



Minutes

Meeting start: 7:00pm – June 2023

Attendees: Lisa Mason, Jen McCarles, Darrel Pitman, Willie Cowie, Andrew Alkins, Rob Fiddler, Lorn Blais

Absent: David Jackowski

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1 – All approve the meeting minutes from last meeting

2 – Rep Report:

U11 - U15 evaluation went well, coaches are in the process of having initiation meetings and planning for the 2023 season.

Discussion occurred surrounding the U18 group. Lots of players are interested however calibre is likely not high enough to compete as U18AA.

Action: Host meeting to determine interest and obtain feedback on path forward

3 – House Report:

Nothing to report

4 – Budget Report:

Rob went through the budget and explained the fee increase. NBMH did not increase fees for several years whereas other fees have increased. Current fees are reflective of what it costs to run an association of our size.

5 – New association positions:

Darrell – Head Convener for HL

Willie – NBMHA Convener for NDHL

Lisa – Head Convener for Rep

Rep Managers/Lisa – NCDHL Reps

Andrew – Head Coach

6 – House League Conveners:

David	U9
Jen	U11
Willie	U13
Darrell	U15
Lorn	U18

7 – Rep Conveners:

Curtis Kyle	U9
Jen	U11
Rob	U13
Andrew	U15
Lorn	U18

8 – Goalie development

NBDTHA would like NBMH to partner with them to develop goalies from U7-U9. The sessions will be free for goalies in NBMH.

All agreed to participate and cover 50% of the cost (approximately \$2,500.00).

Motion	Rob	Second	Willie	Vote	All in Favor
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9 – Jersey modernization policy and uniform refresh

Andrew presented the jersey modernization policy to the group, including a new uniform pattern using the same NBMH colors.

Summary of the policy includes reversible jerseys with a buy-out option for U9 (T1) and a process for U11-U15 teams to move toward newer, modern style uniform which include shells. U9 jerseys will be purchased by the association and shall be returned at the end of the season. U9 will not be required to use shells.

Some members expressed concerns with the additional costs. Andrew clarified that a change can only be initiated if 75% of the parents agree and that some kids will naturally have to buy new jerseys regardless due to their growth.

The board requested that the policy be modified to reflect a 75% vote for RepAA and 100% vote RepA.

Further discussion ensued regarding a time frame for all of Rep to switch. All agreed to use a date that would ensure Source for Sports depletes all the old stock they purchased last season.

Motion	Willie	Second	Jen	Vote	All in Favor
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10 – Meeting with NBDTHA to discuss next steps regarding moving both associations closer

Andrew was approached by NBDTHA to see if there is interest from NBMH to re-engage in discussions surrounding joining together.

Discussion ensued about this topic and what transpired in the past when similar discussion occurred. It was noted that two previous attempts were made however ended abruptly for unknown reasons. The board members agreed that there is still a benefit to meeting and exploring possible options. All agreed that we should reach out to NBDTHA and schedule an ad-hoc meeting between both boards.

Action: Andrew to reach out to NBDTHA and schedule a meeting.

11 – NBMHA staff job specification

Andrew reviewed the executive director (ED) job specification

Discussion ensued regarding the make up of NBMH's office and current role of the office administrator. It was determined that it would be premature to develop an ED specification without fulling understanding what the current administrator officially does.

The board members agreed that before developing the ER specification, the office administrator specification should be drafted.

Action: Darrell and Jen to meet with the office administrator and summarize all their daily/monthly/yearly duties.

12 – Gateway Cup (GC)

Andrew updated the board on the registration numbers for the GC. Unfortunately, due the delay in the City of North Bay confirming the ice rental some teams committed to other tournaments. However, some teams have

enquired if we would consider changing the format to an exhibition series with only 4 games.

The board discussed the importance of hosting an inaugural event to build off of. All agreed to change the format to an exhibition series.

Action: Andrew to change the format in liaison with NOHA on how to efficiently obtain a sanction for the event.

13 – Skills sessions 2023/24

Andrew inquired if we are hosting skill session again this year and if so should we offer it to the same skill coaches.

The board discussed last year participation and concluded that the goalie and fall session were a huge success with the winter session being less popular.

The board agreed to proceed again with the fall session and goalie session. The winter session will be re-evaluated in the late fall. The board also agreed with offering the skill work to Zach Bratina and Tyler Miller once again.

14 – Advertisement plan

Rob enquired what the NBMH will offering this year for advertisement. Discussion ensued about the various means that are available (Facebook, website, insta-gram, trophy cases).

New options were discussed such as radio adds however the cost to host would outweigh the sponsorship.

Darrell suggested talking to the Battalion to see if the sponsors could be acknowledged at games time to time.

For the time being, if someone would like to sponsor, we will identify what we can offer and what we are working on.

Action: Darrell to follow up with Battalion regarding announcements

15 – Roundtable

Lorn suggested we buy supplements association jerseys for house league teams for tournament play.

The board discussed the merits of this and agreed we should have an alternate set that can be signed out from the association to avoid last minute confusion when there is conflict with other associations teams.

A set is not required for U9 and U11 as we have sufficient stock in the equipment room for these divisions.

Action: Order 1 additional set of white house league jerseys for U13, U15 and U18.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30