

**West Northumberland Girls' Hockey Association
Executive Meeting – Minutes
Cobourg Fire Hall**

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Present: Greg Brocanier, Lynn Marie Brocanier, Jason Dalby, Ian Koellner, Jennifer Ashley, Sandi MacDonald-Wangen, Scott MacDonald, Curtis Hackney, Barb Hackney, Clarey Ellis-Stretch, Anne Walker, Ron Samis, Shannon Sheehy, Ryan Smith (L), Veronica Marriott

Regrets: Sarah LeBlanc, Tom Cole, Darren Mackey

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

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.

Action – Veronica will email the coach/staff feedback form to ALL executive members for review & analysis before the final version is compiled.

MINUTES

By Jen

Approval of November 2017 Minutes. Moved – Jason 2 nd -Scott	Carried
Approval of December 2017 Minutes. Moved – Curtis 2 nd -Barb	Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Ian

Moved by: Jen
Seconded by: Sandi

Carried

See Appendix A for Financial Report.
And Tournament report financials

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

By Jason

Nothing new to report.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

By Sarah via email

Sarah forwarded a thank you letter from the Giving Tree (see Appendix B).

FUNDRAISING REPORT

By Shannon

Moved by: Greg
Seconded by: Clarey

Carried

Shannon send out emails to get fundraising totals from all teams and most of them are in already.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

By Scott

Moved by: Ian
Seconded by: Lynn Marie

Carried

Scott feels like he is responsible for the locker but feels he really has no control over it. Someone is going in there and is making a mess of it. Someone has a key. He doesn't know if it's someone from our association or someone outside of it. He distributed photos of some of the messes that have been left in our locker. A discussion ensued about how to deal with this issue. Greg suggested that Dean Hustwick be notified about what is happening and request from him an improved level of security. A follow up meeting would be beneficial. Action – Scott will discuss the issue with Dean this week.

JUNIOR HOUSELEAGUE REPORT

By Barb

Nothing new to report.

LADIES HOUSELEAGUE REPORT

By Sandi

Moved by: Veronica
Seconded by: Curtis

Carried

There was a request for refund which Sandi denied.
The rec division is having a wrap up day on Sat., March 3, from 8-10 pm.
There is a bit of an uproar about the last week being cut out of our schedule. After some discussion, it was discovered it was actually just a miscommunication between Sandi and Darren because the official schedule was dated Feb. 26 from the start.

Goalie refund – 3 goalies paid for full time. They should get their \$100 refund.
Registration – Is it possible to publish dates before the end of our season.
Expanding the League – Beginner division was discussed. Overall, it was felt that there isn't enough ice and there probably wouldn't be enough interest to form enough teams.
Jersey Return – Curtis informed Sandi of how they were returned last season. It was seamless.

DIRECTOR OF COACH and PLAYER DEVELOPMENT REPORT

By Greg

Moved by: Ryan

Seconded by: Curtis

Carried

End of year banquet – Doug Bates, through the Kaitlyn Bates Initiative, want to contribute \$500 towards a scholarship. We need to submit in writing the criteria for it to be approved.

First Shift – 12 registrations in the last 4 days. 26 registrations to date. The Nighthawks are subsidizing novices \$100 for their first year. Do we want to do the same. If we max out registrations, we get a subsidy back from Hockey Canada. Jan 29 @ 6:30 is the initiation and fitting. Feb. 11 is the first day but Greg can't go so will need someone to take charge that day. He wants 2 assistants for the whole thing, as well as 4 parents. They prefer not to have kids below Midget age helping. Six 1 hr. sessions for 6-10 year olds. There is a waiting list if it gets full. Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 4, 25, April 1 (approx. 2 or 3 pm). He needs 3 off- ice helpers, too.

Overtime Hockey – There is a new contract bringing development to Cobourg. Greg has had a lot of inquiries about individual player development. They have a contract with the CCC.

He wants to renew the development package. It seemed to go very well this year with all teams. (Goalie, rep, HL). Feedback from Trudy and Spike was that skating seemed to be the biggest most important focus.

ICE SCHEDULER REPORT

By Darren via email

Moved by: Barb

Seconded by: Shannon

Carried

We are able to give back ice starting the end of the month during playoff time. I will be sending emails to all coach and managers regarding what times they currently have for playoffs/playdowns and I will be requesting that they send me any ice returns as soon as possible as the CCC and Jack Burger would like to know sooner rather than later. They haven't given me a return time deadline as of yet, I will ask prior to sending the email.

Rep tryouts - all competitive tournaments including provincials are completed Sunday April 8th, tryouts I think will be able to start 48hrs later. I am suggesting we wait a full week before we start our tryouts, I will book them this year so that there is time between each tryout unlike last year where they were all crammed in before the RBC Cup. This will also give any of our girls that are wishing to tryout at a higher level than we are offering at another center a change to go and see. I feel if they are good enough to make those teams and want to go we shouldn't be holding them back. Also I know Ken Pederson our Midget AA coach(if he stays as our Midget

AA head coach) likes to have later tryouts so that girls can filter down to our program. This isn't ideally how we'd like our program to be run but its what happens for us.

As far as ladies league ice, I have booked the pond March 3rd 8-9pm and 9-10pm for recreation wrap up day as requested.

Ladies league as far as I can remember has always ended first week of March because they play in the Memorial and Memorial closes the first weekend in March. Last year we got it opened for an extra weekend, so they could have one more Monday night. Coincidentally this is the first year that the ladies no longer pay the minor hockey rental rate too.

Still unsure of which time the ladies league is going to be running at for the remainder of the season, are they starting at 6pm or 7pm, if start time is going to continue at 7pm(which is what I think the final decision was) then I would like to see if the Novice team who has the ice at 5-6pm would like to bump back to the 6-7pm time, before I give an hour back or sell it to Nighthawks.

SPONSORSHIP REPORT

By Lynn Marie

Nothing new to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF

By Tom via email

Here are the rates we are currently paying. Peterborough rates are in brackets.

Two official system 10/10/12 minutes games

Rep teams

Novice \$20 (18)

Atom \$22 (20)

PW. \$24 (22)

Bantam \$25 (24)

Midget \$27 (25)

Senior \$27 (25)

Three Official system

12/15/15 minute games

Midget AA/BB

Referee \$39 (40)

Linesmen \$28 (30)

House League games

PW \$22 (20)

Ban/Md \$24 (22)

LOWER LAKES REPORT

By Veronica

Moved by: Jason

Seconded by: Scott

Carried

All lower lakes information is on the website. See the website for details.

Memorial Arena – The clock needs to be fixed. Coaches are asking and concerned especially with playdowns. Theresa Behan is helping at CCC while Harry is off.

Action – Jen send copy of letter to Scott to take to meeting with Dean to discuss the Memorial clock issue.

OWHA REPORT

By Curtis

Moved by: Jen

Seconded by: Sandi

Carried

Provincial commitment form has been sent out. Due date is noon on January 15, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER REPORT

By Ryan

Moved by: Greg

Seconded by: Clarey

Carried

Radio advertisements are currently being done. 25 ads throughout January for \$300. He has been getting very positive feedbacks. 10-11 players registered for First Shift immediately once the ads started.

Northumberland News and the new local blog “Cobourg Now” have published for us. Joel Scott said they would announce game scores. We will try to have sponsors names included but they may edit them out due to time restraints.

NEW BUSINESS :

1. Veronica –

Banquet – Veronica suggested Thursday, April 19. Everyone agreed. Same format as last year. Action – Darren not to schedule tryouts on April 19th.

Pete’s Game – There hasn’t been a lot of response to the Wild Family Game night.

Coach/Bench staff evaluations – Veronica explained last year’s process. Ryan has come up with a condensed version which was great. She also shared a form that Brampton uses that she liked. It was decided that Veronica and Ryan would make up the form and it will be completed electronically.

Call for Coaches – Veronica suggested putting out a call for Midget AA coach immediately so we’re in line with most other associations. Potential interview dates were discussed. Greg proposed that if only one person applies, we accept them if they have positive former experience coaching. Ron proposed that if we post for Midget AA and Bantam AA coach early and build the Bantam program to better be able to feed our Midget AA team. All first teams will be advertised Jan 15-31 then interview in early February. Applications will go to Veronica and Ron.

2. Ian – AGM Date – We need to set it. Tuesday, May 22nd @ 6 pm. Action - Ryan to post AGM date on website, along with deadline & submission process for policy amendments.

Ian mentioned the sponsors aren't consistently matching up with the right team on the monitor on the CCC. Lynn Marie will remind them to match them up accurately.

3. Jen –

Motion – Senior teams be exempt from the uniform policy except for jerseys, socks, & neckguard. However, they must wear proper WNGHA socks and jersey. Vote – Yes: 13 No: 0

4. Ryan – The TV is now in our office. It is currently advertising our sponsors and First Shift Programs but will be utilized for other things too.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Barb

Seconded by: Shannon

Carried

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2017 at 7 pm at the Cobourg Fire Hall

APPENDIX B Thank you letter.

The Giving Tree

January 8, 2018

On behalf of the *Children's Giving Tree* at Northumberland Mall and all participating agencies, we would like to extend a special "Thank You" for your generous donation.

The Giving Tree has become a very successful community project because caring individuals, service clubs, and businesses like yours make it possible.

In 2017, 1322 children throughout Northumberland County had a brighter Christmas because of your involvement.

Since our inception in 1989, 36,280 children have had gifts provided.

Once again we would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation and to wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2018!

Sincerely
Cheryl Baker
The Giving Tree Co-ordinator