



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**October 5th, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**ZOOM Meeting**

In Attendance:

Reg MacDonald (District Chair)  
Dom Giglietta (VP House League)  
Matt Dickie (VP Admin)  
Wally Montpetit (Treasurer)  
Gilles Vanasse (Discipline)  
Jason Ward (Registrar)  
Chris Rheume (Risk and Safety)  
Kevin Graham (D9RA)  
Karen Ouellette (Ice Scheduler)  
Ron Ethier (Jr. 67's)  
Todd O'Brien (Blackburn)  
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:

Ward Mallon (U7/U9 Coordinator)

- **Call To Order**  
Reg MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

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

Moved by Gilles Vanasse and seconded by Michel Breau to approve the minutes from the September 7th, 2023 Board Meeting

CARRIED

- **Business Arising from the Minutes**
  - Sara will send out a revised GHA Contact list to ensure everyone gets a Zoom invite.
- **D9RA**
  - Kevin is excited for a great season, feedback so far has been great.
  - D9RA has 8 new adult officials this year.
  - Kevin confirmed with Karen that guest associations in the U21 league are aware of the shift to 2 referees and 1 linesman.

- Kevin thanked Karen for her help finding extra ice this year and confirmed that schedules are in for next week and the associations don't anticipate any added games.
- **District Chair**
  - Reg gave the board his cell number and reminded everyone to call or text him if they are having challenges entering the zoom meeting or missing the invite.
  - Branch wide rep B league was discussed at minor council. Reg asked associations to start gathering feedback around this for further discussion.
  - Discussion around cameras in rinks, and subscriptions to live barn.
  - Discussion around HEO policy changes after season has begun. Gilles reminded the group that the dressing room policy was made by Hockey Canada and ratified by HEO several weeks ago. The recent U9 change came only after pressure from the district chairs at minor council.

Moved by Reg MacDonald and seconded by Joce Murray that while the trial merger agreement between Gloucester Centre and Orleans is in effect, the associations would get a combined 2 votes at GHA meetings. If both associations are present, they will each get 1 vote. If only one association is present they will get 2 votes.

CARRIED

- U9 full ice was discussed. Reg will ask Ward to call a meeting for the U9 committee to discuss further.
- **VP Competitive**
  - Tryouts have gone well and transfers have been smooth.
  - District 14 will now govern AAA, including discipline. Reg confirmed that Ron will now attend meetings and vote in District 14.
- **VP House**
  - Dom welcomed Natalie to the meeting.
  - Dom asked associations to remind teams that are complaining about late schedule changes, or nervous about having enough skaters that they need to be using affiliates.
  - Dom reminded associations to update their schedules promptly.
  - Dom has touched base with the city about boards in Orleans and Joce will follow up with the rink manager. There was a brief discussion about arena vandalism.
  - Dom has gotten several emails about the dressing room policy and asked presidents to remind their associations that this document came from Hockey Canada, not our district.
- **VP Admin**
  - Reg welcomed Matt to the board.
  - Reg and Matt to have a meeting to set up access to edit on website.
- **Treasurer**
  - Wally followed up with Karen and confirmed invoices will go out over the coming days. Payments are due October 15th.
  - Wally is still waiting for the city to tell us how to transfer money, referee invoice for September is expected as well as the Richcraft invoice. Information should all be ready for the next meeting.
- **Discipline**

- Gilles has started the discipline info sessions and has heard from almost every association. So far these have been going well.
  - Gilles took the Hockey University course discussed at the last meeting. He agreed that it's very informative and would be beneficial to coaches. Gilles isn't sure that making it mandatory and having associations budget for every coach to attend would be necessary but having a couple of representatives take the course and report back could be beneficial.
  - Carryover suspensions reports are still outstanding in some cases. Please send these in when U18 teams are finalized so Gilles can update TTM.
  - Gilles is available to do TTM demonstrations via Zoom if this is needed or there is interest. Associations to email Gilles directly to schedule.
- **Registrar**
    - Things are busy but going smoothly.
  - **Risk and Safety**
    - Chris reviewed the document that was sent out about the dressing room policy.
    - Chris reminded associations on the importance of enforcing the clear policies around cell phones, and the two-deep rule. The language around base layers, bathing suits etc is clear that it is not a specific and mandatory policy that coaches need to enforce, but a guideline to encourage inclusivity and avoid making any team members feel excluded. Courtesies like waiting to talk strategy until the whole team is present were discussed, and Reg offered his help in any situation where a specific action plan needs to be made to alleviate stress for a specific team.
    - Associations expressed frustration around the document being intentionally vague and unhelpful in terms of clear indications and specific enforcement expectations.
  - **District U7/U9 Mentor**
    - Absent.
  - **Ice Scheduler**
    - Team declarations have been challenging, Karen would like to look at dates for next year and potentially adjust timing.

## Round Table

### Blackburn

All is good in Blackburn.

### Gloucester Centre/Orleans

Things are going well, teams have been balanced and U18 will be finished tonight.

Joce to follow up with Jason around a question about the number of coaches on a roster.

### Leitrim

All is good in Leitrim.

### Metcalfe

All is good in Metcalfe.

### Rangers

After 35 straight days of tryouts, teams have been formed. Notices have been sent out about transferring home association fees.

420 players tried out this year and 12 teams have been formed.

Kevin Graham asked about pushing exhibition games to central referee booking if there are tournaments happening to make sure referees are officiating at the correct level.

#### Russell

Joey discussed standardizing evaluation procedures across the district- to be discussed at the February President's Meeting.

- **New Business**

Moved by Reg MacDonald and seconded by Kevin Carroll to appoint Wally Montpetit as the VP Competitive for the remainder of the 2023-2024 season.

CARRIED

- **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Wally Montpetit

CARRIED