



Nickel District Minor Hockey League

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AGM Minutes
September 27, 2011

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1. Joe McColeman, NDMHL President, introduced this year's board members, NOHA Council Directors in attendance and the Referee-in-Chief.
 2. Minutes from the May 9th, 2011 meeting were accepted. Moved by Scott Fahey, seconded by Jim Hall
 3. Financial Report: Dave Laporte gave a brief verbal financial report indicating that the league had very few transactions over the summer most of them were administrative related.
 4. Joe McColeman briefly went over the role of the league's Team Review Committee highlighting some of this year's decisions such as: let all teams stand that were declared by the associations, Espanola has dropped out of the league this year, Sudbury Minor and Copper Cliff have an informal cooperation between each other, the Girls "B" team won't be participating this year and West Ferris is back this year with one peewee team.
 5. Attendance of all teams was taken and verified. Team registration for the league is \$150 for all teams Novice to Bantam and \$200 for Midget. Team fines for missing game(s) will be any amount upto \$400.
 6. Changes to the leagues Rules and Regulations and Constitution were approved at the last AGM in May and will be posted shortly to the league's internet site with changes highlighted. The main change was the financial section was moved from the Constitution to the Rules and Regulations.
 7. New in District II was the formation of the Nickel City Association for a one year trial period and they represent: Walden, Rayside-Balfour, Onaping, Valley East, Coniston, Capreol and Nickel Centre. The NC Association will still only have one vote within the NDMHL.
 8. Playoffs will be in a tournament format for Bantam II divisions and younger (March 22-25) and Bantam I and Midget will have a 6 point playoff series starting mid-February.
 9. Hugh Riddle highlighted the NOHA's August summit and they are looking for survey feedback so that they can improve in 3 main areas: officials, elite hockey and volunteers. Hugh then went over the following to ensure you have a smooth season:
 - a. Team Registration: Regulation #2, make sure you have the correct team contact information
 - b. Affiliation Players: Regulation #7, make sure you have the proper documentation
 - c. Exhibition Games: Need NOHA Council Directors prior approval. Cannot use exhibition games to serve player suspensions unless the game was booked prior to the suspension.
 - d. December 1st is the cutoff date to apply for the Tournament of Champions, if the NOHA doesn't hear from you; they will assume you are attending.
 10. Peter Fortin, Sudbury's Referee in Chief, gave a 15minute presentation of Rule 6.5 Head Contact Rule. Checking to the head is now called head contact.
 11. The league's Team Review Committee will need to discuss Nickel City's last minute proposal to add a third division to Novice and Atom. The League is currently not in favour of atom teams travelling to SSM, but perhaps games in Blind River or Espanola would be an option, therefore Sault Ste Marie's Atom AA request will need further review.
 12. Team Reps met with their convenors following floor discussion and were reminded to hand in their Team Pledge, Team Roster and Team Registration forms by October 15th to their convenor.
 13. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm