

Actions Items

General Membership Meeting, January 16th, 2009

Moderated by Amy Fowler, NFCHA President

The General Membership took action on the following items during its January 16th, 2009 meeting:

1. Voted to approve the Action Items from the 2008 NFCHA Annual Convention.
2. Voted to approve the 2007-08 final budget as well as the 2008-09 proposed budget.

The General Membership participated in the following discussions and made the following recommendations during its January 16th, 2009 meeting:

1. Amy Fowler, President announced outgoing and incoming Executive Board Members, plus recognized the two new positions of Director Events and Publications-Cheryl Torino and the Director of Development and Curriculum-Pam Stuper.
2. Jennifer Goodrich, Executive Director presented the membership update. Jenn noted that membership had increased.
3. Jennifer Goodrich, Executive Director reviewed the 2007-08 final budget and presented the 2008-09 budget. It was noted that despite the current state of our country's economy, the NFCHA is in good shape and that sponsorship is solid for this coming fiscal year.
4. Jennifer Goodrich, Executive Director updated the membership on Convention attendance, noting the extension on the early registration deadline due to very few early sign-ups. Attendance will set a record, with over 500 attendees.
5. Jennifer Goodrich, Executive Director and Amy Fowler, President both encouraged attendees to support our sponsors/vendors, who are such an important part of our Convention.
6. Becca Kohli, 1st Vice President noted her and the board's appreciation for all of the 2009 Convention Speakers, giving special thanks to those colleagues who stepped up at the last minute.
7. Becca Kohli, 1st Vice President presented the Hall of Fame and Junior Hockey Award Committee report. It was noted that a HS representative is needed for this year's committee.

8. Pam Stuper, 2nd Vice President presented a recap of the Clinic Program and OCPD programs. Sites for 2009 Clinics were announced at Convention-the earliest they have ever been released and Harrow will be sponsoring an attendee t-shirt this year. It was noted that OCPD's would change to a self-scheduling model for institutions who wish to open up their practices.
9. Pam Stuper, 2nd Vice President presented the Sponsoring Camp report. It was noted that our sponsor numbers are way down from last year (37 camps so far). The membership was reminded that this program supports the collegiate senior all-star games.
10. Cheryl Torino, Director of Events and Publications reviewed 2008 Festival programming. Numbers for the Recruiting Seminar were very good and numbers for Senior Night continue to decrease. It was noted by Amy Fowler, President that although Senior Night continues to serve more of our DII and DIII coaches, and overall less senior prospects, the numbers of athletes who came through the door were still significant enough to continue running this event.
11. Jennifer Goodrich, Executive Director discussed the Code of Conduct, noting that our next membership drive/brochure will include the Code. It was also announced that although we would like a 100% return rate on the codes, it is NOT a requirement.
12. Amy Fowler, President discussed the interest in adding a Regional and National Players of the Year at all three divisions. Each Division has been asked to discuss and vote on the implementation of these recognitions. The Executive Board is in support of the addition of both awards.
13. Amy Fowler, President reiterated the critical importance of supporting the Convention by stepping up as speakers in the future (and when asked).