

# NORTH METRO GIRLS HOCKEY LEAGUE

## General Managers Meeting

**PLACE:** Thornhill Community Centre

**DATE:** January 18, 2007

**Executives Present:** John Chandler, Doug Tiffin, Lindsay Oliver, Chris Soucy, Tracy Hutton, Mandy Paterson, Colin Graham, Sherry Hobe

### **Members Present:**

Ancaster	Chris Rowles	
Aurora	Brian Donaher	X
Baltimore	Bryan Rose	
Barrie	Paul Palmer	X
Belleville	Beth Ramsay	X
Bluewater	Terry Nield	
Brampton	Ivana Sproviero-Occhiogrosso	X
Brantford	James Leeming	X
Burlington	Chris Hanlon	X
Cambridge	Gary Roberts	X
Chatham	Zeke Milkovic	
Clarington	Dan Hilker	
Clearview	Glen Godovitz	X
Cobourg	Bill Poelstra	X
Cold Creek	Randy McDonnell	
Dundas	Julia Crouch	
Durham	Rob Bois	
Etobicoke	Colleen Muise	
Georgina	Dave MacDonald	X
Grafton	Jen Keller	
Guelph	Don Higgins	X
Hamilton	Hub Harris	
King City	Valerie Walker	
Kitchener	Bruce Woolner	X
Lady Bugs	Laura Healy	
Leaside	Mike Sanderson	X

London	Ted Sheehan	X
Markham-Stouffville	Sharon OShaughnessy	X
Mississauga	Joanne Moody	X
Niagara Falls	Tom Hamilton	
North Halton	John Santos	X
North Simcoe	Gary McIlravey	X
North York	Jeff Campbell	X
Oakville	John Burgess	
Orangeville	Rob MacLachlan	X
Orillia	Gord Gregus	X
Oshawa	Mike Nicholson	X
Peterborough	Steve Porter	X
Sarnia	Rob Filip	
Saugeen-Maitland	Robert Wagner	
Scarborough	Brian Canham	X
St. Thomas	Dave Scidmore	
Stoney Creek	Tammie Weston	X
Stratford	Brenda Bannon	
Toronto	Greg Bridgwater	X
Uxbridge	Charles Ramsey	
Vaughan	Lino Milano	X
Waterloo	Tony Bolger	X
Whitby	Brian Mikkelsen	X
Willowdale	Rick Campbell	X
Windsor	Ray Charron	
West Northumberland	Dave Boyko	X

The meeting was called to order by John Chandler @ 7:08 pm.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes from the December meeting had inadvertently not been posted on the website and were distributed for review by the members. There were no comments received on the minutes.

**MOTION:** To accept the December 2006 minutes (Bill Poelstra/Rick Campbell).  
**CARRIED.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** None

## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **TREASURER**

Colin reported that there is currently a bank balance of \$85,037.00 and that the balance at the end of the season will be in the range of \$10,000.00. He has also met with Charles regarding the Final Weekend and the cost will be approximately \$35,000.00. The majority of the fines issued have been paid.

### **HEAD CONVENOR**

Lindsay will be checking to make sure that all of the fines issued have been paid. She asked that if there are any disputes regarding fines to please clarify why they are being disputed. She noted that the vast majority of the fines issued have been for:

- a) illegal staff. All teams must ensure that their team lists are up-to-date;
- b) label fines. If there is some valid reason that you are not able to use the required labels on your game sheets just let Lindsay know and you will not be fined, otherwise you will be; and
- c) delinquent faxes and/or data entry of game results. Lindsay has been very lenient in terms of late faxing of game sheets. She always gives the offending team a warning. She noted that if she does take points away then magically the game sheet appears and the points are restored. She will not be so lenient in the case of the data entry of game results. If Lindsay is required to input the information into the system there will be no restoring of lost points.

North Metro is aware that there are some problems if you are using Internet Explorer 7. If you are having difficulties there is a link on the website. Just push the button and Mike will try to solve the problem. Please also advise Lindsay.

It was also noted that some of the teams are not aware that the fax number inside the front cover of the North Metro rule book is incorrect and the General Managers should be making everyone aware that the correct fax number is 1-866 and not 1-800.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT**

There are no problems with the Senior Division.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT**

Chris expressed some concerns that in Metro teams do not know who the officials are in advance of a game. This will hopefully change once we are able to get more into the system. He also urged that teams be patient with the referees (i.e., arguing calls). We must support the officials.

### **HEAD REFEREE**

Tracy reported that there were a couple of very disturbing incidents during the last couple of weeks and was very upset by these events. During one game in Bantam Tier 1, not only did the players display extremely bad attitudes, but the coaching staff and the parents in the stands as

well. One of the players speared an official and the officials were “booed” out of the arena. There have been complaints from officials about this tier before.

There is absolutely no excuse for this type of behaviour. We must support our officials if we are to keep them. If you do have a complaint about any official you must follow the proper channels. There was some discussion as to what the General Managers could do to help better the situation. The executive will look at this issue and discuss possible solutions at a future meeting. Tracy also believes that there is not enough training for officials and that the associations themselves need to be committed to training their officials.

John requested that Tracy e-mail the General Managers of the offending clubs. Associations must step up and deal with abusive coaching staff/parents/players. Coaches must take responsibility for not only the actions of the players and themselves, but the parents as well.

Tracy also asked whether the General Managers had any feedback or comments from officials, schedulers, teams and/or parents regarding the committee that has been supervising the games. She believes that this committee is needed and will continue. The committee is happy with the officials they have observed so far.

### **DISCIPLINE CHAIR**

Doug reported that penalty minutes are down. Abuse of officials is down. The issuance of GM50 and GM51 calls are down this year which is good to see. The issuance of GM53 calls is way down this year as well. The issuance of M20, M21, GM20 and GM21 calls are on par with the last couple of seasons as well as all other penalties.

Doug noted that since sending out the report regarding penalty minutes, penalty minutes are down. Some teams have made an awesome effort to get themselves out of the hearing column. Some are down to suspensions only. In early December there were quite a few teams headed for suspensions and hearings (7 teams now as opposed to 14 at one time) so the efforts of these teams show that it can be done.

Doug also pointed out that a question was raised last week regarding hearings and clarified that anyone requested to attend a hearing is suspended until he/she attends that hearing. There is to be no participation. Coaches must be made aware of this. North Metro is supported by the OWHA on this. Doug also confirmed that the penalty policy ends with the commencement of the playoffs. However, if you have had a hearing previously, you will be watched.

### **PRESIDENT**

John noted that the General Managers must communicate and pass on the information received from North Metro to the coaches; they are the link between the league and the clubs. There was an instance of a coach not knowing about a suspension because the General Manager did not pass that information on. As well, Doug has not been getting faxes of game sheets for suspensions served. Teams can send faxes directly to Doug. His fax number is in the rule book. John brought up the possibility of fining General Managers for not attending meetings as some other leagues do. Something to think about as communications are not always getting through and some teams are conspicuous by their absence. John also requested that the General Managers review the rule book once again regarding curfews and how they are to be handled.

John requested that the General Managers inform Lindsay of any categorization changes made by the OWHA to any of their teams.

A meeting was held on December 9<sup>th</sup> with representatives from North Metro, Southwest and the OWHA. Central East was unable to attend due to illness. It was agreed that the associations must support sending their lower caliber teams to these other leagues in order to make them viable and the leagues must cooperate with each other in order to make it work.

John discussed the proposed increase in tiers brought up at the last meeting. John believed there was the possibility of 5 tiers at the Midget level however was told that of the 5 original C teams, 4 have been recategorized to B. General Managers must make sure that their teams are playing in the proper tiers as well as registering in the proper categories with the OWHA at the commencement of the season. Lindsay also pointed out that the contacts for the Atom teams need to be readily available so that the teams have the proper contact information to arrange the required number of exhibition games prior to scheduling.

**MOTION:** That next season the tiers in North Metro coincide with the OWHA categorizations in that Tier 1 would consist of AA teams; Tier 2 would consist of A teams; Tier 3 would consist of BB teams and Tier 4 would consist of B/C teams. The Novice, Atom and Senior Divisions to remain the same. (Mike Nicholson/Joanne Moody).

Tammie Weston proposed a friendly amendment that if there were 8 or more C teams in any division the prospect of 5 tiers would be looked at. The mover was not opposed to the friendly amendment.

There was a great deal of discussion raised after the motion being made. John proposed that the executive review the issue and discuss same at the February meeting.

**MOTION:** To table the motion regarding the tiers. (Tammie Weston/Chris Hanlon).  
CARRIED.

John requested that the General Managers provide a list of their proposed teams for next season by the beginning of April. Everyone will have a better idea of who's in at the May meeting and the voting of teams requesting to be admitted to North Metro at the June meeting can be based on information rather than conjecture.

As playoffs are quickly approaching teams were reminded that we do not take March Break off and Lindsay should be advised of any problems with the playoff dates as set out in the rules. 131 hours of ice has been booked for the Final Weekend. All games will be played at Vaughan Sports Village. The teddy bears have already been ordered for the Teddy Bear Division. The fee to be confirmed but will likely be in the range of \$225-\$375 depending on the tier you are in. Will settle on final amount after the medals/banners have been ordered. A draft schedule has been completed.

The next General Managers' Meeting will be held February 22, 2007.

**Motion to adjourn:** (Tammie Weston /Tony Bolger).  
CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM