

St. Catharines Female Hockey Association
July Board Meeting
July 10, 2024, 7.30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Robitaille, Sue Guarasci, Grace Nardini, Derek Funk, John Sykes, Matt Cooper, Emily Caldwell, Jill Davis, Rosie Warner

REGRETS:

Trish O'Neill, Leah Fenwick, Steve Bowen, Gord Bell, Mikayla Guarasci, Darryl Dionne, Cory Brunarski, Christian Parise, Allison Radko

1. OPENING -Call to order

Zoom call meeting to begin at 7.30 pm.

2. REVIEW - Ryan

Rather than drowning from summer and having to chase; how would you like to formula fast pace meetings; we can be on board with topics and get ahead; Ryan to direct meetings and topics based on what is provided; include everyone on board; extremely negative end to last year and not have everyone feeling included; these meetings will lead to more people helping, good stuff happening and fast; things can be tough to keep track, not formal meetings, open dialogue, have questions, keep things going, get involved.

3. TOURNAMENT - Trish

Number of games versus the ice scheduled; everything is capped; all that is remaining is Senior A at 4; short 8 game hours; emailing with Steve; determining if Pelham or Meridian /Fri/Sat; working on it now is better than Sept. **Trish will set up meeting with Committee** (Sue, Jill, Leah, Craig); John S, Matt, Rosie are also willing to assist – they are to contact Trish. **Jill is to organize volunteers; Sponsor Ice Dog tickets Ryan to investigate it;** must have Board discussion for approval; **approach restaurants; Scott; Gord; Ryan for all their contacts.**

4. HL - Ryan

Ryan to follow up with Trish/Darryl/Derek to get up to speed on the timeline/questions/concerns. **Derek/Darryl to obtain questions/concerns from coaches** in the meantime so that they can prepare.

5. OWHA DRESSING ROOM POLICY

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/whaontario/files/Forms%20and%20Policies/2024-2025%20Policies/Dressing%20Room%20Policy-final%20%28July%203%2C%202024%29.pdf>

Review link so we can manage it with membership; Sue quickly reviewed and basically it has everything it had previously but now it is now in effect; cell phone, social media policy, etc. is not a “suggestion” it is now “policy.” Ryan - We should not be negative, be leaders in this and ensure it is understood and align with it; champion it to coaches and teams.

6. HOCKEY CANADA – CGP U18

This is confidential schedule please do not distribute; it is still in planning mode; coaches are still Q&A; consists of committee activity i.e. apple picking; connection with teams; showcase with our badgers; promote the game; Canada vs US game; **Ryan will get more info on conference call tomorrow night; dates are Aug 6 to 17th; Emily and Jill to assist;** then organize our coaches and teams to participate; Canada Games Rink #2; lack of spectator space; to be televised; any questions to Ryan.

7. EQUIPMENT

Matt has ordered HL jerseys and Rep practice jerseys; Rep game socks are still required; list from coaches; **First shift jerseys will be obtained from Jill** but not required until later; Second shift jerseys typically are IP leftovers; **DS teams will be determined later;** stickers for helmets will be paid by the teams and ordered by them; teams determine if they need numbers and badger stickers; **Sue to provide a listing of managers’ emails to Matt** to email them the info – sometimes it falls short with emailing coaches; HP ordered more practice jerseys; **Matt is working on REP jerseys with Cory** – 50% is up front for payment; Jill determined light blue is more consistent; communication is key with managers (Sue commented); **Matt will also connect with Leah for medals and Trish for gibbets and swag bags.** Goalie equipment from HL may still be outstanding – only 9 sets were returned – Derek felt that was accurate.

DS teams did not have a good turnout – only one team last year and the coach bought their own items; it was coach driven; we will speak later about it but Ryan indicated it should change; planned; association driven; Derek indicated not enough kids to play; easy to organize in Oct rather than now.

8. BY WEEKLY AND AUGUST BOARD MEETING BOOKED

All meetings are booked; attend if you are able; board meeting is booked in August after long weekend.

9. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

https://claringtonflames.ca/Pages/1800/Issue_Resolution/

Conflict resolution link is to review; **Jill will manage;** what we can do, adjust; determine what other associations are currently completing.

10. GRASSROOTS

Kaitlyn is good with program; set up meeting to discuss program; **Derek is to be apart of organizing along with Allie and Ryan**; Derek is the only U9 coach and would like assistance with the beginning of the U9 program so Derek can network with parents so if Kaitlyn can run program while he begins or organizes himself he would appreciate it; **Ryan will set everything up**; Hailey Ryan did coach U9 previously she maybe able to assist; social media blast to determine if there is any interest; **Matt Cooper and daughter are also interested; Sue to place on roster; Derek noted.**

11. DEVELOPMENT

Gord is reaching out to developers to enrol in Ramp and complete VSS.

12. SCFHA REGISTRATION

All board members are reminded to register in Ramp and have VSS uploaded on the portal; pls work on it if you have yet to; should you require the instructions, please email Sue; Ramp – under Executive; membership is going well; 85% is complete for rosters; one to two players left on some teams; OW won't hold up rosters but please ensure that you complete. Jill asked about Managers role – Sue – anyone involved in the team must complete; separate general roster; not insured on ice; board unsecure roster; Jill mentioned declaration of police presence – Sue mentioned during upload there are a few questions regarding declarations.

Matt Cooper – daughter U16 full equipment, Matt is to roster as Assistant Coach for Fundamentals JR.

13. HP TRAINING CAMP

Evan and Mia – Coaches; **Ryan to set up meeting**; all go ahead

14. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**MEDIA –**

Mikayla received a quote from TS media that broke down items - photo/video U18/U15/association = \$3000; **other quotes to follow.**

NIAGARA ICE DOGS -

Niagara Ice Dogs - The cost to sponsor flag kids is \$2730+hst for the season (34 games + playoffs). A benefit that the SCFHA would have over local businesses, is that each participant get's a ticket for themselves plus one parent. With two participants a game x 2 tickets each, that would be 136 tickets going into the hands of Jr. Badgers. If families want extra tickets, they are offered at a discounted rate. – Option – **Board Meeting discussion.**

BOARD GOVERNANCE –

Next meeting discussion: understand what it means; working board; document with last review and comments to be sent to Jill; keep going with review; go through constitution possibly make small changes, propose changes/amendments; **Jill/Sue/Grace to review and work on document.**

Action plan/list to be created to provide everyone with their responsibilities and to update their items.

AJOURNMENT – 8.24 pm

Minutes submitted by Grace Nardini, League Admin