



Bedford District Minor Hockey Association

Semi Annual General Board Meeting – January 21, 2024 @ 4pm

Agenda

1. Call to order by the President
2. Roll call of the members (circulate sign-up sheet)
3. President's Report
4. VP Operations Report
5. VP Finance Report
6. VP Development Report
7. VP Competitive Report
8. VP Recreation Report
9. VP U7/U9 Report
10. Constitution Committee Update
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

Attendance:

1. Jason Foster
2. Dave Denny
3. Nancy Oldford
4. Matt Oxford
5. Chris Young
6. Alice Watt
7. Lorelei Burgess
8. Jennifer MacKay
9. Jason McAlister
10. Connor Watt
11. Carter Burgess
12. Anthony Dopp
13. Jason Smith
14. Kiersten Amos
15. Ryan Lapointe
16. Laurie Smith



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- Call to order at 4:01pm
- President's Report (see presentation)
 - 1050 players registered
 - 3 Bedford Tournaments
 - Jordan Boyd (will stay with Bedford, but the AAA starting tournament will cycle).
 - Noah Llewellyn
 - Joanne Lenihan

Q: Why was the constitutional committee formed?

A: To look at changes and make recommendations to the membership for change.

Q/C: People want an update from the current committee on next steps.

Jason Foster: Moving into the 2nd half of the season, most divisions are into playoffs mode. Focus on the second half is on player experience, parent behaviour.

Q. Is there an operational document that guides the association other than the constitution?

A. Embedded in our constitution there is procedural information that can't be changed, which poses a problem.

Jason Foster: Player Experience shouldn't be part of the constitution and there are documents that can be used or created that help guide the association rather than the constitution.

Q. Will there be a player experience committee?

A. Jason Foster and Nancy Oldford to look into it as an idea.

Q. Can there be a survey in the off season about player experience?

A. We will have a survey as an action item. (Alice Watt volunteered to help in this process.)

Report from OPS:

Q. What does rebranding mean?

a. Ryan Lapointe talked about new jersey's and equipment, but I'm not sure this answers the question.

Q. Can name bars be velcro vs. sew on?



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Q. Can we look at not having name bars? Other associations don't use name bars, security reasons cited...(Can this be part of the player survey?).

A. Teams need to be uniform. So it's all wear name bars or all don't - team decision.

Ice Allocation

- see news section of website for how ice is determined.
- Rec want core skills offered and more development opportunities...

VP Rec

Comment/Question: Surprised coaches chose 4 teams at 13 players vs. 3 teams at 18. Couldn't this alleviate ice allocation at some point?

Q: Can we work with HNS when it comes to Recreational AP players?

A: Matt Oxford working with regional directors for change for next year.

U7/U9

Comment: There are more kids in intermediate that should be in developmental.

New Business:

- Petitioning HNS to allow Spring Tryouts.
- Core to the issue is that the time tryouts are complete tournaments are full - can the association look at registering teams?
 - There are financial risks associated with this.
 - Can we offer up a tournament list to managers? It exists in the manager's guide - can we get the manager guide better positioning on the website (Refresh that in August).
 - Q: how to you manage transfer of knowledge when it comes to volunteers
 - Meetings at the beginning of the season
 - Manager guides
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- Comment/A: One way to alleviate bottle neck of communication is for people to email division coordinators vs. Matt Oxford or VP's or President. The division coordinators can work to find the appropriate answers on your behalf. If issues/questions go unanswered or you're not satisfied, escalate to the next level, etc.

Q. Can we educate our players on what constitutes a suspension under the Hockey Nova Scotia zero tolerance?

Q. Are the Executives held to the same standards of the Hockey Nova Scotia zero tolerance?

Q. How will the staff member be held accountable?

A. This isn't the time and place for this discussion. This is a sensitive/private matter and should not be discussed in an open forum such as this.

Q. How do we get the time and place?

Q. When can we have a meeting to discuss this matter?

Jason Foster: I'll talk to the other people involved and get back to you.

Q. How do we enable coaches to educate players on HNS rules and regulations?

Q. Can we have the Chief Referee speak to teams or coaches.

- A. It's about consistency and we can't have different associations saying different things. It's all up to the referees on the ice.

Q. Can the Chief Referee meet with his colleagues to find consistency?

Q/C: Hockey is in a transition and how can we enable the players, coaches to understand this transition and how to navigate.

Q/C: How might we use the player experience survey to raise positivity instead of blaming everything on society?

Q/C: Parents sign a code of conduct at the start of the season, can we have players educated and do the same?

- A. We are working with the Halifax Hawks to adopt their pledge/code of conduct.

- JF: We'll deal with the isolated issue as an isolated issue and not in this format/today.

Q. Do you have as the executive have the ability to suspend a team?

- A. Yes.
- I'm not going to discuss the incident in an open form.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:12pm.



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