



Nickel District Minor Hockey League

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General Meeting

Tuesday, May 5th 2015

Edgar Leclair Hall, Azilda 6:30 pm

MINUTES

Start 6:45pm

1. Record of presence of Associations:

Blind River: Robert Kirchner
Copper Cliff: Ken Creasey
Elliot Lake: Allyson O'Sullivan
Manitoulin: Craig Abotossaway (PeeWee II)
Nickel City: Bart Hurley
SDGHA: Ian Symington
SMHA: Eric Navarro
West Ferris : absent

2. Welcome and introduction of NDMHL Association members.

President- Joe McColeman
Vice President- Denise Duckett
Treasurer- Julie Brassard
Secretary - Michelle Guilbault
Directors- Crystal Serre
Cookie Campbell (absent)
Scott Reinguette
Chantal Levesque

Convenors

Novice - Cookie Campbell
Atom Division I - Josh Torok (absent)
Atom Division II - Chantal Levesque
Peewee - Scott Reinguette
Bantam - Al Cross
Midget - Joe McColeman

NOHA/Council Directors John (Jiggy) Jamieson- President
Claudette Myre- 1st Vice

President's message(Joe McColeman)

- Congratulations to all 45 teams, 765 players
- Costs in the neighbourhood of \$300,000 for 724 LEAGUE games

- Thanks to all Conveners who ultimately are responsible for keeping the Divisions running smoothly
- Thanks to the Executive and other key volunteers especially for the playoff tournament
 - Schedulers of officials and timekeepers-Mike Creasey, Brian Beaupre, Randy Pascal
 - Dave Laporte for League scoring stats in Bantam and Midget
 - Tournament volunteers-entire Executive, Brian Kuruliak, Dave Laporte
 - Thank You to CCliff for having a room for the president to share with them at the NOHA meeting at no cost to the League
- Important trends this year-
 - drop in teams; associations have to work on this AND reduce costs
 - drop in volunteers
 - drop in Midget and Bantam teams and players
 - AAA restructuring in the greater City of Sudbury whereby NCity and SMHA are combining teams at Bantam and Midget levels for at least a one-year test
- League issues that the Executive will work on:
 - Matching caliber of teams, while providing variety of competition to the teams is a delicate issue
 - developing pre AAA aged players in Atom and Novice; this year NCity Novice AA were allowed to move up to Atom II; mixed feelings as to whether this was best for these players;
 - The transition from initial Round Robin schedules to Part II of the schedules, after team movement (if any), will be better balanced

Playoff Winners-

- League: of 8 active associations, every Association had at least one team make it to one of the 15 Championships; NCity won 7 Championships, followed by CCliff with 3
- 15 of our league's teams either won championships or were finalists at the NOHA Tournament of Champions.

3. **Minutes from last meeting (Sept.23/14):** moved to accept by Denise Duckett & seconded by Chantal Leveque.

4. **NOHA presentation** made by John (Jiggy) Jamieson.

- Summary from 2015 NOHA General Meeting handed out.
- NOHA has decided to have a recruitment committee

5. **Correspondence**

- Request by West Nipissing for Minor Midge team participation – NOHA hasn't given approval yet, however if approved the NDMHL executive would most likely agree; deferred to Team Review Committee of new Executive
- Request by SSM to participate- The request was discussed and a couple of suggestions made

from the floor. A consideration for a partial schedule was mentioned as well or the possibility of playing in Blind River (if any ice available). Communication of this message will be made to SSM.

- Request by Nickel City Minor Bantam AAA to participate – discussion of the request for partial schedule (no decision made); deferred to new Executive and Team review Committee.

6. **Financial Report** presented by Julie Brassard (Treasurer).

- Move to accept– Crystal Serre
- Mike Creasy (Copper Cliff)– seconded

7. **Amendments to the Constitution**

- Amendment # 1 dealing with the Treasurer’s role definition
 - Moved by Julie Brassard; seconded by Scott Rienguette
 - Amendment passed
- Amendment # 2 dealing with clarifying Executive positions subject to two year voting
 - Moved by Denise Duckett, seconded by Julie Brassard
 - Amendment passed

8. **Changes to Rules and Regulations being considered:**

- changing midget games to 1.5 hour slots as opposed to 2 hours. Would be a 2 period flood; “Bantam rules”; discussion on the floor was positive to this change
- Team fees might be increased slightly; \$10-\$25 per team; no comments of opposition from the floor
- Consideration of the pre-game warm up from 4 minute to 3 minute warm up; no comments of opposition from the floor
- New Affiliation rules (Section 4-Rule 7)
 - Discussion only on part (a) of this amendment whereby the Executive feels that teams should not be allowed to draw affiliate players, for League games, from teams who compete in the same Division
 - This will be discussed further throughout the summer
- Other minor housekeeping changes in wording in the R&R

9. **Election of Officers** -presented by Denise Duckett

- President - Joe McColeman nominated by Al Cross – PASSED
- Secretary – Michelle Guilbault nominated by Crystal Serre – PASSED
- Director – Crystal Serre nominated by Rochelle Cyr – PASSED
- Director – Chantal Levesque nominated by Al Cross - PASSED

10. **New Business**

- Declarations of teams made by each association.
- Selection of Convenors:

Novice – Cookie Campbell
Atom – Chantal Levesque
Peewee – Scott
Bantam – Al Cross
Midget – Joe McColeman

- September 2015 Coach/ Manager meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd.
- Playoff tournament 2016- will be March 31 to April 3rd, 2016