motions to force HEO to hire qualified financial managers to plan and control their affairs.

Yesterday, I reported to Minor Council and I took exception with the Hockey Canada Registry and made my complaints directly to the President of HEO and the HEO

Executive Director. The HCR dropped a new release on us, unannounced, on April 14 and, to date, there are still serious defects in the system. It was a massive change to the financial part of the Registry and it calls into question the integrity of their database. We will be considering a different provider for next year.

Thanks to all of our volunteers, to our officials and timekeepers, to all of the people that make things happen for the NMHA. It is great to see a full Board listed for this year.

Competitive Chair

The competitive committee has finished most of their interviews.

Novice B Black - David Appleby
Novice B White - Harry Mews
Minor Atom A - John Cosentino
Minor Atom B Black - TBD
Minor Atom B White - Jeff Mercier
Major Atom AA - Ron Milito
Major Atom A - Chris Armstrong
Major Atom B Black - Rob Fenn
Major Atom B White - Dom MacDonald
Minor Peewee Minor Peewee AA - Jay Higgins
Minor Peewee A - Dan Cheney
Minor Peewee B Black - Geoff Simpson
Minor Peewee B White - Mike Cherrie
Major Peewee AA - James Hanlon
Major Peewee B Black - Shayne Benoit
Major Peewee B White - Phil Bergeron
Minor Bantam AA - Buddy Clouthier
Minor Bantam B Black - Paul Oakes
Minor Bantam B White - Bryan Roche
Major Bantam AA - Sean Clement
Major Bantam B - Jeff Saunders
Minor Midget AA - Grahame Hughes
Minor Midget B - TBD
Major Midget AA - Paul Adams
Major Midget B - Chris Muldoon

Steve thanked the competitive committee –Greg Clarke, Arlene Cameron, Shail Paliwal, Dawn Demers, Bob Byrnes and Karen Russell for her great work with the Eric Leighton Memorial Tournament.

Two teams won championships: Major Atom AA, Novice B White, and Minor Atom B White and Novice B Black were B league camps. Minor Bantam AA, Minor Midget AA also made it to the finals.

Steve also thanked Craig Shouldice for Discipline.

Registrar

To date there are 1000 players registered online. Next year Janet asks that all team lists be sent to here by November. We expect waiting lists again this season.

Treasurer. No report.

Technical Director

This year the NMHA held eight house league tournaments. We would like to thank the following teams for successfully hosting the tournaments and for many positive comments we received from visiting teams:

- Novice A Team F
- Novice B Team G
- Atom B Team J
- Pee wee B Team G
- Bantam A Team F
- Bantam B Team I
- Midget B Team I
- Juvenile Team D

Also we would like thank Steve Grimes and his Atom House League team, as well as Tanya Thompson and her competitive Atom team for successfully hosting the Atom level portion of the Bell Capital Cup. We received a lot positive comments from the Bell Capital Cup organizer as well as visiting teams.

As it is NMHA objective to train and develop our volunteers to coach our 2800 plus players, this past season we held one Development 1 clinic, four Coach Level clinics and one Trainer Level 2 clinic. The following number of volunteers completed their training and certification this past season;

- 11 volunteers in Development 1
- 64 volunteers in Coach Level
- 81 volunteers in Trainer Level 1
- 10 volunteers in Trainer Level 2
- 103 volunteers in Respect in Sport

The NMHA reimbursed all these volunteers for these clinics and the total cost to NMHA was \$33,300.00 I would like to thank Warren MacDonald and Gail Wistaff for all their assistance in the issuing of reimbursement cheques.

House**League****Chair**

We didn't have a house league chair this past season but everyone on the board was more than willing to help out when needed.

We had approximately 150 teams from the Initiation level to Juvenile. This takes about 680 or so volunteers. From coaches, assistants, trainers, managers and parents that fill other roles when required, they keep the teams organized and ready for the game and I'd like to thank all of you for your support.

The Directors and Convenors have no easy task but somehow come October the teams are ready to go. From hours and hours spent at sort outs in September, they get the teams together, select the coaches, hand out schedules and have to deal with hundreds of emails – all that on top of a full time job outside the NMHA.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the NMHA so these young players are able to enjoy a game they love.

I'd like to thank our House League Mentors, Alex Sperberg and Ken Lothian who work all season with the younger divisions developing skills for both players and coaches. We will continue to work with Alex and Ken next season at the Novice and Atom levels. I'd also like to thank our student volunteers who help us out during sort outs, tournaments and special events.

The IP program was very successful this year and I'd like to thank Luciana Pietrantonio and David Vesey along with their instructors for their dedication to the program. I look forward to working with the IP program again next season. This year we had about 350 4, 5 & 6 year olds participating on 18 Timbit teams.

Referee in Chief NIL

Volunteers NIL

Risk & Safety NIL

Sweaters NIL

General Business

Competitive Awards

AA Coach - Grahame Hughes

A Coach - Dan Cheney

B Coach - Chris Muldoon

Manager - Lisa Chiarelli

Trainer - Andrew Catton

HOUSE LEAGUE AWARDS (presented by Patricia Steele, Brenda Neumann and Vicki Sen)

A Coach of the Year – Dan Berrea

Dan has volunteered for many years in some capacity with his sons team and for the last couple of years has taken on a head coaching role, as well as helping with sort outs. Dan embodies what a coach should be. He goes the extra mile as stated in a parent comment "Dan has been a very positive influence on my son and we really appreciate the team events he has conducted at the Police Gym. He gets that it is about the kids and not the parents. He is a very approachable coach who really makes the kids feel special." Dan, thank you very much for volunteering your time, you truly deserve A coach of the year.

B Coach of the Year – Chris Randall

Chris has been a long-time volunteer with the NMHA, from helping with the sort outs to coaching his sons team. He exemplifies everything stated above and can best be summed up by the words of one of his parents "My son has learned a lot and has enjoyed every moment of it. He even started telling me about the value of attending all practices. He feels respected, encouraged, taught at a higher level than ever before and it is his favourite season yet!" Chris, thank you very much for all you do, you truly deserve B Coach of the year.

C Coach of the Year - Mike Rowe

A longtime volunteer with Nepean over the past 8 years as either an Assistant Coach or Trainer. When Mike heard at the beginning of the season that we were short on coaches at the Bantam C Level he put his name forward. Under his leadership Bantam C Team B went on to win the Championship and then defeated Kanata-something that Nepean did not accomplish very often this season. Thanks very much for accepting the challenge and Congratulations!

Manager of the Year – Sara Kerr

Sara has been a manager for a couple of years now and managed Atom A Team A this past year. She was a pleasure to work with from a Convenor/director perspective and any feedback I received was always positive. She helped the coach and coaching staff lead their little slow-starter team from the bottom of the pack right up to the A finals! Quite the season! Thank you for giving your time to your team and to the association. It's very much appreciated!

Trainer of the Year – Dan Guitard

Dan has been a trainer for many years. He was the trainer for Atom A Team B this season and he helped out his older son's Bantam team when he could. Dan was always

prepared for his duty as trainer, but thankfully he didn't have to be called upon that often! He was more than just a trainer though...he helped motivate the kids to play better and enjoy the game. He was appreciated by the coaching staff and parents. Thank you for giving your time to the teams and the association.

Dan couldn't be here tonight to accept the award, so I will accept it for him.

Midget B Goalie – Maverick Garde

This individual moved up from the bantam level and proved he can compete and excel at his position. With strong positional technique and a desire to play, Maverick Garde has earned Midget B Goalie of the Year. Congratulations to Maverick.

Volunteer of the Year – Brad Lindahl

I'm honoured to be able to give out the volunteer of the year award to someone I call "friend". He has been giving his time freely and generously to the NMHA for 8 plus years. He is an amazing person...a husband and a father of 3: 2 boys and a girl, who all play for the NMHA. He is not only head coach of multiple HL teams every year, but also assists with other teams when he can. During the month of September, you can usually find him at the rinks helping with the HL sort outs...not only for the division in which his kids play, but for many different divisions. He spends upwards of 8-10 hours a day, every weekend, on ice running drills or scrimmage games, or in the stands evaluating games, for a variety of different HL directors...and let me tell you, a lot of us couldn't run sort outs as smoothly without him...so for that we thank you and we say thank you to your wife and kids for sharing you with us! He exemplifies all the qualities the NMHA appreciates in a coach and a volunteer. He is well respected by other coaches; appreciated by parents and adored by players. He spends a great deal of his time helping to develop players at all levels and as such we are very lucky to have him in our association. Our volunteer of the year is Brad Lindahl. Thank you for all you do.

ELECTION TO THE 2014-2015 NMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

Past President: Karen Russell

Life Time Board Member: Hart Wolf

Craig Shouldice, Valerie Paul, Gail Wistaff, Marilyn Hargreaves, Patricia Steele

As of April 2014 the following Board members are running for election:

President: Greg Clarke

Vice President: Steve Brush

The following directors will be running for election and will also be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on May 8, 2104.

Directors:

Janet Shouldice, Arlene Cameron, Brent Caves, Nicole Kingsbury, Claude Provost, Terry Martin, Shail Paliwal, Cameron Watts, Brenda Neumann, Vicki Sen, Dawn Demers, Beth Evans, and Chris Woodcock.

The following members are running for election:

Paul Williams, Keith Ellard, Paul Robert, Jan Fequet, Helen Crawford, Jodi Parker, Shannon Castellarin

Winners of the free registration for 2014/2015 were:

- 1) Rebbca Shore
- 2) Mike Rowe
- 3) Dan Matusek

Move to adjourn Greg Clarke and seconded by Steve Brown carried

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