



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 6th, 2023
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)
Gilles Vanasse (Discipline)
Jason Ward (Registrar)
Chris Rheume (Risk and Safety)
Max Frost (D9RA)
Karen Ouellette (Ice Scheduler)
Ward Mallon (U7/U9 Coordinator)
Michel Breau (Gloucester Centre)
Leo Cardinal (Leitrim)
Julianne Oelke-Simonsen (Metcalfe)
Joce Murray (Orleans)
Kevin Carroll (Rangers)
Joey Abrams (Russell)
Natalie Sauve (Cumberland)

Absent with Regrets: Todd O'Brien (Blackburn)

- **Call To Order**
Reg MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- Reg and the board thanked Jenn Primeau for her many years as district chair. Jenn thanked the group and is excited to remain on the GHA executive as past chair. She highlighted years of positive experiences as a female leader in this district.

- **Approval of Minutes from the November Board Meeting**

Moved by Joce Murray and seconded by Leo Cardinal to approve the minutes from the November 2nd, 2023 Board Meeting

CARRIED

- **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - Matt has gotten the GHA website current.
 - Jason to work on registration numbers for Kendall from Leitrim.
- **D9RA**
 - Nothing to report, things are going well.

- **District Chair**
 - Reg reviewed a recent suspension and highlighted the zero tolerance for team officials approaching referees or their dressing room after the game. He reviewed the process for appeals and appropriate behavior in arenas and around referees.
 - After a recent neck wound within HEO, a memo has been sent with a reminder about neck guards. Referees will be on the lookout for proper neck guards and will be enforcing. Max will remind officials at an upcoming meeting. Matt will update outdated mouthguard info on GHA website.
- **VP Competitive**
 - Nothing to report.
- **VP House**
 - Discussion around C hockey, and preparing for registration.
 - Discussion around the minimum number of teams per league.

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Joce Murray to allow the U13 C teams to play 5 interlock games each outside the district that will count towards their 20 games. They will return to the GHA for playoffs.

CARRIED

- **VP Admin**
 - Matt has updated the website.
 - Matt will be ordering GHA winter coats for board members, anyone who would like one can send him their sizing info and he will place the order.
- **Treasurer**
 - Everything is up to date, Karen will send out invoices.
- **Discipline**
 - Gilles reviewed the discipline report he sent via email.
 - Gilles discussed tournament suspensions and proper procedure.
 - Gilles reviewed a recent OMHA suspension, their process, and the outcome.
 - Gilles discussed the procedure for formal complaints between associations, he reviewed the process and emphasized the importance of discussion between presidents.
- **Registrar**
 - Things are going well, the November 30th deadline went smoothly.
 - Jason to review HEO site and check important dates are all correct and send out reminders to ensure no one is dropped from a roster and not able to be readed.
 - There is an ongoing delay in vulnerable sector checks for Russell coaches because of a hold up with the OPP. Coaches have all resubmitted their paperwork and are waiting for their final confirmation from the police.
- **Risk and Safety**
 - Nothing to report.
- **District U7/U9 Mentor**
 - U7/U9 coaching mentorships are ongoing.
 - Ward is sending out reminders and working on ongoing challenges with boards. Ward has sent out a reminder that teams must work with arena staff and follow their instructions after a complaint about a team being on the ice too early.

- There was a question about goalies switching ends at U9- Ward confirmed this feels unnecessary and Max will clarify with officials.
- Reg and Ward confirmed that the limit of 1 full ice jamboree per team does not include the GHA end of year fun day.

- **Ice Scheduler**
 - Schedules for U9 have been challenging, but should be out tomorrow.
 - U13C schedule to be posted this weekend.
 - City has reduced the amount of ice the district was expecting for February and March, Karen is working on this frustrating development.

Round Table

Blackburn

Absent.

Gloucester Centre/Orleans

Joce and Michel are having a great year with a smooth merger.

Joce reminded Cumberland about the need for a team representative in the time box at games.

Leitrim

Nothing to report, things are going well.

Metcalfe

Metcalfe is investigating an incident and will report back with developments.

Rangers

Everything is going well.

Russell

Joey is hoping to ban roller skate guards from arenas for safety concerns.

Joey informed the board he would not be seeking reelection for next year.

Cumberland

Nothing to report, things are going well.

- **New Business**

The president's meeting will be in person on February 3rd. Details to come. January meeting will be on Zoom as usual.

- **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Joce Murray

CARRIED