



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 4th, 2023
Meeting Minutes
KS on the Keys

In Attendance: Jenn Primeau (District Chair)
Reg MacDonald (VP Competitive)
Dom Giglietta (VP House League)
Wally Montpetit (VP Admin & Treasurer)
Gilles Vanasse (Discipline)
Jason Ward (Registrar)
Kevin Graham (D9RA)
Karen Ouellette (Ice Scheduler)
Ward Mallon (U7/U9 Coordinator)
Todd O'Brien (Blackburn)
Michel Breau (Gloucester Centre)
Leo Cardinal (Leitrim)
Joce Murray (Orleans)
Kevin Carroll (Rangers)

Absent with Regrets: Cheryl Cooper (Metcalf)
Joey Abrams (Russell)
Ron Ethier (Jr. 67's)

- **Call To Order**
Jenn Primeau called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

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

Moved by Joce Murray and seconded by Kevin Carroll to approve the minutes from the April 13th Board Meeting

CARRIED

- **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - None.
- **D9RA**
 - Kevin confirmed that all officials have now received their rebates from associations.
 - D9RA AGM was April 23rd and Kevin is back for a 2 year term.
 - Tryouts are coming up- there will be a May 13th info session and a June 25th on ice session, Kevin to send out the details for these.
 - Discussion around U21 referees: Kevin has noted these are typically older referees that are making themselves available for these late night games. He recommends a shift to 2 referees and 1 linesmen which would mean a slight financial increase with the referees receiving a higher pay rate.

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Joce Murray to schedule 2 referees and 1 linesman as a pilot for the 2023-2024 season only.

CARRIED

- **District Chair**
 - Jenn will send out notes after the minor council meeting.
 - Jenn reviewed the registration procedure for the GHA AGM. All registration will go to Sara to send out the Zoom info once Jason confirms eligibility. All board members to send their annual reports to Sara by May 19th. Jenn reminded president's that if they are unable to attend they must send someone to represent their district. Appointed position votes will happen after the AGM.
 - Jenn to follow up with Bailey to make sure the GHA is informed of all discipline issues next year.
 - CCHL and the U18 League could not come up with an agreement and things will be returning to the Legacy Clubs. There was a townhall to discuss next year's plans with current members. Jenn emphasized that the reduction in teams is from 12 to 10 not 12 to 5 as some members were stressed about.
 - CCHL was directed not to hold the U15 draft.
 - The revised HEO policies around the Code of Conduct and Conflicts of Interest have been circulated. Jenn reminded associations that each association's rules must be in line with these revised policies.
 - HEO AGM is July 12th, Jenn discussed the motion for D14 and what the 67s moving would mean for the district. Ice for D14 is still being discussed, but Jenn confirmed that the GHA will be asked to provide some of the ice.

- **VP Competitive**
 - Reg discussed the responses he has received about his Rep B discussion email. He noted the two themes of negative responses have been Costs and Ice location. It was also noted that combined teams were more competitive. The possibility of a House League Select teams program was also discussed, along with the ideas of player development and retention.
 - Ranger interviews are underway and going smoothly.

- **VP House**
 - Dom discussed the benefits to a partnership with Cumberland at the A level, with Jenn requesting they also consider this at the C level.
 - Jenn will be resending the proposal that was worked on by the board last year.
 - Dom noted that U21 games felt evenly matched this year and well balanced over all, and Gilles commented that discipline at the U21 level went smoothly which feels promising.
 - Discussion around U15 C and the league other districts have created. Jenn to investigate the GHA joining this league. It was noted that Cumberland does not offer U13 or U15 C and partnerships with them at this level would not be an option.
 - The Novice Boards were discussed, Dom and Joce to look into storage at the BMRC facility.

- **VP Admin & Treasurer**
 - Wally sent out the financials and answered questions.

Moved by Joce Murray and seconded by Reg MacDonald to approve the financial statements as presented.

CARRIED

- **Discipline**

- Gilles has hosted the final 3 hearings of this year, bringing the total to 49 hearings for the season.
 - Gilles thanked the board members who have volunteered for panels, and noted he is looking forward to hosting less hearings next season.
 - Gilles to call together a discipline working group to meet over the summer.
 - Gilles is investigating TTM and ways to better track parental discipline infractions and ejections.
- **Registrar**
 - Jason thanked the association registrars for all their hard work this year. Jason is excited to return next season.
- **Risk and Safety**
 - Vacant.
- **District U7/U9 Mentor**
 - U7 Mentor reports have all been sent out. Ward had a great year and is looking forward to the AGM.
- **Ice Scheduler**
 - Karen asked that Jenn follow up on the mandatory HEO end of year U15 tournament.
 - Karen requested any associations with a new scheduler send their info to Karen as soon as possible.

Round Table

Blackburn

AGM went smoothly with no significant changes to the Blackburn board.

Gloucester Centre

AGM went well and Michel will be back for the upcoming season.

Leitrim

Leitrim AGM is Sunday.

Caster-River/Leitrim Rep B talks underway. Jenn commented that she will not be accommodating transfers between these two associations if the partnership folds. Players will be able to transfer anywhere. Jenn reminded the group that the goal should be a unified program to accommodate players playing at the appropriate level, regardless of who hosts the team.

Metcalfe

Ward confirmed that Metcalfe has elected a new president for the upcoming season, Julianne Oelke-Simonsen.

Orleans

Joce is looking forward to next year.

Orleans welcomed three new members to the board, Joce will be back for another 2 year term.

R&R 19.4 A .8 Moved by Joce Murray and seconded by Jason Ward to move the Orleans tournament to the 2nd weekend of December moving forward.

CARRIED

Moved by Joce Murray and seconded by Jason Ward to host the Orleans tournament December 15th-17th for this upcoming season only.

CARRIED

Rangers

Kevin had a great year and feels coach interviews are going well. He plans to have the proposed coaching slate ratified after the AGM.

Tryouts are planned for August 26-September 3rd with firm details to be sent out.

Russell

Absent.

Jr. 67's

Absent.

- **New Business**

Jenn reminded associations to get started on tournament sanctions.

The governance Document for House League will need to be reviewed and extracted to create a stand alone document. This will be worked on over the summer to avoid any rule changes during the season.

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Joce Murray to appoint Karen Ouellette as the GHA Ice Scheduler for the 2023-2024 Season.

CARRIED

- **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Moved by Wally Montpetit and seconded by Kevin Carroll

CARRIED