



Bedford District Minor Hockey Association

Board Meeting Agenda – September 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

President/Executive VPs			Coordinators			Support		
President	Jason Foster	X	Certifications	Gloria Furdas	X	HDP	André Lefebvre	
VP Operations	Greg Crowell	X	Risk Management			Admin. Coordinator	Matt Oxford	X
VP Finance	Craig Lynk	X	Communications			Controller	Ben Archibald	
VP Competitive			U7	Megan Douglas		Equipment Manager	Chris Snide	X
VP Development	Christien Lefebvre		U9	Camillia Snow	X	Past President	Vacant	
VP U7/U9	Kyla Burry	X	U11	Jennifer MacKay	X	Referee-In-Chief	Chris Nyers	X
VP Recreation	Nancy Oldford	X	U13	Anthony Dopp		50/50 Coordinator		
Secretary	Jennifer MacLeod	X	U15	Ken Lenihan	X	Business Development		
			U18	Trina Canavan	X	Social Media Coordinator		
						Safety Rep	Lori Connors	X

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Agenda Items

- A. Review of Agenda** **5 mins**
(Jason Foster)
- B. Approval of Past Minutes** **5 mins** Kyla moved we approve the minutes as circulated; seconded by Chris Nyers. Unanimously approved.
- C. Two-Deep Rule Update** **15 mins** Met with Minor Council and all Presidents and a major topic was two-deep rule, specifically how HNS will police it. We need two coaches in the room when there are players in the room. No coaches dressing room and no standing in the hallways. We are going to return to registering 4 people on the HCR per team.

Each MHA was clear with HNS that suspending coaches isn't an option and will have to regulate their own response to this new rule. **We are going to be asking for parents to assist with this during Conditioning Camp and Tryouts. If parents don't step up, we will need to lock rooms until 10 minutes prior to the session and arrive fully dressed.**

HNS does not have an answer for how they will manage two-deep for females in separate dressing rooms. They are investigating dropping the requirement for females to dress in a separate room. We will try to develop logistics around ensuring that players don't have access to the facility/rooms ahead of time.

We will still have safety officers this year and their primary focus will be to enforce the two-deep room.

- D. Update on East Hants and 2nd Tryout** **10 mins**
(Jason Foster) We met with all U13AAA parents over two sessions and it went very well. East Hants needs 8-10 players to ice a U13AAA team and Bedford Minor will field it's best 15 skaters and we will then notify East Hants of the next four forwards and next four defense who will

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be permitted to do a second tryout with East Hants. Players may exercise the right to not go to East Hants, but there's no guarantee a team will take them. East Hants will begin their tryouts the day after BDMHA picks their teams. Any transfer that you make is one-year only and you are required to register in your home MHA the following year. Second tryouts only apply to U13AAA, U13AA, U15AA, U18AA. Because of the promotion model, no player is getting cut, so the family has to request a release in advance.

E. Volunteers for Tryout Push **10 mins**
(Jason Foster)

We desperately need volunteers for:

- September 24 and 25 warm-up weekend – need referees, parents in rooms, pinnie distribution, check-in desk, time/scorekeepers
- October 1 – 18 tryouts – need referees, parents in rooms, pinnie distribution, check-in desk

We need to do a big push via social media channels.

We will be using an online sign-up software.

What about youth teams and groups who need volunteer hours? Leadership 12 in high schools do require volunteer hours and as a member of HRCE, Trina and Kyla could manager this. CPA has 3 Leadership 12 classes and not sure about Halifax West or Lockview. We could also look at the 2004s.

F. Committee Updates **10 mins**
(Committee Chairs) **each**

Constitution Committee – Greg Crowell

Pulling a lot out and putting it into regulations and working on a simplified complaints process that we are hoping to post shortly. Next meeting is September 22, 2022. A conflict-of-interest document has been created and must be completed and returned to the Secretary (Jennifer MacLeod) by September 23, 2022.

Coaches – Jason Foster/Greg Crowell

An ad-hoc committee was struck to review the number of coaches required and applications are still trickling in. It's a challenge to know who will or won't be coaching. Gloria has completed U7 coaches' certifications and are moving on to U9. This ad-hoc committee should meet shortly to review U11 and up.

Awards – Jason Foster

The awards committee submitted their list of winners.

Tryout Committee – Jason Foster/Chris Snide

We got the lists posted 72 hours prior as promised and tryouts began on time on September 15. Matt is the only admin on TeamGenius and is the only one who can edit a score and there is now an audit feature to track any changes. Matt and Chris did a lot of work to get TeamGenius is up and running. Jerseys were handed out on the fly – as they got their jerseys, it was loaded into the system. André's drills were excellent, and the evaluators were all dialed in and keen. We need more volunteers to help. Wi-fi extenders are in place and there were no issues today. TeamGenius live-saves all scores.

G. VP Updates/RIC Update **5 mins**
(VPs) **each**

VP Finance – Craig Lynk

We are short on some registrations and over on expenses, but it will be reviewed this week. We are projecting to be down a team at U7 and U18 and are short approximately 100 players overall. We do have 3 overage goalie requests to come back.

VP Operations – Greg Crowell

Reached out to Shawn MacKenzie to see if he still wanted to come back and do some of our programs and the lever of his involvement will be confirmed shortly.

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VP U7/U9 – Kyla Burry

Down a team in U7 and we should be OK for coaches. Will be meeting with André shortly to discuss evaluations and programming for U9 in January. Someone has been confirmed to lead the U7 skating program.

VP Recreation – Nancy Oldford

Looking to lock down numbers before evaluation groups are set and working with André to determine the skills and drills. Hoping to have drafts completed the week after the evaluations.

RIC Update – Chris Nyers

Certified level 4 referee with 25+ years' experience. At HNS RIC meeting, they are bringing in the green armband initiative for all referees under 18 to remind players, coaches and parents not to yell at them. Any referee-related infraction resulting in suspension is doubled if it involves a green armband.

Can we go back to a 3-man system for recreation games so that we can better develop our young officials and increase pay. We do need to review referee pay.

Introducing a supervisory program with 2 other level 4s but this will have a cost but it will provide officials with feedback and help them progress.

H. New Business

Social media – we need more volunteers to help with our social posts. We will need a small army to manage.

Referees – we need to get them certified as well; Gloria to work with Matt on this.

Non-parent coaches – Ken Lenihan to send U15 non-parent coach contact info

Contractors – (power skating, core skills, etc.) do we confirm their certifications before they get on the ice? They would have CRC at least.

RIC Meeting – referees under 18 are not subjected to a CRC.

Emails to Jason – please cc when it's an FYI and put him on the To line if it needs his attention

Execution - A lot going on with tryout and development initiatives so it's important that if you begin an initiative, you have to find the item to follow it all the way through. It doesn't stop with a good idea – it has to be executed well. Don't overfill your plate.

Conditioning camp next year – could we offer discounted fees for families who volunteer?

Craig Lynk moved that we adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chris Snide. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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