

Minutes of the Board Meeting August 22, 2022

Present: Tony Farago, Pat Lam, Mike Hollingworth, Jennifer Emery, Jamie Leppard.

Regrets: Helen Tyson, Jodi Parker

Guests: Greg Clarke, Shawn Blank (for Jodi Parker), John Mason

1. Approval of the Agenda

a. Motion to accept the agenda.

Motion by Jamie Leppard seconded by Shawn Blank.

Carried.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

a. Motion to accept the minutes of June 20, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Jamie Leppard seconded by Mike Hollingworth.

Carried.

3. Motions

a. B. Neumann, G. Clarke and P. Lam provided an overview of recent interviews of 4 candidates for 2 vacant Director at Large positions. 5 Members had applied; however the 5th did not attend their scheduled interview time.

The 4 candidates interviewed and considered were: Joey Legrand, Ingrid Meza-McDonald, Christa Allevato, and Kapil Uppal.

 Motion to appoint Kapil Uppal into one of 2 vacant Director at Large positions for a 1-year term.

Motion by Brenda Neumann and seconded by Greg Clarke.

Carried.

ii. Motion to appoint Ingrid Meza-McDonald into one of 2 vacant Director at Large positions for a 1-year term.

Motion by Jen emery seconded by Pat Lam.

Carried.

4. Business Arising.

a. Meeting Time

 The Board discussed the date and time of monthly meetings. The Board agreed to schedule meetings for the 3rd Wednesday of every month with a start time of 7:00 p.m.

b. Registration and ice allocations

 G. Clarke provided an overview of current registrations with particular note that of a waiting list created at U18 and that this may require additional ice requirements should other age categories fill to their maximums currently allowable.

The Board discussed lower registration numbers at the U15 and U11 level which would require adjustment of house league teams potentially both in size and in number at those levels. A reminder for registration will be sent.

Members of the Board also noted that going into next registration season additional steps may be necessary to increase registrations if and where possible.

c. Documentation

i. P. Lam led a discussion to increase controls over record keeping of key operational decisions undertaken by Board members. Following an overview of the existing Google Drive environment, P. Lam and G. Clarke agreed to work together to develop a record keeping framework using a new collaborative tool (potentially SharePoint) and present this to Board members for future use.

d. Office Update

i. J. Mason provided an update on the operations of the Hockey Office since assuming the position of office manager. He noted that the computers did have lag and could be updated as well as moving from 3 computers to 2. He also noted that based on interactions with Members that there was a lack of awareness regarding the Hockey Office, its role, and its location. He also noted that there was legacy merchandise in the office. The Board discussed how going forward merchandise would not be sold through the hockey office and continue to be sold through licensed vendors directly.

5. Area Reports

a. President - Helen Tyson -

i. P. Lam advised that there was no update from H. Tyson. He advised of a request for photos of S. Yzerman following a media request.

b. District Chair - Greg Clarke -

 G. Clarke advised that AAA tryouts are ongoing. He further advised that HEO is considering affiliation rules for House League programs with additional details to follow.

c. VP Competitive - Jamie Leppard -

- S J. Leppard advised that coach interviews were completed with the exception of one additional coach at the U10B level depending on registration numbers in the following two weeks.
- ii. Overall, 23 competitive teams are planned.
- iii. Tryouts start for U12, U13, U14 and U15 on August 28, 2022. Given the number of tryout participants 2 additional scrimmage teams have been added at U12.
- iv. J. Leppard advised that tryout jersey and meet the coach night was held and 300 tryout jerseys were picked up. Owing to supply issues, not enough adult small and goalie jerseys were available, and the remaining jerseys will be available for pick up

on day of first tryout. Schedule will have all AA complete by Labour Day

d. VP House - Jodi Parker -

- S. Blank advised that season planning has begun and that includes planning for Pathways skates. Welcome emails to parents and seeking team volunteers will be sent in the following two weeks.
- ii. S. Blank advised that House League tournaments hosted by NMHA are being planned.
- iii. U21 is looking to field 2 teams with potential to reach out to other associations for additional players.
- iv. U7 Parent Meeting will be held September 21, Walter Baker cafeteria area.
- v. U7 Volunteers Meeting will be held September 28th, Walter Baker cafeteria area.
- vi. U9 and up Volunteers Meetings will be held on October 19th, Walter Baker cafeteria area. The search continues for a U7 and U13 Director.

e. VP Operations - Pat Lam -

- P. Lam advised that the revised scheduling system is now online. Additional work is being conducted before full integration with Team Snap that will be available to each team. Training sessions will be held on the new system.
- ii. P. Lam provided an update on jersey replacements at the U15 and U12 level. The Board discussed the purchasing and cost of jerseys and exploring various vendor options and any existing jersey contracts.
- iii. P. Lam led a discussion on ensuring that orders for equipment and services are put out for quotes among our vendors.

f. VP Finance - Tony Farago -

i. No Report.

g. Director At Large - Jennifer Emery -

- i. Je J. Emery provided an update that receiving volunteer Police Record Checks and will be updating profiles.
- ii. She advised that the website should be updated to remove prior year COVID guidance. The Board discussed any additional messaging needed on the NMHA website regarding COVID guidance and the majority in attendance agreed to point

towards Ottawa Public Health Guidance.

- h. Director At Large (Communications Vacant)
 - i. No report.
- i. Director At Large Mike Hollingworth
 - i. M. Hollingworth advised that House League Goalie Development will be conducted by SHIFT Performance and Wellness. 1-hour clinics will be held on Wednesday nights and broken down by age with each Goalie to be supported for 3 hours of training.
 - ii. He advised that beginning season Coach Mentor sessions will be held the first two weeks of October. Additional one hour on-ice sessions will be held in each of November, December, and January.
 - iii. The NMHA will be hosting two, in-person Coaching Certification Clinics run by HEO. Coach 1 will be held October 29 at Minto and Coach 2 will be held October 30 also at Minto.
- j. Director At Large Membership Services (vacant)
 - i. No report.
- k. Referee in Chief (RIC) Jeff Deavy
 - i. No report.
- 6. Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2022, at 7:00 pm
- 7. Motion to adjourn Motion to adjourn by Jamie Leppard and seconded by Shawn Blank

Carried.