

2022/2023 AGM Meeting

April 30th, 2023 9:30am

Executive Present:

Nathan Burns – President
Brad Baker – Vice President
Alyssa Barker - Equipment Representative
Kate Ridout - Player Development
Greg Appleton – Clerk
Sarah Camacho - Website Coordinator
Claudia Tarasio - AAA Representative
Alex Drummond – Scheduler
Scott Turner – Treasurer
Bryan Hutchison - Coach Development Representative
Dawar Taylor – Fundraiser and Sponsorship
Cydele Marchant – Registrar

Executive Regrets:

Paul MacLean - CRHL Representative
Brian Costello – Head Trainer

Meeting called to order at 9:32am

Motion to accept minutes from 2022 AGM meeting

1st Dawar Taylor, 2nd Peter Hazelton

Treasurer Report

- Costs for registration to remain the same
- Player Cost Breakdown based on 14 players per team at registration cost of \$630:
 - Ice 76% (\$480)
 - OHMA Fees 7% (\$43.16)
 - Equipment 7% (\$45)
 - Administration 4% (\$27)
 - Officials 4% (\$25)
 - Training 2% (\$10)

- Membership question about how tournaments conflict for ice times for rep teams. How do rep teams get tournaments booked without taking a scheduling ice charge.
 - Board to take back scheduling issues regarding this issue
- Referee costs for travel cost going up
- Membership questions regarding revenue streams for example raffles as well as apparel cost sharing

By-Law Amendment

- Refund policy to be posted for 15 days on the website for membership review. See appendix A for proposed refund policy

CHRL Update

- As of Monday May 1st the Thunder local league and CHRL to be split into two fully separate organizations
- CHRL will have two representatives from each local league on the CHRL board.
- Final changes to this structure will be in place by September
- Tournaments will be better worked into league schedule by CHRL scheduler
- Select teams are being reviewed to be run in Newcastle, a decision to be made over the next few months

OMHA Update

- OMHA passport issues continue and these are still being worked through
- Alt entry team still making changes and Newcastle trying to reclassify as a C center

Ice Scheduler update

- Working with Clarington to get ice during arena renovations. Local league secured ice at 3 locations, Rep ice to have some ice in Bewdley
- Working through the local league schedules to work through various issues including tournaments
- OneDB scheduling software going to be in place by the start of the season
- Membership question regarding static times such as every Saturday late evening game and could that be rotated between teams
 - Scheduler to review and attempt changes
- Orono is helping provide ice is planning a renovation in 2024/2025 which will require us help with issue issues

Registration update

- Paysafe is still having issues taking payment
- U11 is almost fully registered, will not take any more spots due to restrictions of available ice
- Each division near 50% registered

Election of Open Positions

Fundraiser Rep

Susan Bailie – voted by membership

OMHA Rep

Corey Robins– voted by membership

Registrar

Sarah Camacho – voted by membership

Coach Development Rep

Nominations: Bryan Hutchison, Matt Ellis

Bryan Hutchison voted in by ballot vote

Webmaster

Jeff Scott – voted by membership

Ice Scheduler

Alex Drummond - voted by membership

Head Trainer – ballot vote

Nominations: Brian Castellio, Elizabeth Collins

Elizabeth Collins voted in by ballot

2022/2023 Newcastle awards

The Franco Pelosa Fan Appreciation Award

Easton Lowes , Bentley Barnes and Claudia Tarasio

The Herman Valckx Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Kerry Dobbs and Jen Harnum

Irv McCullough Coach of the year

Paul Dobbs, Adam Brooks and Glen Harnum

Floor Questions

- Concerns brought up regarding proposed Refund Policy regarding item 10 section “Maximum Rep/AE Refunds shall not exceed the total amount of the players league fees”
- Motion by Shane Armstrong to defer the maximum fee cause in the refund policy to the next AGM
 - Membership voted to defer this section of the policy until next AGM

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AGM meeting adjournment 11:14am

1st Cydele, 2nd Brad

Appendix A Proposed Refund Policy

Membership Fees and Refund Policy

1. Membership Fees include registration fees and Rep team fees. Rep team fees only apply to those players choosing to play NVMHAI Rep hockey.
2. Registration fees shall be established annually by the Budget Committee and approved by the Board prior to the Annual General Meeting.
3. Refunds requested before the season start are subject to a \$50 administrative fee as well as credit card processing fee, registration system fees.
4. A minimum charge of \$50 will apply for any registration fee refund issued after October 1, and the amount to be refunded will be prorated by the Treasurer with the approval from the Board of Directors.
5. Registration fees for any unexpired term of membership are not refundable after November 1st.

6. Registration fee must be paid in full or on payment plan in order to participate in NVMHAI Rep tryouts.

7. No player shall be removed from a team without the permission of the NVMHAI Board of Directors (the Board). A coach needs to make a formal (written) request to the Board to remove a player. Once a player has been committed to a representative team, the coach and player are mutually committed for the year.

8. Rep/AE team fees will be established by October 1st and shall be paid in three installments.

- a. First Installment, no later than October 31st
- b. Second Installment no later than December 31st
- C. Third Installment no later than March 31st

9. For the purpose of this article, refunds will only apply to fees paid.

- a. Any fundraising participation or monies WILL NOT be included in the calculation of any refund.
- b. Rep/AE teams receiving funding from “sponsors” need to be approved by the Sponsorship Rep. Sponsorship cheques are to be made payable to NVMHAI, not directly to the team or team rep and in return the team will receive a credit on their NVMHAI Rep Fee. No refunds will be given for outside sponsorship without consent of the Board of Directors.

10. Rep/AE team fees for any unexpired term of membership are not refundable by the NVMHAI. Refunds of Rep/AE team fees will be payable from the Rep/AE team’s own funds and will be based on the attached schedule through collaboration with the team rep and the NVMHAI Treasurer.

Maximum Rep/AE Refunds shall not exceed the total amount of the players league fees.

11. If a player quits or is removed from the team for just cause, the board will assess the status of a refund.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals from the season prior on or before September 30,2023 will receive a **100%** refund of the overall registration fees paid less \$50 administrative fee and the associated credit card processing fee, registration system fees.

All future pre-authorized payments must be canceled.

Withdrawals from the season on or before October 31, 2023 will receive a 50% refund of the overall registration fees paid minus the \$50 administrative fee. Once a player has skated NVMHAI has paid costs for the player which can not be refunded. These include the OMHA and Hockey Canada assessment and insurance fees, the player's jersey and socks, credit card processing fee, registration system fees and administrative costs incurred to put your player on a team.

All future pre-authorized payments must be canceled.

Withdrawals from the season after **November 1, 2023** will be at the discretion of the board. No refunds will be provided to players who voluntarily withdraw after November 1st, 2023 for any reason.

Refunds related to injuries/illnesses must be requested online through the refund website link, and must be submitted within 30-days of the date of the injury. A copy of the doctor's note must be provided to NVMHAI, before the refund can be assessed.

All refunds will follow this structure, regardless of registration date.

The OMHA Insurance fee— is \$43.20 per player.

The PaySafe Fees are \$2.60 per \$100 registration fee paid (2.1% of total plus \$0.20 per transaction plus HST).

****Should we be unable to fill a program, NVMHAI reserves the right to cancel the program and provide the participants a prorated refund based on number of ice times used.**

If the program is shut down for public health reasons we are offering a prorated refund to all affected players based on the number of ice times used and the date of closure by the public health unit. The following fees include the OMHA and Hockey Canada assessment and insurance fees, the player's jersey and socks, credit card processing fee, registration system fees and administrative costs incurred to put your player on a team will not be refunded.

The assessment will occur at the end of the season. The Board of Directors will monitor the actual costs incurred by both the House League and Representative programs as the season progresses.

How To Get a Refund:

Refunds **MUST** be requested by completing the Refund Request Form (link below). All refunds will be reviewed by the treasurer and registrar.

If you have pre-authorized payments please tick the box these need to be cancelled by the registrar 5 days prior to the 15th.

Refunds may take a little more time than normal to be issued.

Cheques will be mailed out based on the information provided on the online form.

If you have any questions, please email us at newcastlestarsregistrar@gmail.com.

This refund only pertains to fees paid to the League and does not include fees paid to play Rep or AE hockey.