



WEST NIPISSING MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
210 Clark St. Unit A- Sturgeon Falls- ON- P2B 3M8

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Date: Tuesday July 24th, 2024

Location: Library Board room

Agenda

Attendance: Jennifer Gaudette, Steve Doucette Danielle Gladu, Cynthia Noel-Lafond Troy Lefebvre, Kip Mckenzie, Sara Gaudette, Mel Ayotte, Pierre Lafond, Chantal Lepage (in via phone), Chantal Girard.

Regrets: Gwyn

1. Call to Order: 633PM

2. Approval of Agenda: motioned by: Kip Mckenzie and seconded by: Steve Doucette.

3. Approval of last meeting minutes: motioned by: Jenn Gaudette et seconded by: Kip Mckenzie.

4. President's Report:

President is checking in with various internal committees to ensure planning, and ensure things are running smoothly. The priority has been the equipment committee to ensure all teams and players have what is needed to start a season without a hitch. New jerseys have been ordered for the U16A team, additional sizes for affiliates etc. Some damaged jerseys have been sent away for repairs. Socks are currently being ordered. The committee has finalized first aid kits, and each team will be provided a large bin/tote for ALL their team items, not in separate bags all over the place. Discussion around ice pack, supplying unlimited vs limited amounts.

VSC: all our coaches that have been hired so far; we need to start the process with them. Its all on the website, under coaches' corner, and takes 3 business days to process. The coaches and volunteers need to do it themselves. Pierre will inform the coaches of this.

President is attending a conference call regarding the Nickel District hockey league. NOHA and all associations invited also.

5. Treasurer's Report

93 481\$ in the bank account currently.

Treasurer has created a simple team budget templated for all managers to use and will be required to share with her 2x during the season. She has also created a form for training and development, to know who's providing the training, who participated, and the cost/money collected.

Discussion where they put these documents and under what format to make it for easy access and use. Perhaps on website or in a Drive shared with team managers.

Receipt books are to be used when collecting money. Treasurer provided some to certain committees, and 1 will be left in the office.

There is 2 pending EMT transactions, that president will go approve this evening.

6. Correspondence nothing.

7. Committee/Convenor Updates

Finance committee: Treasurer has provided a budget for every committee. Some committees require no budget, as they don't need or deal with money.

Policy committee: nothing.

Disciplinary committee: nothing.

Property and equipment committee: The committee is requesting a safe for the office to ensure safety. We need to confirm if the WN Figure skating club is returning this season. An inventory has been done, and orders have been placed.

Publicity/fundraising and sponsorship committee: Discussion around sponsorship portion of the committee. WNMHA do not have any corporate sponsors and that's ok for the moment. We prefer the money going directly into teams not the association. A generic sponsor receipt will be provided to managers (website or drive). Sara Gaudette will be the contact person for team sponsors: managers are to send logos to Sara so we can recognize these on our website and social media.

Time keeping officiating committee: nothing. Rates are the same for now. Steve will be asking Jeff for a meeting to discuss timekeeping and officiating for the upcoming season.

Scheduler has asked for the following ice time, to get us started:

September 3rd to 8th: asked for 44 hours of ice for the pathways.

September 9 to 15th: 22 hours of ice for try outs, U7 & U5 and pathways.

September 16 to 22nd: 39 hours of ice, HL selection and Rep practices.

Regular season: September 23rd 27,5 hours of ice, in Sturgeon and Verner.

Scheduler thinks we can get all this ice requested.

Skills on Mondays perhaps.

Release committee: N/A

Tournament committee: no updates. Ice time requested and forms filled for NOHA. There is a committee meeting tomorrow.

Coach/player selection committee: nothing.

Training/Skills committee: nothing.

Convenor committee: nothing, Jenn will add convenors to website, they will be notified when this occurs.

Head convenor:

U7 –

U9 –

U11 –

U13 –

U15 –

U18 –

REP –

8. Items for Discussion

8.1 Incorporation- by law review: scope of operation in the new by-law, it was getting to complicated to word it, so it will be removed.

Need to change-for quorum for special meetings, not based on having people showing up because you can't rely on participants at large, lawyers suggestion. For smaller associations it is difficult.

8.2 Season Plan: this will be done via email. Steve sent out email, and Sara will compile ideas.

8.3 Pathways: Discussion around charging for pathways. This is potentially our last season offering pathways, as with spring tryouts this is not a requirement. Pathways has always been free, and the WNMHA absorb the cost for this. The pathway money could go back into the teams. It was decided to continue status quo and not charge for pathways. Pathways will be separated: into pathways for players who wish to tryout and those who don't. Once registered for the tryouts, that person will be in the appropriate pathways. Rep tryouts: 60\$ for minimum 2 tryouts, no refunds.

8.4 Practice increases for U11 to 1.5 hours & increase rep practices to 30 instead of 24
Discussion around benefits of increasing practices from 24 to 30 for our Rep teams. This comes at an additional cost to parents. Scheduler sent breakdown of these fees. It is noted that to make changes of this, it will need to take place in a special meeting to adjust our policies and procedures as an association. Everyone agrees that increasing from 24 to 30 is great. It was also noted that perhaps increasing practices of HL teams might be as beneficial to association. It was discussed that in the younger age groups 20 practices was a lot and struggled for attendance, however in older divisions U11, U13,U15,U18 more than 20 practices might be needed.
To be discussed further at a special meeting.

At a coach's request, he wishes to increase his practices to 1,5 hours vs 1 hour, for a U11A team. This was discussed briefly, but it was decided to wait and see how much ice time we have before allotting more ice to a team.

In person registration will be held.

9.Adjournment 8h30PM

****A special meeting will be held in August to make changes to policies, procedures and incorporation items****

****In person registration will also be held at the arena in August, unsure of dates and times****