

# **RAIDERS**

## **Minutes of the Board Meeting August 16, 2021 (via videoconference)**

**Present:** Helen Tyson, Wendy Tyman, Pat Lam, Jamie Leppard, Tim Nolan, Jodi Parker

**Regrets:** Brenda Neumann, Arlene Cameron, Stephen Keiwan

**Guests:** Greg Clarke

---

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

- a. Motion to accept the agenda.

Motion by Tim Nolan seconded by Jodi Parker.

Carried.

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

- a. Motion to accept the Minutes of July 15, as presented.

Motion by Jodi Parker seconded by Rebecca Shewfelt.

Carried.

### **3. Motions**

Motion: When two NMHA teams (competitive or house) are playing each other, each team would be responsible to ensure the COVID screening questionnaire for their respective roster and spectators, is completed. Home team would still be responsible for on ice officials and timekeeper.

Therefore, the home team would not be responsible for the away team. Again, this would only apply in situations when NMHA teams are playing each other.

Motion by Stephen Keiwan

Tabled. Motion must support HEO policy. Further investigation required

#### 4. Business Arising

##### a. Website

Pat proved an update on the website. All agreed that its' presentation and navigation were much improved.

Pat noted that he has switched the underlying technology to WordPress and purchased a template for \$58.

He also noted that there was a \$68 fee to provide backup for the website from the service provider.

#### 5. Area Reports

##### a. President – Helen Tyson –

- i. Gail will be returning to work in a reduced capacity. Announcement on office reopening will be forthcoming shortly.

##### b. District Chair – Greg Clarke –

- i. Hockey Canada is developing an inventory of current associations and/or teams that may utilize names or logos (caricatures) that may be related to the indigenous community. This is being done because of recent developments across the country. Associations across HEO that 'appear' to have branding that could fall within this category have been approached and asked to respond to a series of questions.
- ii. Bell Capital Cup tournament will go ahead this season. They may introduce a competitive AAA U15/U14 division, but it will depend what tournaments are going on elsewhere across the province (i.e., Marlies tournament)
- iii. Return To Hockey Framework has been updated and distributed. At this point HEO is planning for regular hockey activities with the added requirements for continuing with screening, and teams must have a safety officer. As the public health situation in the Fall could change, there could be a need to adjust Phases within the plan
- iv. HEO Board is considering what position they will take with respect to US based players/commuter players.
- v. Every District Chair reported seeing a significant decline in registration numbers compared to previous seasons and all are experiencing ice challenges/shortages.
- vi. D4 will not host U18 AA team this year – willing to release players to other districts.
- vii. U18 AAA will run their tryouts from September 10 to 26. They will be sending the list of players to District Registrars to confirm registration with the home

associations – list should be coming next week.

- viii. AAA league will commence on September 16.
  - ix. AA/A league tentative start date is October 2 – will do schedule only for first month and do another one in November. U18/U16 will start following week but may start couple of days after Thanksgiving and as late as October 15th given ice challenges faced by Districts. They expect there will be fewer teams in the league this year and there may be a need to may need to prepare multiple game schedules.
  - x. A sub-committee has been struck to look at creating a House League Select Team program in HEO – a meeting is being set up for August 19th.
- c. **VP Competitive – Arlene Cameron –**
- i. Arlene noted that she is still looking for coach candidates and several levels. Work on planning tryouts will begin next week.
- d. **VP House – Jodi Parker –**
- i. Jodi has a volunteer to assume the U7 program.
- e. **VP Operations – Pat Lam –**
- i. Pat noted that he is looking to donate the excess stock at the storage facility to make room for the new shipment of jerseys.
- f. **VP Finance – Wendy Tyman –**
- i. Wend note that the audit for fiscal year 2020-2021 will be completed within the next few weeks.
- g. **Director At Large – Stephen Keiwan –**
- i. A I've heard back from Daniel Gillespie, the Program Coordinator with Centralized Allocations with the city. He informs me their conditions of use guidelines will most likely change for the Fall session. Whomever is listed as the NMHA contact (he presumes Emma or Brenda) will be notified when those changes are released, I will need a copy of this, please, so I can review as well. No indication as to what changes, if any, are coming.
  - ii. I was in contact with the Supervisor Background Clearance Section with OPS and I had a chance to discuss OPS' requirements for volunteer letters He confirmed that we can proceed with a template format, as we have done in the past and that either Helen or myself can be the signing authority on the letter. New this year is the need to know the position held and the approximate age range of the kids. Based on these requirements, I have drafted an updated PRC letter.

**h. Director At Large – Rebecca Shewfelt –**

- i. Rebecca continues to investigate fundraising.
- ii. One of our sponsors, Tech Insights, has been unresponsive. Rebecca will continue following up.
- iii. Rebecca has been in contact with an Indigenous regarding fundraising. A proposal is to contribute a certain percentage of our fundraising efforts for jersey replacement as reparations for using our headdress logo. The direction from the Board was not to process further with this initiative.

**i. Director At Large – Jamie Leppard –**

- i. Jamie has been in discussion with Dave Stathos regarding goalie development. Dave has offered to have a goalie parents' session. Time and location to be determined.
- ii. Dave Stathos is also qualified to conduct goaltender coach development clinics. Any initiative must be coordinated through HEO.

**j. Director At Large – Tim Nolan -**

- i. Tim has finalized the authorized vendors for 2021-2022, All are retuning except for FS Promotions. The vendors have been invoiced.

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

- i. No report.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** 7:00 p.m., September 20, 2021. (In person if possible)

**7. Motion to adjourn** by Arlene Cameron, seconded by Rebecca Shewfelt..

Carried.