

# **RAIDERS**

## **Minutes of the Board Meeting October 21, 2019**

**Present:** Helen Crawford, Greg Clarke, Patricia Steele, Jodi Parker, Wendy Tyman, Terry Martin, Arlene Cameron

**Regrets:** Brenda Neumann

**Guests:**

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### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Motion to approve the agenda by Patricia Steele and seconded by Arlene Cameron.

Carried.

### **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

- a. Jodi Parked noted a grammatical error on her report in the draft minutes.
- b. Motion to accept the minutes of September 21, 2019 by Patricia Steele and seconded by Arlene Cameron.

Carried.

### **3. Business Arising**

- a. As of Oct. 21, 2019, the NMHA has burnt 58.5 hours of ice at a cost of \$11,439.67. Our 2% budget for burnt ice for the season is 128.5 hours. We currently have 31.5 hours, between now and Nov.9/19, of available ice we need to transfer out or use.

We need the ice schedulers to advise teams they own the ice assigned to them and they are responsible to sell it off or play the cost of burning the ice.

Emma will keep check of the actual amount of ice NMHA actual use this season and on Feb. 17, 2020 I will present the information for the Board. The board will decide on how much we will need to next season, so Emma can place the order with City at the end of March 2020.

Helen will also review her number of players to decide on how many teams each division will have next season, which will have effect on the amount of ice we will need.

- b. Terry will advise the Sweater Director to organize a sale of the old Red Sweaters during the month of November 2019. The email notice will be sent to just the Head Coaches. The teams will pay for the sweaters by signing an I.O.U. against the team's account.
- c. Board agreed to for Terry to order 10 more trainer kits to have in the Hockey Office to sell the teams.
- d. The Board declined an offer from the Senators on an Association night as the dates offered were unacceptable.
- e. The new jerseys hare causing confusion on the teams as the home and away are too similar. Terry Martin presented a solution to purchase a different set of away jerseys for the midget teams and migrate those already purchased to bantam. The Board Accepted Terry's recommendation of a new colour scheme as noted below.

Terry will present the Board with detailed financial information before purchase.



- f. There was a discussion on increasing the number of persons on the board up to 9 or 13. Greg will confirm with our lawyer on what is the maximum amount of voting members we are allowed. As per our current Bylaw we will have to finalize this by mid-March 2020 in order for it to be presented at the May AGM.

#### **4. Motions**

- a. The Board accepted a proposal from the City of Ottawa to change the lock on the office door from the current key system to a 4-digit cipher lock. The cost would be split between the City and the NMHA would require the expenditure of \$750 (vote via email September 27, 2019)
- b. Motion to allow NMHA Juvenile teams to affiliate to a maximum of 15 skaters and to exempt the Juvenile teams from the NMHA House affiliation policy so they may affiliate players from Midget A.

Motion by Terry Martin and seconded by Helen Crawford

Carried.

- c. Motion to increase team fees to a maximum of \$400 beginning in the 2020-2021 season.

Motion by Helen Crawford seconded by Patricia Steele.

Carried.

- d. Starting the 2019/2020 season HL or Competitive teams with more than five team officials, are required to pay \$30.00 administration fee for each additional team official.

Motion by Helen Crawford seconded by Arlene Cameron.

#### **5. Area Reports**

- a. **District Chair -Greg Clarke –**
  - i. Despite rumours, there has been no appeal to the HEO from the legacy AAA league on the decision of HEO Minor to make the League permanent.
  - ii. The Hockey Canada report on the U18 Development League will probably not be made public until after Hockey Canada's fall Board meeting. (the U18 Development League was used as a mechanism to allow 15-year old players to attend a number of highly scouted minor midget tournaments)
  - iii. Another proposal is being formulated for the U18 development League and consultations with the Branch and Hockey Canada are ongoing.

- iv. The Branch-wide implementation of TTM was discussed and there is a significant difference between referee's reports (more) and infractions entered into TTM (less). In my view this is an organizational problem in Districts where there are multiple Associations and responsibility delegated downwards but there is no accountability at the District level. Not the case with the NMHA.
- v. The first invoice from HEO Minor for the assessment fee will be sent November 8. There will be financial penalties for Association who are delinquent in payment.
- vi. Craig Shouldice, as HEO Minor Registrar will be distributing instructions to all registrars regarding instructions of affiliation. Craig is claiming that a player may affiliate to two teams if they are not of the same category. (e.g. a Minor Midget AA may affiliate to U18 Midget AAA and Major Midget AA). However, there are some caveats regarding teams eligible for Regional and National Championships (i.e. Major PeeWee AAA, Major Bantam AAA and U18 AAA). I will distribute the paper when it has been approved.
- vii. HEO Minor will receive \$30K from the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario. Plans for the use of these funds will be discussed at Minor Council.
- viii. The issue of transfers was raised and resulted in much discussion. A number of District Chairs (including me) are quite unhappy with the status quo as they find that their competitive and House programs are being adversely affected. I will be participating as part of the task team looking at the issue. While the NMHA can develop its own policies, it would be best if they were aligned with HEO Minor regulations. Ideas that were bounced around included transfer fees and a re-examination of competitive programs offered by Associations who no longer have the player base to support, for example, a Rep B team but wish to continue the program by transferring players in from outside.
- ix. Questions were raised by a number people around the table regarding the Blake Callaghan proposal on restructuring the legacy AAA to Gary Stewart, the AAA League president. Gary was adamant that he and not seen the proposal and the discussions were amongst the five AAA presidents and the League had not been consulted. Gary was reminded that open communication is the best mechanism to deal with Minor Council on any issue.

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

- i. First few weeks of the season has been relatively smooth.
- ii. Supervision of the young officials is well underway.
- iii. Three officials have moved up to the AA/AAA Central assigning.
- iv. Four officials from Central last year have moved to Senior Body

**c. President – Brenda Neumann –**

- i. No Report
  - d. **VP Competitive – Arlene Cameron –**
    - i. Arlene has been following up with parents/players on their sign off of Rowan’s Law. She is waiting for a finalized list from Chris Randall.
  - e. **VP House – Helen Crawford –**
    - i. HL Directors and Convenors are continuing with the balancing of teams. Coach Mentoring program is going along very well and the Goalie Mentoring is starting up..
  - f. **VP Operations – Terry Martin –**
    - i. Terry will get pricing of the new sweaters, as motioned above, and will order the ten trainer kits.
  - g. **VP Finance – Wendy Tyman –**
    - i. Wendy will provide the Board with a detailed financial statement by email.
  - h. **Director At Large – Patricia Steele –**
    - i. PRCs are pretty much up to date. Waiting teams to finalize their rosters.
  - i. **Director At Large – Jodi Parker –**
    - i. Jodie will provide the Board with information on different businesses willing be NMHA sponsors.
6. **Next Meeting Date:** November 18, 2019
7. **Motion to adjourn** by Arlene Cameron seconded by Helen Crawford.

Carried.