



March 2024 Minutes

Meeting start: 6:30 pm

Attendees: Darrel Pitman, Jen McCharles, Willie Cowie, Andrew Alkins, Rob Fiddler, Lisa Mason, Adam Dennis, Justin Carré

Absent: Dave Jackowski

1 – All approve the meeting minutes from last meeting – All approve

2 – Following upon previous meeting discussions recognizing that all Rep categories will be required to replace their jerseys and purchase pant shells this year as the old-style AK jerseys are no longer being supplied.

The board reviewed options for a colour refresh of the traditional NBMH colours. It was felt that a special meeting should be called to have an open and constructive conversation with NBMH members to see if there is a desire to pursue a change that would align NBMH colours with the local NOJHL and OHL teams (army green, yellow, black and red).

The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the colours and hold a vote. There is no intention to change the name from Trappers.

All members agreed this approach is transparent and allows members to communicate their opinions.

Action: Draft RoO changes shall be posted as per the Constitution and an invite be sent to all registered NBMH members. Meeting to be scheduled April 9th, at 6:00pm at WF.

3 – 10aa – Steve Arnoky, 11a – Dave Wray 12aa – Curtis Kile, u13aa – Derek Morris, 13a – Jeremy Carreau, u15aa – Al Duchesne were all recommended to the board by the CSC as the recommended coaches for 2024-25

No objections were raised.

Action: Elizaeth to send contracts to coaches for signature.

4 – DP raised concerns over an increased number of issues in games due to referee inexperience and a lack of communication and accountability following poor performances.

It was agreed that a representative from NBMH should have open dialogue with the district 5 Chief Referee. JM volunteered to follow up with NOHA on this matter.

5 – Currently all Rep ice contracts are individual based. This causes issues for our coaches and does not allow NBMH to effectively utilize their Rep ice allotment. AA requested permission to explore options of consolidating all the contracts and use a ice scheduler (as per the Constitution) to manage the ice throughout the year for the Rep teams.

All members agreed this may beneficial, no objections were raised.

Action: AA to set up meeting with CNB to discuss this option and to explore hiring a qualified person to schedule the ice for Rep teams.

6 – JM provided an overview of the HL playoffs. Generally, things went well however a few coaches were suspended for inappropriate behaviour. These coaches are being investigated by the NBMH discipline committee and further action may be forthcoming.

7 – DP raised concerns with un-certified coaches on the benches and what approach NBMH should take to audit conformance. The board discussed various options including assigning identification lanyards. In the end the majority agreed that periodic audits by the conveners would be the most effective approach. For 2025-26, conveners will be asked to audit a minimum percentage of all games to ensure compliance.

15 - Roundtable

No business raised.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.