Minutes for EHMHA Board Meeting

7.00pm, 27 April 2025

Bannister Room, East Hants Sportsplex

Attendees: Brett, Greg, Tyson, Mark, James, Amelia, Evan

Apologies: Cory

Agenda Items .

1. ***Welcome and Approval of Agenda*** *by Brett*
   - *Approved*
2. ***Ratification of Board meeting minutes 16 March*** *by all Board members*
   - *Approved*
3. ***Presidents Update (not covered on agenda)*** *by Brett*
   - *Ice rates - Municipality has released their new ice rates, which is lower than the current rates. $178.68 prime time rate. Non-prime time $117.39 both + tax. We will agree rates at the AGM*
   - *U9 we need to look at whether we have full ice surface. Will further discuss. Perhaps ½ ice until Jan*
   - *Municipal grants - Brett has applied for 2. Greg and Brett also met with the Municipality to discuss potential access to capital grant. 50/50 cost sharing, this needs to be submitted. More info to follow*
   - *Tyson & Brett meeting with Scott Preston - end of year meeting to discuss any issues. Ice booking is still a pain point. Payment terms at net0 for some ice times*
   - *HNS looking at consolidating some of the province. More info to be shared at the next meeting. Brett to raise geographic area. Should there be a change?*
   - *HNS AGM, Brett will attend this coming weekend. Will update at next meeting Request to open courses earlier. Also, ask, why does HNS not follow Hockey Canada when it comes to U9 game timing*
   - *Volunteer of the year award - Brett has discussed with Nova Trophy. Need to put a call out. Action - Greg will draft and get it to Mark.*
     - ***Motion*** *- Trophy for Manager of the year and Coach of the year along with a plaque for each. 6 votes yes. No votes against*
   - *Survey to be sent to all parents for coaches, manager, team staff - Action, Tyson to send out Survey*

- *Manager, Treasurer & Coordinator meeting took place. Not well attended but good feedback and lessons learnt*
- *One of the items in AGM will be tryouts and the revised policy. Will be 1st up on the agenda*
- *Brett has been discussing with Indian Brook. Wants to go this summer to try to get people interested in hockey. If we do it early enough, may be able to identify players who need sponsorship / support with funding*
- *First Shift – Brett applied for three and we were successful for all three. More details to come*

4. ***VP Hockey Ops update*** *by Tyson*
    - *Central Minor meeting coming up*
    - *Tryout policy and evaluation process all about transparency. Good feedback last year from Brian and Joel. To be presented at AGM. Rating criteria 1-5 and level of proficiency.*
    - *Appreciation night for all volunteers. Too late for this year but need to do it next year. Perhaps corn hole, BYOB, maybe some sponsorship. Be great to get the field house at the end season*

5. ***Finance update*** *by James*
    - *Meeting with accountant this week*
    - *Financials will be ready for AGM*
    - *Current account sitting at $45,000*
    - *Jersey account $44368. If we get a capital grant we'll be there for new jerseys If we can do this then it won't be needed as part of player fees*
    - *Bingo - Eastlink. Still no progress. We still need a line to be installed*
    - *Volunteers in place. Cannot move forward. Brett will look to see if we can run it*
    - *Request out to Rafflebox to have a summer bonanza draw.*

6. ***Sponsorship for registration*** *by Greg*
    - *Hard time finding families that needed support. Can we give sponsorship for kids based on school Principal feedback*
    - *Add something as part of the registration process stating that if a family need financial support they can do so as part of the registration process. Promote financial assistance to the home page. -* ***Action*** *- Mark to discuss with Dan and also add the check box*

7. ***AGM date*** *by Greg*
    - *19 June, 7pm*
    - *Mark and Greg to meet to draft agenda and nominees for position*

8. ***Confidentiality Agreements*** *by Greg*
    - *Greg has them signed*

9. ***Volunteer of the Year Award process*** *by Greg*
    - *Already discussed*

10. ***Start of next season and planning*** *by Greg*

- *Met with Jen and Courtney to discuss handover. Need to start registration earlier in the year. Need to put an earlier deadline. Promote the deadline dates*
- *Can we do a flyer to issue to the schools. QR code to be added taking to registration page*
- ***Motion*** *- Increase late fee to $200*
- *As discussed earlier - visit to Indian Brook to host an information session*
- *Have an information session to support the registration process. Onsite at Sportsplex*
- *This year we will be following the finance policy strictly for dates to pay fees*
- *Could we stretch payment over more months - could be good especially if we have an earlier deadline*
- *Could there be an offer for transport to remove one of the barriers. Brett will discuss with Rita*

11. ***Update from Managers meeting*** *by Greg*
    - *Certifications was a pain point*
    - *Communication*

12. ***Process for Team account review*** *by Greg*
    - *2 Teams came forward to state they did not get financial information. Brett will discuss with HNS to see how we move it forward*

13. ***Any other business*** *by all Board members*
    - ***None***

Meeting adjourned 8.15

Next meeting May 25, 7pm