NEPEAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING COVER SHEET

Meeting – May 10, 2016

Walter Baker Cafeteria 7pm

PRESIDENT/DISTRICT CHAIR: GREG CLARKE
VICE PRESIDENT/COMPETITIVE CHAIR: STEVE BRUSH
SECRETARY: GAIL WISTAFF
REGISTRAR: JANET SHOULDICE
TREASURER: BRENT CAVES (regrets)
HOUSE LEAGUE CHAIR: BRENDA NEUMAN

CRAIG SHOULDICE ARLENE CAMERON KAREN RUSSELL NICOLE KINGSBURY VALERIE PAUL(regrets) TERRY MARTIN(regrets) PATRICIA STEELE CAMERON WATTS(regrets) VICKI SEN JOANNE RUMIG CLAUDE PROVOST MARILYN HARGREAVES(regrets) JAN FEQUET(regrets) PAT LAM HELEN CRAWFORD JODI PARKER DAWN DEMERS KEITH ELLARD SHANNON CASTELLARIN SHAIL PALIWAL(regrets) CHRIS WOODCOCK HART WOLFE(regrets)

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1. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

First order of business is to appoint the auditor WGP Professional Corp. – Annette provided financials. The financials are posted on our website – nepeanhockey.on.ca

Moved by: Chris Woodcock Seconded by: Arlene Cameron - carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no comments or additions from the minutes. Minutes approved as presented.

Moved by: Lincoln MacDonald Seconded by: Lorna MacIsaac - carried

3. President's Report

I'd like to thank all of you for coming to tonight's meeting. Tonight marks the first 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.

This past year was marked by a significant challenge with our ice allocation and with the new policies being implemented by the City, this will continue to be a significant challenge for the NMHA moving forward. We were able to successfully weather the interruption of Walter Baker "A" from June until November. The new City ice return policy will make our management of this resource a major priority for next season and the years to come.

In response to feedback from our membership, we will be making a number of changes to our House program. Games will not be played during one weekend at Christmas and the first weekend of the spring break.

This program change allows us to drop the $90K contract at the Bell Sensplex. This saving will allow us to absorb the 5.6% increase of our City Ice contracts and the increase in the referee rates. We also returned a portion of these savings back to the membership with a $10 reduction of registration fees across the board.

We will continue to improve our business process to keep the administration of the NMHA to be as cost-effective as possible and to provide the best possible service to our membership.

- We have discontinued accepting cheques as a method of payment for registration. Only credit or debit cards will be accepted. Players can now be registered on-line though the Hockey Canada system or in person at the office.

- There will be regular office hours over the summer each Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m.

- The sweater storage facility will be moved from 810 Greenbank to the new Dymon storage facility on Greenbank Road. This will result in a significant saving for us and a much improved facility for our volunteers.

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.

4. <u>President's Award</u>

It gives me great pleasure to present the President's Award to Patricia Steele. Patricia has been a House Director for many years. She is highly organized and very dedicated to the position in the NMHA. I look forward to Patricia return to our Board next year.

5. <u>District Chair's Report</u>

With the game times reduced to 50 minutes, the number of suspensions issued to bantam and midget players was significantly reduced in 2015-2016 compared to previous years.

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 for 2016-2017.

New Midget AAA League had its first year of operation. While there are still some adjustments to be made to the program, all in all I would have to consider the program to be a success. The NMHA was able to place 31 players in this program, 2 of which were OHL draft picks.

The Midget AA program had some initial problems but I think that the coming season will see an even better program put in place. Many more Districts are viewing the Midget AA program as more of a development program where younger players are important in the overall team structure.

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.

We have been informed by Hockey Canada that there will be a new Initiation program which will be released in June 2106. We will be provided the details of that program at that time.

6. <u>Competitive Chair Report</u>

There were 465 competitive players from Novice A to Major Midget AA.

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Steve noted that although the players were well behaved, some difficulty was encountered with the behaviour of some parents. Hopefully the Respect in Sport will be beneficial to those parents. Steve thanked all the coaches and team officials. Bob Byrnes and Gord Weatherall along with Steve Brush were applauded for taking over the Major Bantam AA team when the coach stepped down. The competitive teams will have to hunt for extra ice this year as the NMHA has turned down the Sensplex ice due to the cost.

Awards:

Manager – Derek Chapman Minor Bantam B Black
Trainer – John Legault Major Bantam B
AA Coach – Dan Cheney Major Peewee AA
A Coach – Craig Johnson Major Atom A
B Coach – Gord Weatherall Major Bantam B

7. <u>Registrar's Report</u>

This year we had 2770 players registered and 893 team officials. There were 25 competitive teams, 130 house league teams and 18 initiation teams. There are several changes for the upcoming season. Juvenile will be reduced to 4 teams and will be interlocked with District B. Their games will be 80 minutes. All other divisions remain unchanged but team distribution may change depending on enrolment in atom and peewee. The plan is to reduce peewee and add to atom. All players will have one less practices and two less games in an effort to keep registration costs down. Bantam and Midget divisions will have their games remain at 50 minutes.

8. <u>House Report</u>

I would like to take this opportunity 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 house such a large organization. 201-201 season: HL consisted of almost 150 teams, IP through to Juvenile. This consists of over 850 parent/non parent volunteers that give their time to insure 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.

Directors/Convenors. It is truly not an easy task to run a division but year after year, we have dedicated members that put forth a great deal of effort as well as sacrifice their family time to make sure all the teams in their division are organized in order 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.

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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. We no longer have trophies but – on the second level of Walter Baker we have a case that houses plaques with the names of the winners each year.

HL Mentors. I would also like to thank Alex Sperberg 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 received a one-time grant from HEO Minor and put a proposal together to use the funds for goalie development. The NMHA has noted that there is increasingly fewer and fewer of our players that are interested in the goaltender position. In order to increase interest and to develop the resources we already have, we are proposing to host a series of clinics to be held throughout the season for our goaltenders. The funds would be used to offset the costs of the ice for the clinics and the dedicated instructors.

The NMHA has reached an agreement in principle with the Bytown Minor Hockey League to interlock the Juvenile Division. NMHA will ice four Juvenile teams, forming a 10 to 12 team division. Games will continue to be played on Sunday evenings, Nepean Sportsplex, Jim Durrell, Kilrea and Sandy Hill arenas. Games are 80 minutes, periods 15-15-18 minutes.

Update on this year's HL tournaments. They were not as successful as we have seen in past years, in part due to the number of conflicting tournaments run in the same time frame in the region. Pee Wee B tournament was cancelled, we were short teams in Juvenile; Novice and Atom divisions. We will maintain the tournament weekend dates but will be reviewing the historic HEO tournament listings to better align divisions.

Awards:

A coach of the year Greg Maryan
B coach of the year Lana Lotan
C coach of the year
MGR of the year Chantal Brule
Trainer – James Mcleman
Midget Goalie Luciano Dirosa

9. <u>Referee in Chief</u>: No Report

10. **<u>Volunteers:</u>** No Report

11. <u>Risk & Safety:</u> No Report

12. **ELECTION TO THE 2016 - 2017 NMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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The following directors are running for election:

President: Greg Clarke
Vice President: Steve Brush

Acclaimed.

The following directors are not required to run for election:

Past President: Karen Russell
Life Time Board Member: Hart Wolf

As of April 2016 the following Board members are returning for their second term:

Craig Shouldice, Valerie Paul, Gail Wistaff, Marilyn Hargreaves

The following directors will be running for election and will also be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on May 10, 2016.

Janet Shouldice, Arlene Cameron, Nicole Kingsbury, Claude Provost, Terry Martin, Shail Paliwal, Cameron Watts, Brenda Neumann, Vicki Sen, Dawn Demers, Patricia Steele, Pat Lam, Chris Woodcock, Keith Ellard, Jan Fequet, Helen Crawford, Jodi Parker

Acclaimed.

The following new members will be running for Election at the Annual General Meeting on May 10, 2016

Joanne Rumig, Wendy Tyman and Shawn Blank.

Acclaimed.

Winners of the free registration for 2016/2017 were:

1) Greg Bright
2) Rosie Jewell
3) Peter Kelly

13. Other Business

No other business was presented.

14. Adjournment.

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Move to adjourn Craig Shouldice and seconded by Rosie Jewell Carried.

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