



Nickel District Minor Hockey League

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AGM/General Meeting Sunday, September 24, 2017 Edgar Leclair Hall, Azilda 11:00am Minutes

1. Presentations:

Welcome from Joe McColeman, president NDMHL

Silver Stick - Chantal Levesque. The Registration on-line is now closed but if you want to register please see Chantal after the meeting. There are almost 100 teams registered.

Fundraising – Ryan Mussen takes care of BOGO cards and Steve Bailey is the contact for the sale of popcorn and cookie dough. If teams are interested in either option see Joe McColeman or send him an e-mail for contact information.

2. Introduction of Members:

Executive, Directors, Convenors:

Joe McColeman, President, Midget Convenor

Denise Duckett, Vice President

Julie Brassard, Treasurer

Angela Gerling, Secretary

Cookie Campbell, Director, Novice Convenor

Chantal Levesque, Director, Bantam Convenor

Not in attendance - Crystal Serre, Director – her position is up for election & Crystal is not running

Josh Torok, Director, Atom Convenor, Division I

Not in attendance - Scott Riengnette, Director, PeeWee Convenor

Scott is very busy and we are looking for a PeeWee Convenor if anyone is interested.

3. NOHA Council Directors in attendance:

Claudette Myre, President

Julio Navarro

Brian Beaupre

The NOHA directors are supporters of this league.

NOHA Referee-in-Chief Matt Davie is not in attendance.

There are changes to head contact ejection this year. After 3 penalties for head contact it is a game ejection.

There is a new mouthguard ruling and they are no longer mandatory. But if a player wears one it must be worn properly or they may receive a penalty.

Claudette Myre - There has been a motion brought forward for Bantam A level and up to wear mouthguards so it may once again become mandatory.

- There is an OHF pilot project with regards to GM 20(1 game suspension) and GM 21(3 game suspension). At year end they will collect all the stats on these penalties. The accumulation penalty still exists.

Another big change is that initiation level hockey will only be played cross-ice. This is from Hockey Canada and we will therefore see this in all associations. This will move into Novice level next year.

Suspension Lists – Joe gets upwards of 50 e-mails per year about this. The team managers must always carry the suspension list and teams need to sit out the player. Do not go to the referee and ask how many games the suspension is for. Managers and coaches are asked to check the list that was provided.

4. Minutes of The Last League Meeting - the minutes are posted on the NDMHL website.

There was no May AGM, it is combined with today's meeting. The last league meeting was September 20, 2016.

Motion to approve the minutes by Julie Brassard

Second by Chantal Levesque

No opposition from the floor

Approved

5. Financial Report - Julie Brassard (Treasurer)

Report given by Julie. Please see attached financial reports that were e-mailed to associations.

Motion to accept the financial reports by Josh Torok

Second by Mark Rouselle

No opposition from the floor.

Approved

The League always tries to keep one year of expenses in the bank. And the tournament is run in a way to break even. MVP hats are purchased and medals are bought every second year. Jackets might be bought for board members this year.

If there are ever any questions about finances you can e-mail Joe McColeman.

6. Changes to Constitution; Changes to Rules and Regulations

On the league website you will find the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations.

Coaches and managers should have a look and should carry the rules and regulations with them.

There are some rules that apply just to this league. For example dark jerseys are for home games, coach suspension list and game ejections. Any changes made last year are still in red on the website.

Anything in yellow is coding changes for the OHF.
This can all be found at NDMHL.ca

7. Report of Team Review Committee/Attendance– Joe McColeman

This year the Committee started with 67 declared teams, without Sault Ste. Marie and West Nipissing, plus two AAA teams for a total of 69 teams. They were declared in May.
The Team Review Committee goes through all of the applications to see how the teams did last year and to see if they can support where the players are coming from.
This year all the teams were approved, some dropped out, and we now have 61 in total.
We need to keep in mind that next year we will be losing the Novice teams.
This year we have approved Novice AA teams to play in the Atom division.
Joe confirmed with all associations present the teams that they have this season:
Blind River – 1 midget team
Copper Cliff – They have moved their Select 7's to house league this year.
- They have 1 Novice AA, 3 Atom, 2 PeeWee, 2 Bantam and 1 Midget
Elliot Lake – 3 teams, one in Atom, PeeWee, and Midget
Manitoulin – 4 teams, once in Novice, Atom, PeeWee and Bantam
Nickel City – They ice one third of the teams. 4 Novice, 6 Atom, 7 PeeWee, and 5 Bantam
Sudbury Minor – They have 2 Novice, 3 Atom, 3 PeeWee, 2 Bantam & 1 Midget
Sudbury Girls – 1 Atom B playing in Novice, 1 Atom, and 2 PeeWee teams
West Ferris – 1 PeeWee and 2 Bantam teams
West Nipissing – 1 Bantam A team
Sault Ste. Marie – 1 Atom, 1 PeeWee, and 3 Bantam teams.
They have folded their Bantam AAA team and created more Bantam AA teams.
They are hoping for a full schedule for playoffs and will be flexible in terms of scheduling.

8. Elections (4) – President, Secretary, Director, Director

Elections are run by Denise Duckett, VP
Associations are awarded a maximum of 8 ballots. One vote per division in which they are represented and one vote for the President or Association Representative. All executive members receive one ballot as well. Ballots are handed out to the association President or Representative.

Blind River – 2 ballots
Copper Cliff – 8 ballots
Elliot Lake – 4 ballots
Manitoulin – 5 ballots
Sudbury Minor – 7 ballots
Nickel City – 8 ballots
West Ferris – 2 ballots
Sudbury Girls – 5 ballots
Executive – 6 ballots
Blind River and Sault Ste. Marie are guests and do not receive ballots.

President

Joe McColeman nominated from the floor and accepted.
No other nominations.
Acclaimed.

Secretary

Angela Gerling nominated by Chantal Levesque and accepted.
No other nominations.
Acclaimed.

Directors – 2 positions

Chantal Levesque nominated by Julie Brassard and accepted.

Angela Vendette nominated by the floor and accepted.

Josh Torok nominated by Joe McColeman and accepted.

This goes to a vote by ballot and Julio Navarro from NOHA counts the results.

Director 1 – Chantal Levesque – 2 year term

Director 2 – Angela Vendette – 2 year term.

Motion to destroy the ballots. Accepted.

9. League Business**Competition Structure**

All teams should be in the proper division.

In Novice there are 5 teams and 1 may be added.

In Atom II there are 7 teams.

In Atom I there are 8 teams.

PeeWee I has 4 teams and 1 Part-Time AAA team.

PeeWee II has 16 teams. There will be a round robin and then they may be split into PeeWee II
And PeeWee III.

Bantam II has 11 teams in 3 categories. Body checking in the first year is the concern here.

There are 1st and 2nd year players in this division. The convenor will try to slant the
Schedule so that 1st year players will play each other for the start of the season. In order
to give the 1st year players a chance to learn the new body contact.

Major Bantam might also play against some Midget teams.

The divisions that we start with may change as the season progresses.

Gus Lescault – he is asking for an extra official for the Bantam vs Midget games. The NOHA
rules say 3-man system in AA Bantam and Midget hockey.

In the past this request has been approved by the NOHA on a per game request. They could
make a special request for risk management.

League Website www.ndmhl.ca and MB Sportsweb

The schedule on the website is not official. As it may not always be up to date.
The schedule that teams receive from their convenors is the official schedule.
The stats will not be up and running just yet.
Most teams can expect to start their season after Thanksgiving.

Reminder for team personnel

Please refer to the emails that went out prior to this meeting for personnel reminders.
Convenors are not able to make the schedule without all the team info that is requested.
There is a \$50 fine for info that is not given to the convenor.
There is a \$400 fine for games that are cancelled without a reason.
Nickel District crests need to be on the team jerseys by November 1st. The crest goes on the right shoulder. Crests can be bought from Joe at a cost of \$3.50/each.
Managers and coaches should always carry the OHF suspension list with them as well as the league suspension list.

Convenor selection: PeeWee II/III

Nobody is stepping forward from the floor for these positions so it will continue as it did last year. Scott Riengnette will remain as the convenor and Julie Brassard will help him with inputting the game stats into the website.

League Playoff Tournament: Novice to PeeWee

The tournament is March 22nd to 25th.
The tournament format can be found in the Rules and Regulations on the website.
Local teams can expect to start Thursday.
Three arenas will be used for the tournament: Carmicheal, Azilda and Chelmsford

10. Teams meet with the convenors