



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**February 3rd, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**KS on the Keys**

In Attendance:

Reg MacDonald (District Chair)  
Jenn Primeau (Past Chair)  
Wally Montpetit (VP Competitive)  
Dom Giglietta (VP House League)  
Matt Dickie (VP Admin)  
Jason Ward (Registrar)  
Kevin Graham (D9RA)  
Karen Ouellette (Ice Scheduler)  
Ward Mallon (U7/U9 Coordinator)  
Todd O'Brien (Blackburn)  
Anthony Cotroneo (Leitrim)  
Marc Ouellet (Leitrim)  
Julianne Oelke-Simonsen (Metcalfe)  
Joce Murray (Orleans)  
Joey Abrams (Russell)  
Kevin Carroll (Rangers)

Absent with Regrets:

Gilles Vanasse (Discipline)  
Chris Rheume (Risk and Safety)  
Michel Breau (Gloucester Centre)  
Natalie Sauve (Cumberland)

- **Call To Order**  
Reg MacDonald called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Moved by Wally Montpetit and seconded by Jenn Primeau to approve the January 4th 2024 board meeting minutes.

CARRIED

- **District Chair**
  - Reg welcomed the board to the meeting and introduced the members. He reviewed the meeting agenda and format.
  - Reg discussed the HEO dressing room policy. Chris participated in a call with HEO. Reg described the intention of the rule as inclusion and highlighted that individuals now choose where to change and can no longer be denied access based on gender. Reg confirmed that points in the policy such as bathing suits in showers etc are just recommendations and not rules to be enforced. He reminded the board of the importance of the two-deep rule for bench staff. Associations expressed frustration with

mid-season changes to rules and policies. Matt will remove the co-ed dressing room policy from the GHA website as it is no longer current or in order.

- Reg is challenging the new HEO rule saying minimum suspensions cannot be appealed.
- Live barn is hopefully going to be set up for next year. Reg confirmed that Live barn pays for the installation but a subscription is required in order to watch.
- 11.4 calls were discussed, with Reg reviewing the different violations and suspensions that have happened in the branch this year.

- **House League**

- Play off Structure and Rules

- Dom reviewed the proposal and the splits and clarified any questions.
- Dom reminded all associations that they need a representative in attendance for all play off games. There will be food in the GHA office. Dom also reminded associations about the Fair Ice policy and discussed how this is policed and enforced.
- Dom reminded associations to make sure that association websites all have links to the GHA website to avoid any missed games or schedule mishaps that could get a coach suspended.

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Joce Murray to approve the Play Off rules and Splits as presented

CARRIED

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Anthony Cotroneo to purchase boards for Roger Senecal Arena at Bob Macquarrie Recreation Centre

CARRIED

- Cumberland

- Discussion around Cumberland joining GHA house league fully for next season. Associations will discuss with their boards and be ready to vote at the March GHA meeting about extending and expanding the current agreement. Draft will be presented for review.
- Dom confirmed there have been requests from other outside districts that he will follow up on for more logistics.

- Other Discussions

- Discussion around Goalie shortages and strategies to recruit and retain goalies.
- Rule change to be presented for March meeting that requires leagues with less than 4 teams to seek more teams from outside the district.
- Standardized evaluation processes and requirements for deviations from allocation chart were discussed.

Moved by Jenn Primeau and seconded by Joce Murray to create a GHA committee chaired by Dom Giglietta with representatives from each association to put in place a deviation process to vote on at the June Meeting.

CARRIED

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Joce Murray to have 2 Full ice Jamboree games for each level of U9 house league (A, B and C).

CARRIED

- **Competitive**

- Wally reviewed the Rep B standings and discussed demographics. Associations to discuss with their boards what type of solutions there would be an appetite for across the district.
- The transfer policy was also reviewed.

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- **Discipline**

- Russell has banned Roller Skate Guards. Kevin confirmed that the Rangers board has also had a ban on these for several years. Associations to survey if these are a problem with their membership so that a district wide ban can be put in place if needed.

- **Ice Scheduling**

- Anticipated arena renovations were discussed.
- Karen requested tournament dates be submitted to her by March 1st, and noted she will require information about outside teams for July 1st.

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Kevin Carroll to allow the GHA to enter negotiations with Richcraft for a new ice contract.

CARRIED

- **D9RA**

- Kevin discussed several positive interactions between bench staff and officials, and highlighted the positive experiences of female officials with Rangers teams.
- Kevin asked that associations remind their coaches to hold their bench at the end of games.
- There was a discussion around time keeping at the U21 level and the challenges around staffing these games.

- **Other Executive Reports**

Moved by Joce Murray and seconded by Jason Ward to approve the financial statements as presented.

CARRIED

- Registrar

-Jason sent reminders about February deadlines.

- VP Admin

-Matt is updating the website accordingly, everything is current.

- **Round Table**

Rangers

419 Players tried out for 207 spots

4 Transfers at U18

Kevin discussed concerns with U11A for next year

Blackburn

Nothing to Report

Gloucester Centre

Absent

Leitrim

There was a discussion about the U21 schedule- both number of games and length of games was discussed

Metcalfe

Nothing to Report

Orleans

Nothing to report

**Russell**

Joey thanked the board and noted he will not be returning as president next year. Joey is excited to see what new board members could bring to his association.

**Cumberland**

Absent

• **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m..

Moved by Matt Dickie and seconded by Jason Ward

CARRIED