



## July 10, 2024 Minutes

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### **Meeting start: 6:01 pm**

Attendees: Jen McCharles, Willie Cowie, Dave Jackowski, Nate McDonald, Lisa Mason, Adam Dennis, Justin Carré, Ryan Marshall, Elizabeth Beaupre, Vincent Shank (on telephone)

Absent: Darrel Pitman, Andrew Alkins

Approval of Minutes from May and June pushed to August meeting to allow for time to review them

### **Action From Previous Meeting**

1 – Raffles still being requested by teams. Vincent and Dave to look further into different programs that we can possibly use to allow for this to happen in an organized way. Adam brought up possible Battalion link for raffles to be run by the association as well. Update to be provided at August meeting.

2 – Tournament update limited as no representative present. Tim Hall is proceeding with the Gateway Exhibition tournament, looking into a new bank account set up to be used for both tournaments and Nate will be having a meeting with Jen, Darrell and Elizabeth shortly to discuss the Challenge Cup needs.

3 – Nate has been introduced to all board members and will be provided with his contract tonight to move forward with his executive role with the association.

4 – Vincent provided a breakdown on proposed Sponsorship levels, final decisions regarding the breakdown have been pushed to the next meeting in August to allow for time to go over the breakdown provided to all board members at the time of the meeting.

5 – House select rules have been finalized and the portion that did not allow for them to be on house select and an AP has been removed by the NOHA. The board has voted to move forward with the availability of all levels of house select team with the acknowledgement that we will require policies, procedures and will be facing issues for jerseys and ice requirements for those teams. Dave to investigate further requirements for House Select as although we can't start until January to form the teams a number of things will need to be in place prior to that time.

6 – Justin provided us with an update regarding the AAA association and the fact that he has joined their board. AAA is reaching out to all surrounding associations to add board members to their team and provide more transparency to their workings. AAA is looking at working with U11AA teams to help them transition better into the AAA system so that players and parents can be better prepared to deal with the requirements of AAA.

7 – Discussion regarding the issue of AA players who change their mind after try outs and the impact and trickle-down affect that this has on other teams and the association as this seems to occur at least yearly. Currently the only policy allows for \$50 admin fee to be kept from registration is before Sept 1. Further discussion to be had at upcoming meeting regarding possible expansion of this refund policy. Policy would have to be voted on at AGM as it is part of our Rules of Operation.

### **New Business**

1 – Office Discussions regarding wages for office staff and new executive director. Vote regarding wages was made and unanimously approved.

2 – Registrations are coming in regularly, not all rep kids are registered yet but numbers are coming in at regular intervals same as every other year.

3 – Rep team updates, we still do not have a single team fully approved for the upcoming year. All teams have been provided with discrepancies. Concern for those requiring Development 1 Certified Courses as nothing has been listed yet by the NOHA. Adam reached out to Jacob who confirmed they they will be offering a course mid August with the field requirement being looked after in September and coaches will be allowed to start with D1 trained. Discussion regarding coaching qualifications being added to coaching contracts and being proactive about coaches starting their qualifications earlier then when needed.

No other business raised.

Date of next Meeting August 14, 2024

**Meeting adjourned at 8: pm.**