

West Northumberland Girls' Hockey Association
Executive Meeting – Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Present: Greg Brocanier, Lynn Marie Brocanier, Jason Dalby, Jennifer Ashley, Curtis Hackney, Barb Hackney, Tom Cole, Darren Mackey, Ryan Smith

Regrets: Sarah LeBlanc, Veronica Marriott, Shannon Sheehy, Sandi MacDonald-Wangen, Ron Samis, Scott MacDonald, Ian Koellner, Clarey Ellis-Stretch, Anne Walker

*** There is no quorum present so there will be no voting tonight.*

ACTIONS CARRIED OVER:

Action – The 2017-18 executive will discuss creating a login for people to sign in if they wish to complete a coach evaluation.

Action – Ian will network with the Nighthawks and Cougars re: the potential of running 50/50 draws at Cougar games.

Action – Greg will write and submit an amendment to AGM voting policies. Jen will look for a potential previous submission in previous minutes and via email submission.

Action - Jen to reinsert the constitutional piece to include the team colours required in uniforms.

Action – Scott will inventory what jerseys we have that will be available to be sold and send the information to Ron.

Action: Greg will explore the PD Day in February as a potential date for the ESSO Fun Day.

Action – Everyone will explore what we can do with the excess atom house league jerseys and forward your suggestions on to Scott.

Action – Ryan will talk to the newspapers and try to get them to publish an article on the Bantam team that won our tournament.

Action – Ian to reimburse the novice HL team that dropped out of our tournament \$800. Action – Sarah will notify the novice team of the exec's decision.

Action – Tom to remind referees to enforce all equipment regulations.

Action – Ron will remind ladies house league referees (via Jim) to sign the gamesheets and to ensure all present players have signed before the game commences.

MINUTES

By Jen

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Approval of minutes from November 14, 2017. Not a quorum present so vote put off until the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Ian

Moved by:

Seconded by:

No report.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

By Jason

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Registration – etransfers – Jason thinks it would be worthwhile to look at email transfers for both registrations and refunds. Greg suggested allowing etransfers from members to the association and between teams and the association. He thought it would be beneficial for our treasurer to manage all the team's money until reconciliation occurs.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

By Sarah

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Nothing new to report.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

By Shannon

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Nothing new to report.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

By Scott

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Scott had mentioned that someone is accessing the lock up and it's a mess. Action – Scott will network with the CCC to make sure that CCC staff gives NO ONE the key to the lock-up unless the CCC has been notified by Scott himself.

JUNIOR HOUSELEAGUE REPORT

By Barb

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Development started this past weekend.

One Clarington team has dropped out of the bantam/midget HL loop. The other Clarington HL teams are still in.

LADIES HOUSELEAGUE REPORT

By Sandi via email

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Two people waiting for refunds. And we have one new registration.
(Cash for Jason 😊)

Two teams have defaulted last two weeks. We have found out in time to cancel refs. This was discussed by those present. It had previously been discussed and it had been decided that teams are not allowed to cancel. Action – Sandi will remind teams they are not allowed to cancel their games. Greg said that there is no more goalie development so the ladies should be able to start at 6. Action – Sandi will double check with Darren again re: 6 pm ice availability.

Good news: Raised over \$400 for The Giving Tree...sponsored 3 teen girls. Also, collected 4 big totes of food for the food banks.

Also, one team questioned the need for late games as it seems the ice has often not been used before 7:00. Requesting possibility of early times again next year. Passed this info on to Ron.

DIRECTOR OF COACH and PLAYER DEVELOPMENT REPORT

By Greg

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Canadian Tire First Shift – 13 registrants to date. Greg has had several parents/grandparents inquire about purchasing them for Christmas. We can take up to 30 participants. Ryan has done some articles.

Rep Development is complete. Great feedback from coaches, parents, & players. Spike got and listened to all feedback. Greg thought the early sessions were very beneficial, compared to last season when development sessions were held later.

House league development – Greg talked to Trudy Stacey who conducted the development with the house league this weekend. She felt skating skills should be priority with this group. Greg will take her feedback and will try to develop a package for next season. He would also like to give coaches a development plan for the season, at the start of the season next year. Greg feels there need to be a bigger female presence in our association and would like to see Trudy more involved in both rep and houseleague development.

Next year:

First Shift -Do we want to do it again next year? When? Co-ed or all girls? Etc.

Development Package – Put forth a program to all coaches, at the start of the season, using Trudy, Spike, and Hockey Canada as resources.

Hockey Canada – Greg suggests running it again. He would suggest bringing their own lunch. He thinks Ryan Hurley should develop a more specific program for 3 different levels of players. The basketball component was very effective, also.

Goalie Development – Much better attendance this year. Dan Stewart ran it. There were 7-13 girls/session compared to last year when there were usually just 2.

Kaitlyn Bates Foundation – Doug Bates is still interested in giving 2 x \$250 scholarships. Greg suggests inviting them to banquet to present.

Association – WNGHA teams have consistently been high in penalty minutes, in the past. This season, we are playing with very reduced penalty minutes as an association. The Midget BB is an exception but they have been improving recently.

ICE SCHEDULER REPORT

By Darren

Moved by:
Seconded by:

We can move the 10 pm games to 6 pm for ladies houseleague. That will be done for the rest of the season. Action – Sandi will notify teams that any 10 pm games will now be played at 6 pm.

Action – Tom will notify the referees of the time change.

Action – Sandi will let Darren know the status of the potential Championship Day for the rec division so he can secure the ice, if needed.

SPONSORSHIP REPORT

By Lynn Marie

Moved by:
Seconded by:

Nothing new to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF

By Tom

Moved by:
Seconded by:

Dec. 3 – Silver Stick. It was very difficult to schedule referees during the Silver Stick Tournament. Nighthawks have 2 silver stick and 2 Justin Williams tourneys. Refs are very hard to find during these tournaments. The referee shortage was discussed. Action – Tom will network with Clarington and Peterborough and come to the next meeting with an action plan with the intent of trying to alleviate our problem finding officials. (Note: Peterborough got back to Tom before the end of the meeting and they are currently paying officials less than we do but provide travel expenses when when they have to travel).

LOWER LAKES REPORT

By Veronica

Moved by:
Seconded by:

Nothing new to report.

OWHA REPORT

By Curtis

Moved by:
Seconded by:

A team was fined \$200 for not submitting a game sheet on time. Everything else is good.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER REPORT

By Ryan

Moved by:
Seconded by:

Current focus is to advertise First Shift.

There is an online newspaper called “Cobourg Now”. Ryan will explore advertising rates and get

back to us. He will explore rates to advertise other places, too.

Cobourg web site – Jen told Ryan there is a calendar on the Town of Cobourg’s website that we can add our events to.

Our tournament was in Snap’d.

NEW BUSINESS :

1. Shannon: fundraising- I will be sending out an email in the next week to have the teams provide to me their dollars raised thus far to keep track and prevent going over caps.
2. Jen – Sr. C dress code – Of the 18 teams that responded to the on-line survey only 1 (Brampton) responded “*Our association strictly enforces game play dress code on our senior teams. (eg. All players must wear matching pants & helmets).*” 17 of the 18 teams responded “*Our association doesn't always enforce game play dress code with the senior teams. (eg. Our association sometimes allows senior players to play without everyone wearing matching pants & helmets.)*” Jen made a motion that the coaching staff of the senior team strongly encourage uniform compliance, but exceptions may be made for on-ice uniform policy for WNGHA senior teams. The vote will have to be held at the next meeting due to lack of quorum. The survey results are in Appendix A.
3. Veronica –
 1. Coach/Team Staff Feedback forms: last year we did these forms manually. Would Ryan like to add it as an on-line feature this year? I think we can get this up and running now/anytime as we’re half way through the season.. Action – Veronica will email the coach/staff feedback form to ALL executive members for review & analysis before the final version is compiled. Once the final version is done, Ryan will post it online.
 2. Veronica would like to approach the Lion’s Centre to book a date for the year end banquet. Originally she wanted to secure the same date as last year, the Thursday before Easter weekend; however that date has been booked! Her next choice is the Sunday at the end of March Break – Sunday, March 18, 2018 – 3pm – 7pm. The following weekends are provincials, lower lakes/championship, and Easter; and then we’ll be into tryouts.

During the discussion, there seemed to be concern at having the banquet before the season is over because if something good happens at Provincials &/or league championship day, we want to celebrate it at the banquet. Perhaps we could have it on a week night, following provincials. This will be discussed further at our next executive meeting.
4. Tryouts were discussed. Darren will bring up tryout particulars at a future meeting.
5. Ryan is working on getting the TV for the Wild office. It comes with a wheel cart.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by:
Seconded by:

Carried

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2017 at 7 pm (CCC)

APPENDIX A

Senior Uniform Policy Survey Results

Response A: <i>Our association strictly enforces game play dress code on our senior teams. (eg. All players must wear matching pants).</i>	Response B: <i>Our association doesn't always enforce game play dress code with the senior teams. (eg. Our association sometimes allows senior players to play without everyone wearing matching pants & helmets.)</i>
Brampton	Clarington Orillia Peterborough Brantford Keene Kitchener Hamilton Otonabee Napanee London Wilmot Stone Mills Markham-Stouffville Leaside Colborne Cobourg (Independent) Baltimore (Independent)
Total: 1	Total: 17

