



Nickel District Minor Hockey League

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General Meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2014 Edgar Leclair Hall, Azilda 6:30 pm MINUTES

Start 6:40pm

- 1 **Moment of Silence** was observed for the late DJ Hancock – SMHA player tragically killed by an impaired driver.
- 2 **Presentations: Silver Stick (Peter Michelutti)** – 45th Annual Tournament to held the last week of November. First 80 teams will be accepted (preference to local teams will be given). If there are any questions please refer to organizing committee.
Mini-Peel Fundraising, League Apparel (Ryan Mussen) - gave samples and explained mini peel and local restaurants and businesses. Only supplier for Nike Apparel through Team Litzen many different options available. Business cards and flyers distributed to group with sign in.
- 3 **Introduction:** Executive – President – Joe McColeman
Vice President – Denise Duckett (elected @ AGM)
Treasurer – Vacant (Dave Laporte will assist to get started)
Secretary – Vacant
Directors – 1st Crystal Serre
2nd Cookie Campbell
3rd Scott Riengnette
4th Josh Torok (elected @ AGM)
Convenors – Novice – Cookie Campbell
Atom – Josh Torok
Peewee – Scott Riengnette
Bantam – Al Cross
Midget – Joe McColeman
NOHA Council Directors – Jiggy Jameson NOHA President
Claudette Myre – 2nd VP NOHA
Hugh Riddle – District 2
Oscar Clouthier – District 8
NOHA Referee in Chief – Matt Davie

4 **Minutes of Annual Meeting** - May 13, 2014
ACCEPTED by Peter Nikilchuk (SMHA)
Seconded by Jim Hall (West Ferris)

5 **Financial Report:** Joe McColeman – As the League does not have a Treasurer at this time, Financial Statements have not been prepared, therefore only a verbal presentation

- Bank balance had some changes (approx. \$500) – mileage for Director travel to AGM, NOHA fees paid, one jacket for one Executive member paid for
- GIC – no change
- No move to accept- deferred- financial statements will be sent to Associations after a Treasurer is put into place

6 **Report of Team Review Committee** – Met on May 28/14 to look at 59 declared teams

- after review number dropped to 45 teams approved.
- Of the teams declared only 3 were not approved
- Process works with review
- 16 teams dropped out after review for many reasons and some associations came back
- Still having trouble with declining numbers with Midgets and Bantams due to choice of High School hockey and/or houseleague

7 **Attendance:** Associations / Teams (Coaches/ Managers)

Blind River – Rob Kirshner
Copper Cliff – Ken Creasey
Elliot Lake – Alyson O’Sullivan
Manitoulin – Craig Abotossoway
Sudbury – Peter Nikilchuk
Nickel City – Gus Lescault
West Ferris – Jim Hall
Sudbury Girls – Rob Dyer / Ian Symington present

8 **League Business:** Changes to League Constitution- no changes to League Constitution- current 2014 Rules and Regulation (2014 AGM) - Re-written in April; sent out to Associations April 18/14- nochanges needed to be submitted from Associations.
Reviewed some housekeeping items.
Competition Structure and Division Alignment- New divisional structure are now clearer, Within the Rules and Regs - incorporated policies and memorandums of understanding in place
If there are not enough teams in an age group, all teams will play an initial round robin schedule and then break off after.
This year Bantam will have to do this.
The playoff structure for varying sized divisions within the tournament is clearer in Explanation.
Rules and Regulations were reviewed

League Web-site www.ndmhl.ca – Usually up to date.

Reminders for team personnel (must things to do) –

Management Pledge forms due- Oct 15/14. There is a \$50 fine for each team that does not submit this prior to due date.

Fine for a game forfeit or cancellation without reason/no advance warning is up to \$400.

Fine for Coaches, Managers, Trainers due to excessive penalties 2nd occurrence \$50.

League Crests are available and need to be on the Right shoulder by Nov 1/14 or this incurs a \$50 fine.

Please refer to the OHF suspension list and adhere to penalties

Examples GM 50 is 3 games suspension

4th penalty in a game- Player is out of the game.

More than 60 mins(Midget/Bantam) of penalties- Head Coach is suspended.

40 minutes for ages under Bantam

Rescheduling forms – Both teams need to agree to the change and if the game needs to be postponed it should be done 14 days in advance. Finalization of arrangements (sometime during the year) should be rescheduled within 14 days of the date of cancellation.

Game reports need to be submitted to the Convenor within 7 days or a \$20 fine will be assessed.

Convenor selection: Atom II – will revisit with the teams themselves

Pee Wee II- Scott Rienguette and wife will handle along with PW I

Bantam II – single division with Bantam at this time

League Playoff Tournament: Novice, Atom (Division I & II), Peewee (Division I & II)
Bantam (II)--March 19-22, 2015

- 8 **NOHA and Council Directors-** Hugh Riddle – Need to give 2 days’ notice for exhibition games within members. If the game is outside areas then there needs to be a weeks’ notice for NOHA. Affiliation players need to be declared by Oct 15/14. Participation in Tournament of Champions need to be declared by Dec 1/14

Matt Davie- Ref-in-Chief- NOHA mandates this year are – Head checking

Hitting from behind

Goal tender interference

Verbal abuse of officials

Verbal abuse of officials is occurring from everyone and needs to be controlled (i.e. parents, coaches, fans)

Currently having problems with reverse harassment from some refs and they are working on this.

If there is a problem with refs contact Matt Davies and put it in writing. Please use the 24 hr rule and choose words wisely.

Try using a question to refs instead of a statement. They are trying their best.

Contacts for refs – Brian Beaupre – Nickel City

Mike Creasey – SMHA and Copper Cliff

(Joe) As a note, NOHA must approve League schedules before games can begin

Bladenet is a site provided as a convenience and may NOT be accurate at all times- League schedules and Convener are the official sources of a schedule.

- 9 **Nominations/Appointment of Executive positions of League – performed by draw**

Treasurer – to be provided by Nickel City

Secretary - to be provided by Nickel City

- 10 **Business Arising - from member Associations - declined**
- 11 Teams (Coaches and Managers) meet with Convenors.
- 12 Adjournment