



Minutes Board Meeting: 2024-25 Season: September

Nepean Minor Hockey Association

September 18, 2024

In attendance: Shelley Perras, James Pitruniak, Ingrid Meza-McDonald, Janice Vanderwel, Jeff Pollard, Jen Emery, Scott Dawson, Russell Ulyatt

Regrets: none

Approval of the Agenda:

a. Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by Scott Dawson

Seconded by Jeff Pollard

Approval of Minutes from the last meeting:

b. Motion to approve the minutes

Moved by Jen Emery

Seconded by Shelley Perras

Area Reports

- **District Chair**
- Few delays with HEO. Their AGM is upcoming on Sept 26. Minor council lost their chair. Pathways requires travel permits for all exhibition games and tournaments – since then there was a discussion.
- Regarding suspensions please remove reference to NMHA and refer to District Chair. Teams will enter suspensions but cc Shawn. As soon as teams are formed please send official rosters.
- AA tryouts will be in spring (May ish) for 2025. There are a lot of logistical issues that will complicate this.
- AAA tryout days will be released in the October. AAA tryouts will count as pathways skates for the AA kids.
- Coach selection will need to be moved up.
- 11.4 slurs there is no change for this year. Same Standard. 5 game suspension.

- One change. In 2023 the player had to write a letter of apology. This is no longer the case. There is now a form letter that needs to be completed.
- U13 and U15 select teams are still a go. Would be good to know who else is running a select program. Few rule changes for this year. A video was forwarded to the board for sharing with Coaches.
- OSEG shared some of their hockey experiences. There has been a huge increase in girls hockey which many are attributing to PWHL. U9 tournament they are looking for NMHA to sanction.
- Live Barn will not be happening this year. Until concerns are addressed it won't be in City rinks.
- New appeal restriction on suspension. Where before you couldn't appeal 2 game suspensions or less. Now you cannot appeal any minimum suspension.

Action Jen: Please send the rule change videos to Jess for website and/or socials.

Action Jen: Next Communication to coaches please ask that coaches send Ingrid and Shawn these travel requests needing signatures.

b. **President**

Registration numbers are healthy. As of Sept 14, we have 1831 members. Something to consider for next year is increasing registration fees due to HEO fee increase and increasing available spaces by division as required.

- We should review numbers/ teams per division to avoid sending kids from our boundaries to other House programs, when we have a priority to grow the game.
- Board vacancies: The positions will be posted as well as need a webmaster for updates etc.
- Our current scheduling software will not be extended beyond April 30, 2025.
 - The 2025-26 season will require a new software launch.
 - Recommendation of a Scheduling committee to be led by our VP of Operations.
- Raiders Give back campaign has been going well. Looking at branding opportunities and fundraising opportunities. Toques, Hats, Pins, Flags, Jibbitz etc. All merchandise will be cost recovery with a small percentage of sales for Raiders Give Back initiatives.
- Hockey Fights Cancer: Review at a future meeting.
- Sens Game night. Nov/Dec/Jan games are on offer. \$35 tickets currently.

- For next meeting, we are looking for 2 community initiatives for raiders give back.
- For next meeting, discuss Socks for Seniors, Raiders Weekend & House Tournaments.

c. VP of Operations

- Ice scheduling system needs to be replaced. Will be hopefully in motion before AA tryouts. Meetings with vendors to discuss some of the options.
- The current system does a lot of duties: ice scheduling, multiple users, accounting, communications etc etc.
- The new system needs to meet a number of needs. \$1,200,000 of ice is booked through the system.
- Jerseys and Socks we are reviewing sizes and stock levels.
- MFA Microsoft is enforcing MFA in October.
- Jersey pick up forms now have a QR code.
- Jersey damage surcharges go into the jersey fund. Jerseys are not necessarily replaced after damage if still playable.
- Review jersey amortization schedule with a look forward to jersey replacement by number or age group. Need to look at pinneys being replaced.
- Trainers cannot be running a door. They must be on overwatch.
- Spring/Summer ice requests from the City are out. 23 September is deadline from City. Heard request for independent evaluators for goalie try outs.
- Need new computer for office. Suggest a laptop.

d. VP of Programs & Development

- House – We have started sort outs.
- Some struggles are lack of volunteers. Lack of on-ice helpers.
- Convenors are doing great. Still looking for volunteers and evaluators for this weekend.
- Competitive U16 – U12 are all complete at AA and B. U9 is finalized. U11 and U18 are just getting started.

VP of Administration

- Continuation were posted as soon as received. Next big push is sponsorship. Will send out invoices to returning sponsors.

Some website errors:

- Search online is bringing up different info or pages that don't exist anymore.
- Contact us is duplicated on page
- Nico is still listed as head referee.
- Jeff has said xxx doesn't work

VP of Finance

- Since last meeting revenue is approx \$255,000 mostly due to registrations. Tryout jerseys and socks and ice payment were significant expenses.

Risk & Safety, Director

- VSCs for all volunteers need to be handed in. Same thing for attestation forms.
- There was a member not in good standing apply for a volunteer position. The situation has been resolved.
- Some families have accessibility requirements. Emma has been made aware to ensure the ice times capture this in mind.
- There is an individual who runs a sports injury taping course. He has offered to train the trainers. We are asking him for references from another association.

New Business

none

Votes carried out outside of the meeting

none

Next meeting will try to have them on Wednesdays. Next will be after thanksgiving.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Jennifer Emery

Seconded by James Pitruniak