



CPHL Board Meeting

September 18, 2023

In attendance	Kent Barrett, President Kevin Lawson, Vice President Sharon Blackwell, Treasurer and Meeting Recorder Chase Petruska, Director-At-Large Ishan Manerikar, Director-At-Large Jacob McGregor, Director-At-Large Chase Petruska, Director-At-Large
Regrets	Tracy Petruska, Secretary Gerald Doucette, Director-At-Large
Guests	Ben Thorne, CEWHA CPHL Representative

- Agenda reviewed and approved
- Minutes of last meeting will be reviewed and approved next meeting

Agenda	Discussion	Decision
1. Operations Update - Kevin Lawson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 players are registered. All but one person used the online registration process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a fee for using Sports Ngin for registration • All coaches returning with the exception of Ryleigh Leonard. Jim McGregor will be returning • Kevin, James, Devon and Tara will be returning as referees • New Uniforms have been paid for and are ready for pick up • Team Selection process has been confirmed and team selection will occur October 17, 2023 • Rules have been reviewed and updated and will be shared with player. 	<p>Kevin will determine whether there are any reductions elsewhere</p> <p>Mike Blackwell will pick up jerseys and deliver to Vivo</p>
2. Development Camp - Chase Petruska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 people attended each camp • There are two and possible another new player • Overall, the camp was well attended and well received with lots of opportunities to learn 	Development Camps should be continued
3. Bylaws - Kent Barrett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Barrett who is a lawyer reviewed the by-laws and recommended a rewrite. • There should be a practice of tendering a budget annually. Of note, this practice had been in place previously but has been dropped in recent years • There is no clear definition at this point for a member versus voting member • There are about 20 areas that require review and discussion at a later meeting. 	<p>Kent will distribute the recommended revisions to Board member for review and comment before the next Board Meeting</p> <p>Kent will lead a</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the by-laws are to be changed, they have to be presented with adequate notice to the current members by definition for their review. As a general practice, the best place to get approval for by-law changes is at an AGM. Approved by-law revisions must be registered with GoA in accordance with the <i>Societies Act</i>. 	<p>discussion at the next Board Meeting to confirm the recommended by-laws</p> <p>The by-laws will be presented to the membership for feedback with a view to obtaining their approval at the 2024 AGM</p>
<p>4. Canadian Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association (CEWHA) – Ben Thorne</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Handout • Ben has CPHL since 2014/15 having taken over from Keith Bourbonnais • CEWHA is the governing national body in Canada. There are also other governing bodies: Northern American Power Hockey Association (NAPHA) and Power Hockey Canada (PHC). There is also the US Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association (USEWHA) • Over the years there has been friction between the different governing bodies • Some of the American teams are struggling to retain members • The focus of the governing bodies tends to be on tournaments and making logistical decisions on the location of tournaments. • There are divergent views on the level of competition that should be expected at tournament play. The CPHL experience at the 2023 tournament was very positive. • For the 2024, Philadelphia has expressed an interest in hosting despite their low player numbers. Toronto also wants to host. • There was a discussion on the merits of Calgary submitting a proposal to host. Of note, were past experiences of need for a robust team of volunteers, fund raising and then the past experience of Eastern players not wanting to make the trip west in large measure due to cost. • It was noted that tournament costs can be covered because CPHL falls under a national organization reported as CEWHA 	<p>The CEWHA/national representative should be a Board Member with the expectation of regular reporting (probably quarterly) to the Board.</p> <p>The selection of the CPHL representative will be discussed at the next meeting</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that CPHL will not submit a proposal to host a tournament in Calgary.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that the CPHL would not participate in a tournament if hosted in Philadelphia due to the costs and</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben plans to step down as the CPHL representative. The time commitment does ebb and flow with a much larger commitment of 10 hours per week for the few months in advance of the tournament. 	logistics being prohibitive.
5. Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accounts have been moved over to Quickbooks and reconciliations have been made. The introductory cost is \$5 roughly per month. Receipts will have to be loaded up for all expenses and this will be completed over the next month or so. • All bills paid and the league has over \$120,000 between both accounts • The big bill for rental at Vivo has not been received as yet. • There is still money coming in for the tournament • Fiscal year end is September 30. 	<p>Kevin will follow up with Vivo to get them to send their bill</p> <p>Sharon will forward a copy of the financials for next meeting</p>
6. President Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent indicated his desire to step down as President • In such an instance, if the President steps down the Vice President is moved into the President role. Kevin is willing to assume the role of President. • In the case of a change in the President, the change has to be registered with Societies and CRA. • There was some discussion about having the AGM in October 2023 but this was an deemed unrealistic timeline given the financials need to be fully completed and reviewed and adequate notice has to be provided for the AGM meeting. Also of note was the desire to add the new by-laws for approval and there would not be enough time to do this. 	<p>Kent withdrew his decision to step down but will not likely run again. A passing of the torch will occur at the AGM</p>

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: October 22, 2023 at 7 pm by Zoom. Sharon to send the link.