



Truro and Area Minor Hockey Association

**TAMHA Board Meeting
Thursday, October 13th, 2022
7:00 p.m. (Millbrook A, RECC)**

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
- 2) Approval of Previous Minutes (September 29, 2022)
- 3) Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - a) C-Level Sponsorship Update – U11 Rep
 - b) Sport Hub Update – President
 - c) Policy Committee Update (re. Financial Policy/Bank Accounts) – Comm. & Tech. Coordinator
 - d) Team Manager Training – Past President/Secretary
 - e) Practice Jerseys – Equipment Manager
- 4) New Business
 - a) Tryout Debrief – President
 - b) Female Player Considerations
 - c) GrayJay Update – Comm. & Tech. Coordinator
 - d) HCR Update – Comm. & Tech. Coordinator
- 5) Other(s)
- 6) Next Meeting(s): **TBA** at 7:00 p.m. (Coldstream Lounge, RECC)
- 7) Adjournment



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In Attendance: Chris Lamrock (Chair), Jamie Barbour, Josh Burcham, Ryan Butcher, Justin Dickie, Dwayne Frizzell, Carley Gloade, Roy Gouthro, Tricia Lake, Cindy Lewis, Mike Michaud, Lee Ogden, Misty Rennie, Steve VanderKwaak

Absent: Laurie Burcham, Landon Crowe, Derek Forsyth, Dave Hazelton, Dana Young

Author of Minutes: Tricia Lake

1. ***Call to Order and Approval of Agenda***

- Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.
- **Motion** to approve Agenda, as circulated, by Treasurer; seconded by 1st VP. Motion approved.

2. ***Approval of Previous Minutes (September 29, 2022)***

- **Motion** to approve by Coach Coordinator; seconded by U11 Rep. Motion approved.

3. ***Business Arising from Previous Minutes***

a. ***C-Level Sponsorship Update – U11 Rep***

- All funding has been secured.
- Pro Design Cresting Ltd. has begun cresting the jerseys.

b. ***Sport Hub Update – President***

- **Action:** Table for future discussion.

c. ***Policy Committee Update (re. Financial Policy/Bank Accounts) – Comm. & Tech. Coordinator***

- **Action:** Table for next meeting.

d. ***Team Manager Training – Secretary***

- Past President, Secretary and Comm. & Tech. Coordinator will host an 'in-person' Manager and GrayJay training session on Wednesday, October 19th at 7 p.m. at the RECC (Millbrook B).

e. ***Practice Jerseys – Equipment Manager***

- **Action:** Table until next season.

4. ***New Business***

a. *Tryout Debrief – President*

- Each Rep commented on their respective tryout group. Overall, tryouts were very organized, there were lots of evaluators at each session, lots of volunteers.
- At the U9 level, there were a few concerns about player placements. An educational piece about how players are evaluated (emphasis on skill level more than game play at U9), would be beneficial.
- At all levels, there were a few evaluation requests.
- Development Coordinator reached out to families that requested feedback, with a phone call, to discuss concerns about placement. He felt it was more beneficial to have a conversation, rather than receive an email.
- Most challenging part of tryouts was being in East Hants.
- U11 Rep suggested improving communication around the possibility of players sitting out and what it means.
- U18 tryouts are ongoing.
- Jersey collection was very smooth, and all have been returned.
- Parents and evaluators appreciated the coach feedback on the final few positions.
- **Action:** Development Coordinator to complete feedback requests for families that requested it.

b. *Female Player Considerations*

- See Appendix A: Female Player Considerations.
- **Action:** Reps to share document with U13, U15, and U18 teams that contain female players.

c. *GrayJay Update – Comm. & Tech. Coordinator*

- When sending group emails, please remember to change the 'Reply To' email address to your email address; otherwise, it defaults to the Comm. & Tech. Coordinator.
- Anything to be posted to the website should go through the Comm. & Tech. Coordinator.
- Rosters are being uploaded, as they are submitted. Managers or Head Coaches will be responsible for inputting players' jersey numbers for their team.
- If you want to follow your team, use the schedule subscription feature on TAMHA's website, not the League website.
- For C-Level scheduling, each Association is responsible for one division. TAMHA is responsible for U15C; as such, our U15 Rep will be a League Administrator for that division.
- This season the C League will be hosted by Scotia Minor Hockey League's site.
- Make sure all games are posted to GrayJay so officials and timekeepers can be assigned!
- Always have a backup game sheet available, in the event of technical difficulties with GrayJay.
- Help guides are available on GrayJay under 'Volunteers,' then under 'Coaches Corner' or 'Manager's Desk.'
- Comm. & Tech. Coordinator to host separate training sessions for Timekeepers, Coaches, and Managers.
- Comm. & Tech. Coordinator still pricing tablets and permanent mounting gear for timekeepers.

d. *HCR Update – Comm. & Tech. Coordinator*

- Comm. & Tech. Coordinator must build all rosters separately on both GrayJay and HCR. This work is on schedule.

5. **Other(s)** – NIL

6. **Next Meeting: Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. (RECC, Millbrook A)**

7. **Adjournment**

- **Motion to** Adjourn by Treasurer, seconded by Coach Coordinator. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

APPENDIX A: Female Player Considerations

Concepts coaches/managers should consider when having females on a predominantly male team:

- In U13 and up, coaches should arrive early enough to ensure where the female dressing room is, is it shared with another team, how is the room being secured and what measures do you have in place to ensure the safety of the player(s) in the room and traveling to the male dressing room for pre- and post-game activities? If it is a parent and not a coach, they should have vulnerable sector, checks etc. done regardless of if they are the parent of the child or not (they may be around other players from the team or visiting team).
- Include female players in all pre- and post-game activities. If a male is late and needs to get dressed, the female player should not be punished for someone else not being on time. The male should wait to change or find another location (still needs to be supervised).
- Ensuring there are feminine hygiene products in coach's bags for players who may require it. A genuine conversation with the child's parent(s) of the child's needs would go a long way in building positive relationships with the family. If you feel you can have the conversation with an older player, it is suggested that you still include the parent(s) to avoid uncomfortable situations with the child.
- Coaches should also be ready to incorporate the second dressing room for U11 players if it is requested. We should be supportive of these requests.
- We, as an association, are an inclusive organization. When players identify as gender neutral, non-binary or other than their birth gender, please reach out to the Board for assistance.

Thank you,

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David Hazelton
Female Rep
Truro & Area Minor Hockey Association