**.****WEST NIPISSING MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

210 Clark St. Unit A - Sturgeon Falls - ON - P2B 3M8

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Date: Wednesday October 30th, 2024 @6:30pm

Location: Sports Hall of Fame

**AGENDA**

**Attendance**: Jesseca Primok, Chantal Girard, Sara Gaudette, Gwyn, Kip Mckenzie, Troy Lefebvre, Pierre Lafond, Chantal Lepage, Cynthia Lafond-Noel, Steve Doucette, Danielle Gladu, Jenn Gaudette.

Aurel Racine (WN municipality)

**Regrets**:

1. **Call to Order:** 630PM
2. **Approval of Agenda** Addition of WN Municipality: staff update. Approved by: Chantal Girard and seconded by: Jesseca Primok.
3. **Approval of last meeting minutes** Approved by: Jesseca Prink and seconded by: Chantal Girard
4. **President’s Report**

**NOHA**

Team rosters are still being approved, VSC are back logged. Working with NOHA on this. It has been noted that the VSC process is rather difficult and missing step1. We will put the How to: YouTube video on our social media to help our parents/volunteers. There will be a player movement summit down south to share ideas, if anyone wishes to attend reach out to Troy. TOC hosts came out today. It is suggested that our REP teams should be attending the TOCs.

**NDHL**

Incorporation is going well, waiting on a few addresses from members. Player plays down, U7 you don’t need to ask NDHL you can just play down in that division and ask NOHA.

U9 division: putting up scores. No scores to be posted until Jan 15th, 2024. There was a few struggles in the beginning of the season with U9 (re-making teams) but now that that’s done, it seems to be going well.

NDHL and Super weekend: do we want to host? Think about it and email Troy if we want to host a certain division. In the past we have hosted 1 HL and 1 REP playoffs. We like to offer playoffs at different divisions every year.

It was noted by Troy, that we are working as a team/board together. The start of the season can be stressful for all, but we did it.

We are receiving complaints about reffing and officials. It is important to encourage and direct the parents to NOHA, as they have a person there to manage this. We also have the policy handy if needed.

For Affiliate players it is essential that Troy or Jenn sign the forms prior to a player stepping on the ice with the other team. This is for insurance and liability purposes. These APs need to be added to rosters also, in the iPad.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Balance: as of September 30th 182k, in account. No more money will be coming in as registration fees have been collected, and only money coming out. Once we are officially incorporated, we will be told what our bank balance can/should be.

October financials are in the Drive.

Mel sent out to every chair of the committee to submit their season budget.

Managers will also need to submit their team budget.

The main account will absorb the monthly fees for every team account. They will be doing this manually.

1. **Correspondence** nothing
2. **Committee/Convenor Updates**

Finance committee: nothing

Disciplinary committee: nothing

Property and equipment committee:

-Selling of socks: knitted socks for sale. 5$ a pair. White and black knitted socks. Sara will email managers to make them aware of sock sales. Managers will collect orders and then email Kip, to see if we have enough sizes etc to fill the order. In this same email Sara will be mentioning the 4 min running start, warm up and shake hands**. \*\*An email was sent out to all teams to remind them about period length and start times\*\***

-Kip will submit his receipts for some expenses.

-6 xxl jerseys (x2) = custom made 8-12 weeks turn around.

-Order half a set of bumpers for U7, to verify brand and supplier. Possibly KOBE.

Publicity/fundraising and sponsorship committee:

-Halloween Dance update: dance was good. Still needs to count money and receipt. Kids in attendance enjoyed themselves.

-The WNMHA entering a float for Christmas parade? (Gwyn): December 6th, 2024. The parade was not part of our season plan, so we won’t be proceeding with this, this season.

- We need to select another date for Santa Skate, possibly Dec 21st as the date we wanted are no longer available.

Time keeping officiating committee: Time keeping we have about 12 time keepers we need to train. Train 1 or 2 per weekend. Mel will take care of paying them. 2x a month for pay. We have a few timekeepers who don’t play sports, and 1 that has a car, this is great.

Release committee: N/A

Tournament committee:

We will be eliminating the U9 tier 1 division for this season. So far, we have:

U9-6 teams, U11-9 teams, U13-10 teams, U15-6 teams, U18 -4 teams which is wonderful. Committee will continue to meet to plan further.

Policy committee: nothing.

Coach/player selection committee:

-Debrief on season start (pathway, team selection, registration) There is room for improvements, which were noted at the last meeting. Next year will be very different with spring tryouts for REP teams. Mandatory HL selection skates was also mentioned to avoid players arriving AFTER teams have been formed. A registration cap was also discussed.

Convenor committee:

Head convenor: nothing

U7 – Their season so far is going well. Manager is phenomenal.

U9 – Going well, now that teams are sorted. Great managers and working together

U11 – There might be potential issues with a U11 coach, upcoming.

U13 – 1 reffing complaint documented and redirected to NOHA.

U15 – Going well.

U18 – Convenor needs to get back to someone, someone is asking who the primary parent is, parents are separated.

REP – nothing.

Kip will send an email to board: managers meeting in November.

**Items for Discussion**

* 1. U11A logo

As a board we need to review policy and adjust where needed. The policy should include steps to follow if you’re wanting to modify the STING logo. Discussions around changing team name and sponsors were also discussed and may need to be revised. Some board members agreed that the logo wasn’t modified, others thought otherwise. However, merch and swag has already been printed. This coach inquired with a few board members and got multiple responses (Yes, no, its not visually appealing etc.) and moved forward with it.

It was decided that effective immediately, this team is not to print or advertise the RiverWolf Ent modified logo on any more team apparel, social media, advertising of any sort.

* 1. Donations for families: Chantal Lepage, chair a committee for donations towards players. Add a donation button on the website for folks to donate to families in need. Spent yearly. Or round up your registration fee and that portion goes towards players in need. All in favour.
  2. Team photography – 1 photography company for the entire association differed
  3. HCR update, back log, team roster approved etc. differed

WN Municipality update: see sheet given from Aurel.

-Zamboni and closing doors are getting better, however some are still going under the chain barrier. They have added a 2nd chain on the boards to secure them and not be able to move them.

-Opening the doors at 48 mins and off by 50 mins is going well and no one asked to change it.

-Some games are going passed the allowed 90 minutes booking, which is making the entire day late. This will be adjusted with our scheduler and the municipality ice booking department.

-Dressing room cleanliness is a continued issue, with older divisions. The municipality will be locking dressing room doors and handing out keys to teams. WN team will also have their own locks to lock their belongings and not permitting others (kids, arena staff etc.) inside their rooms until they are done with it. There was a complaint that staff was poking their head into the rooms to remind to clean etc., this is being dealt with further. **\*\*An email was sent out to all teams from WNMHA as a reminder\*\***

-For the tournament it would be appreciated to work with staff and a woman, to monitor women bathrooms.

1. **Adjournment** 929PM

Next meeting: SEE GOOGLE CALENDAR.