



Minutes for EHMHA Board Meeting

7.00pm, 25 May 2025

Bannister Room, East Hants Sportsplex

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

Apologies: Cory

Agenda Items

1. ***Welcome and Approval of Agenda*** by Brett
Approved
2. ***Ratification of Board meeting minutes 27 April 2025*** by all Board members
Approved
3. ***Presidents Update (not covered on agenda)*** by Brett
 - Tyson & Brett met with Scott Preston. 2% increase in April 2026. Likely proposed rates reduced by \$100.
 - Brett met with Chesley Bray - trying to get grant for coaching equipment. Up to 5k. Trying to get aids on the ice for both ice surfaces. EHMHA would have to cover 25% of the overall cost.
 - Other grant avenues are also being explored.
 - First Shift - Likely November for the 1st session. 6 week program. If too large we may need to book ice sessions further than needed. Bauer pays \$500 towards the ice. Registration link June 2nd.
 - Equipment room - Greg was able to get some shelves. Room is looking a lot better. Code needs to be changed as too many people have access. Brett will discuss with Scott Preston.
 - Eastlink removing their gear next week. Hopefully go live with Bingo w/c 9th or 16th
 - Sending the RFP for jersey this week. 4 suppliers identified. Not enough funds for replacement of all jersey right now. Need to make sure that the same design and colour is available for 2nd order
 - Get Cory to get a banner printed. Cory to speak to Brett to agree size. Would be good to have it ready to go to Indian Brook in the summer
 - Ice schedule needs to be submitted by mid June.
 - HNS AGM -

- Software platform - Hockey Canada are aiming to get their own platform.
- U13AAA - no plans whatsoever for this to go private in Canada. HNS confirmed this
- HNS wants to merge many geographic areas together. More details to come. Some objections by some associations.
- Moving away from Respect in Sport - New Module Shift Forward aimed at Coaches and Managers. RIS will continue for Parents.

4. *VP Hockey Ops update by Tyson*

- Volunteer of the year nominations are rolling in. Next year we need a structured form to complete.
- Tommy Hunter is interested in coming back to do Power Skating again next year.
- Bryan Gilis is coming back next year. He will spearhead the evaluation process.
- Development skates - going to try and run them once per week. Rename so we can try to attract more of the senior team. Also trying to get Jr B & C to support.
- Tryout policy is completed. Evaluation criteria completed. Tyson will share with the Board.
- Any additional support for development or tryouts will need to be cleared / certified.
- Coaching plans will be provided to Teams next year.
- Can we have sessions to try goaltending.

5. *Finance update by James*

- Fairly successful year. Down slightly. Ice was up about \$74k. Development were up 6. Ref fees 3k. Overall down approx. \$13k. Through expense management we were able to curtail our losses.
 - Expense management
 - Reduction in fees 25/26
 - Approx. \$100 per player. If we reduce more it will eat into the jersey replacement fee - Motion - 6 for. Zero against.
 - Jersey account could increase again especially if we can secure some grants we could get there this year
- Bingo - we are closer than ever. Lunch & Learn style training session. Will be combined with East Hants Soccer. Another good story for AGM. \$29k already in the account for start up costs
- Need to promote this at the beginning of the season. Working with Municipality in partnership etc.

6. *Tournaments by Cory*

- Request from Amelia - ETS always the last tournament to get listed on HNS. Ice schedule will be known by June. Cory will then need to add to HNS. Tyson needs to discuss with Cory dates. Maybe not have U9 and do a separate Jamboree for them with potentially full ice. Potentially put A/B Teams in there.

7. *Any other business by all Board members*

- Fundraising - Need to decide what we're are going to allow next season

- Continue the removal of parent contribution
- Team 50/50 to be considered during home games
- James will present similar to Sackville
- Motion - to allow unlimited fundraiser but only 1 additional raffle i.e. grand in hand - gambling. 6 for.
- Open registration on July 7th - September 8th.
- Amelia passed thanks for support from the Board.
 - Coaches and volunteers need to know that we have their back.
Coaches felt that they did not know the rules around discipline. Can we have a policy at the team level so coaches know what they can and can't do. Is there training available for some of the players who have neuro divergent challenges.
 - Medical form. Manager must read and discuss with the Coach if anything identified.
 - Need to increase positive comms
 - AGM - Board members sit together.
 - Representation - on Board. Need to make sure that house / development is not forgotten. Need to get in front of this at the start of the season.
 - Learned a lot from sitting on the board and attending the meeting.

Next meeting - 3rd Sunday of each month.