



Minutes for EHMHA Board Meeting

7.00pm, 16 March 2025

Bannister Room, East Hants Sportsplex

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

Apologies: Cory

Agenda Items

1. **Welcome and Approval of Agenda** by Brett
 - Agenda approved
2. **Ratification of Board meeting minutes 23 February 2025 & Members Meeting** by all Board members
 - Correct votes - only number for and against, otherwise minutes approved
3. **Presidents Update (not covered on agenda)** by Brett
 - Welcome Evan as newly appointed Director at Large
 - The Ettinger Smith Tournament went well and was positively received by attendees. There needed to be some changes on the fly but nothing of any concern. Brett thanked Cory & James for getting things done and making the tournament a success. It was also stated that EHMHA turned a profit on this tournament. For next year we'll have a good runway ahead of us. U9 was the biggest pain point due to the number of volunteers that we needed. Very good spirits around the rink. Lots of camaraderie
 - **Action** - Mark to send a thanks to volunteers and sponsors
 - **Action** - Jersey return. Mark to send email to Teams asking for them to be handed in March 25th - 6pm - 8pm. There will be a catch up date. Goalie gear at the same time
 - Brett spoke to Scott Preston about erecting a trophy cabinet somewhere in the rink. He will work to identify a location in the coming weeks
 - First Shift Program - EHMHA has been awarded this program again for next season. Just waiting to hear back from HNS with full details. This is excellent news for the Association
4. **VP Hockey Ops update** by Tyson
 - Checking clinic - very limited ice time. 6.30pm to 9.30pm 23 March 2025.
 - **Action** - Tyson will set up on Grayjay
 - **Action** - Mark to send communication to all members with the details of the clinic

5. **Finance update** by James

- Had to give some ice back as we could not consume it all. Teams have been informed and each Team Treasurer starting to give fees back to their players
- Municipality owes approx. \$8200. Will give us a cheque
- Accountant going through credits and debits. During Managers meeting we must be clear that each transfer must contain details of the transaction to enable traceability
- Financial accounts should be ready in the next month or so
- All invoices paid up to date

Action - James to send photo of the tournament sponsorship banner to Mark so he can post on social media

- 50:50 will run through the summer.

Evan asked if we would we be better off running as an association. Not considered but it's nice to have funds towards player contribution.

Perhaps we still need to do a QR code at the rink and social media.

Rafflebox and Grayjay still not integrated.

6. **Bingo - Next steps and communications** by James

- Site visit with Eastlink arranged. Feasibility check to see if we can run from downstairs to the Equipment Room.

Next 2 weeks should have everything set up.

Brett will ask Scott if they can get the TV working in Roxies

7. **Tournaments** by Cory

No updates other than what has already been discussed

8. **Policies and Bylaws update progress** by Greg

- Confidentiality agreement done. They will be valid for 5 years after term has ended
- Equipment Room - need a date to build shelves.
- Need to book an end of year Managers meeting. Will happen in April
Action - Greg to provide a date to Mark to arrange meeting
- Need to pick a date for the AGM. Will be in June
- End of season - Central Minor need to find out early on what their plans are.
- Les will continue to do ice schedule
- Comms for Grayjay to have a group for Managers and Coordinators in an age group. Could be a very good way for them to discuss topics. Brett to take back to Presidents meeting
- Significant investment from the municipality for operating and capex at the Sportsplex. This information is already released to the public.
- Bylaws - need to make a couple of bylaws changes each year. Will have a group formed shortly to have these done before the next AGM. Need to be more specific in the bylaws to remove interpretation

9. **Any other business** by all Board members

- When do we decide on levels and numbers of teams. It will be based on registration numbers as outlined by HNS
- Most Teams at rep level are not winning. Should we be dropping down a level? How do we get ahead of this? Some suggestions / comments;

- *Can we have exhibition games earlier?*
- *Want to be more competitive*
- *Coach mentorship program - could we consider this in the future*
- *During Coaches and Managers meeting - need to make sure at the beginning of the year that they need to lay out every single aspect of what will be disciplined.*
- *Will be implementing progressive drills. More to be discussed at the onset of next season.*
- *Coaches group on Grayjay*
- *Live streaming - not been explored. Some Teams have done it at a team level. Need to investigate and look at costs. Bring back to membership to vote on*

Actions / Updates from previous meeting

10. Confidentiality Agreements by Greg

- *Will be sent to each Board member to sign*

11. Player Call-up process by Greg

- *Parked until the end of season.*

Next meeting 27th April. 7pm