

St. Catharines Female Hockey Association
Board Meeting
September 18, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Robitaille, Sue Guarasci, Jill Davis, Rosie Warner, Derek Funk, Steve Bowen, John Sykes, Darryl Dionne, Mikayla Guarasci, Cory Brunarski, Christian Piraise, Trish O'Neill, Leah Fenwick, Grace Nardini,

Regrets: Gord Bell, Allison Radko, Emily Caldwell, Matt Cooper

Ryan Robitaille MOTION to approve Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2024, 1st Sue Guarasci
2nd Darryl Dionne All IN FAVOUR- CARRIED

Roster and Registrar update – Sue Guarasci

- All REP rosters have been approved
- 1 HL roster has been entered
- Working with development coaches for VSC

Ice update – Steve

- All REP ice has been distributed
- Working on goalie clinics
- Goalie development has started
- HL ice is ready to distribute

Equipment Update – Matt Cooper

Ryan Robitaille MOTION to spend \$939.57 to purchase practice jerseys 1st Sue Guarasci 2nd
Cory Brunarski ALL IN FAVOUR-CARRIED

Development Update – Gord Bell & Cory Brunarski

- issues with coaches wanting to use their own developers
- ice and funding has been assigned for development
- Jill to work with Gord and coaches to align with developers
- HL would like clarity as to booking development
- Follow-up needs to happen so that each team is getting development

Rep Update – Jill Davis

- Exhibition games and practices have started
- Coaches meeting and still need season plans to be submitted
- Leah - hour games 10, 10, 12 and 1 ½ hour games 15, 15, 15

HL Update – Trish O’Neill

- 3 ice times
- U15 teams draft has taken place
- U18 in the process
- successful and productive coaches meeting
- most divisions have 3 teams
- still players on the waitlist

Influencer Festival – Trish O’Neill

- Ryan to do food and boards
- Board room booked
- Ryan to bring boards
- Brock U players to give players a tour of change room
- Ryan to reach it to coaches to help with moving the boards

Admin Update – Photography -Grace Nardini

- 3 vendors for photographers
- DSP- current
- AC Studios (booked for the tournament)
- TS Media
- Rosie and Emily to give feedback on TS Media after media session with AA teams on September 19th

Pending MOTION to use TS Media for team photographs following a positive review from Emily and Rosie 1St Jill Davis 2Nd Trish O’Neil

- Wednesdays will be used as meeting nights for committees
- Board meetings on Wednesdays, Ryan to send Steve dates to book the room for board meetings
- Grace to change office hours sign to Saturdays at 9:00 am -12:00 pm and call or email to make an appt
- Google form for association meeting sign up to use the office
- Messages from the phone to go to Sue’s phone

- Ryan gave his office key to Cory

Coaching Update – Kevin Kelly

- No update

Media Update – Mikayla Guarasci & Emily Caldwell

- U15AA and U18AA media day September 19th
- Laura Secord Cup was posted on the social media
- Send Mikalya and Emily if you need anything to be posted on social media

EMILY

- First Laura Secord Cup, 15AA and U18AA vs Guelph and University teams played
- I would say Laura Secord Cup ran ok. Aside from the goalie situations from both Jr Badger games, no major issues from what I know of. Massive room for improvement moving forward if this is an event that is going to happen annually.
- Some disappointment from those on the Brock Women's Hockey side. There was expressed disappointment with the lack of communication, engagement, or involvement from the association as a whole with this event.
- Activities like the Laura Secord Homestead visit that the University team did would have been an amazing opportunity to involve the two Jr Badger teams, but couldn't coordinate due to last minute planning from my understanding.
- Overall, the disappointment of the lack of Jr Badgers in attendance for the Brock vs Guelph game was also expressed, only the U15AAs were there that I'm aware of, and I assume it was ultimately a struggle to keep the interest of the U18AAs to come back and support since their game time was early in the morning, which I understand.
- Since Hockey Canada camp took the initial ice times, it made the day a bit disorganized in terms of time.
- If this is going to happen again, it needs to be planned well in advance, with the full commitment and support of ALL parties involved so it can be executed appropriately with full engagement from ALL teams involved.
- The end of the OUA game where the minor hockey teams were invited on to the ice to take that group photo with the OUA teams would have been a great way to spotlight the connection between our HP teams and the University team, but since our U18s were not in attendance to the Brock game, the chance to do so was lost.
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Brock Jr. Badgers Night at Brock U – Emily Caldwell & Ryan Robitaille

- Emily provided feedback from Laura Secord Cup
- Jr Badger Night TBA

Fundamental Update – Alison Radko

- For IP, we have 40 rostered on the list

- Allison met with Kaitlyn from True Stride, who is running the on-ice portion of the program and she is on board to begin October 12th
- We posted about high school volunteer opportunities for IP and a Volunteer Info session will be held via ZOOM next Monday, September 23rd at 8 for anyone interested in learning more-8 players so far has emailed to attend
- Jerseys ordered from Marnie
- First practice October 12th, will be an evaluation split between 8am and 9am and then parents will be emailed with their respective schedules for the season based on placement
- Allison contacted Trish to establish Team Snap once teams are organized for IP
- Sue to roster Matt Cooper
- Ryan to get the Brock University players to register so they can be registered and added to the roster

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned by Ryan Robitaille at 9:28pm – (1st Cory B. 2nd – Leah F. -ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED

Meeting Minutes submitted by: Rosie Warner

