

**AGM/General Meeting  
Sunday, September 22nd, 2019  
Chelmsford Arena Hall, 12pm**

**MINUTES**

**1. Silver Stick Presentation**

Peter Michelutti Sr. spoke about the Silver Stick Tournament.

**2. Introduction by Joe McColeman**

Joe introduced the Executive, Directors and Convenors in attendance.

Joe McColeman – President

Angela Vendette – Vice President

Angela Gerling – Secretary

Directors: Ryan Yurich (not in attendance)

Carol Welch (not in attendance)

Cookie Campbell

Josh Torok

Convenors:

Novice – Joe McColeman

Atom – Carol Welch

PeeWee – Frederic St-Onge

Bantam – Al Cross

Midget – Joe McColeman

**3. NOHA and Council Directors**

NOHA Member Jason Marchand spoke about the Novice and Atom Pathway.

Next season we will see changes to the Atom program with views on long term player development. There will be a transition from spring

tryouts to fall tryouts. It is the same thing for the Novice program.  
This will be mandatory.

There will be three keys.

The first being Preparation Phase.

For this key there will be 4 skates available.

There will not be any tryouts during the first week of school.

After the 4 ice times, tryouts will take place, and there must be a minimum of 3 tryouts. Players cannot be cut until after the third tryout.

The second key is the Development Phase.

This starts 3 weeks before the regular season.

The players will have more practices than games.

The regular season consists of approximately 45 games, including tournaments and playoffs.

The third key is the Playoff Phase.

It will be tournament style instead of elimination playoff style.

This is for house league and rep leagues.

It will be mandatory to have equal ice time, seasonal breaks, limited position specialization (except goalies). Practices will promote

smaller

games. Teams will be encouraged to take a break to avoid burnout.

This will allow teams to play into March or later. It will also push

back

the Tournament of Champions.

In 2021 the PeeWee Pathway will be implemented. This will be voted on in November and then there will be more information available.

In 2022 the Bantam & Midget Pathways should follow. This is still in discussion.

They are working with the OHF on a tryout process with one of the keys being that nothing can start until after Labour Day.

In Novice, they can have two half ice tournaments before January and one

full ice tournament after January. There is no Tournament of Champions but they are talking about maybe having a year-end event for them. The league can hold playoffs for Novice teams. Any questions about the new pathway can be emailed to Joe and he will forward them on to Jason.

## **AGM MEETING**

### **4. Minutes of the last league meeting.**

There was no May AGM meeting.  
The last league meeting was September 23/2018.  
There were no rule changes or constitution changes at the time.

Motion to Accept: Cookie Campbell  
Second: Angela Vendette  
All in favour.

### **5. Financial Report by Joe McColeman**

The financial reports went out prior to the meeting by e-mail.  
The league likes to carry a bank balance large enough to cover one year of liabilities. There are medals and crests in inventory.  
The bank balance as of April 30/19 is \$11,446.  
Each team pays \$175 to participate in the league.  
As of April 30/19 the financials report \$17,600 in total assets which includes the \$11,446 bank balance and a GIC of \$6175; there are \$4500 in bonds payable to the Associations outstanding against these assets.  
The year-end tournament has a budget of \$25,000 with a \$1,000 loss for MVP hats.

There are no questions from the floor.  
Motion to accept the report: Cookie Campbell  
Second: Josh Torok  
All in favour.

### **6. Report of the Team Review Committee**

Originally there were 65 teams. Now there are 57.

All teams that were submitted were approved and none were challenged. There are 8 associations with Sault Ste Marie and Timmins participating as guests. They have trouble and we have trouble locally to make divisions so we work together. It might mean one double header in Timmins and one in Sault Ste Marie. These guest teams also travel here to play.

Five years ago, the Bantam system was almost deteriorated. Now there are twelve teams in B2 and four in B1. It will be challenging for the convenor given the minor/major system.

## **7. Changes to the Constitution**

There are no constitution changes.

There are no rule changes.

## **8. Associations in Attendance**

Copper Cliff

Blind River and Elliot Lake – North Shore

Manitoulin

Nickel City

North Bay

Sudbury District Girls Hockey

Sudbury Minor Hockey

Sault Ste Marie

Timmins

## **9. Elections**

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> and email was sent out advising that 4 positions are up. The email proposed foregoing elections at the September meeting and reappointing the executive members whose positions were up for election. No association opposed these appointments, so these members were reappointed for another two year term.

Joe McColeman – President

Angela Gerling – Secretary

Carol Welch – Director

Josh Torok – Director

Prior to the meeting, Ryan Yurich tendered his resignation. Joe has not had the opportunity to talk to him yet and his position will not be up for election yet.

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

### **10. League Business**

Joe went through the list of teams and checked with the associations make sure that all teams and divisions listed are okay.

There are 57 teams, possibly 58 if Sault Ste Marie approves a midget team tomorrow.

Electronic Scoresheets: The teams will be billed \$2/game so about \$58/season. We think it's a necessity. The rest of the province is doing it and the AAA teams here are doing it.

Links have been sent with training videos. Teams are urged to watch these. Teams need I-pads for the electronic scoresheets. Some associations will keep them in the arenas in a lock box.

The scoresheets will tie into OneDB for scores and stats.

Refurbished I-pads can be purchased for about \$330. Personal I-pads can also be used.

Joe has team invite codes that are team specific.

Officials: The NOHA is specific on how many officials need to be on the ice.

Novice - one

Atom – two

PeeWee, Bantam, Midget – three

If only two show up, they can still play, as a league policy. If the official are qualified you can still play.

There is some discussion about having 4 officials in Bantam or Midget.

Silver Stick: The convenors will not schedule regular games during this time as officials will not be available.

#### Team Reminders:

You need to give your convenor your home game times, your practice times, your black-out dates for tournaments.

Your roster and management pledges need to be handed in or there will be a \$50 fine.

Non-weather related cancellations/forfeit – team will be fined \$400.

Teams are asked to go online and read the rules and regulations.

League crests go on the right shoulder. They cost \$4.25. Getting them done by sublimation is cheaper. If they are not on by the first of November, teams will be fined.

Team managers are asked to carry the OHF suspension list and to not ask how long a suspension is.

When re-scheduling a game the convenor needs to be notified as well as Joe. If you postpone a game, you have 14 days to let the league know when it is rescheduled to. After November 1<sup>st</sup> you can only reschedule 2 games.

The electronic game sheets should get us passed the need to get score sheets to convenors.

#### League Playoff Tournament:

March 27 to March 29/2020 for PeeWee and under.

This year the tournament will be at Countryside and Carmicheal arenas.

There is some discussion to include Bantam II in this format.

Bantam I and Midget will have elimination playoffs and will involve some travel.

#### 11. Questions from the floor

Why did the league not buy I-pads for the arenas?

Joe: The information about the I-pads was sent out to the 8 associations by email. Only 2 associations replied.

It was put out to the associations that the I-pad was another item

that

was needed in order to play in this league.

Some associations will leave them in lock boxes in the arena.

Others have asked their teams to purchase individual ones.

In some associations the information was not passed on to the teams.

**12. Team managers and coaches met with convenors.**