

Minutes- Annual General Meeting, Nickel District Hockey League

Tuesday, May 13th, 2014 @ 6:30pm

Edgar Leclair Hall, Azilda

1) Johnston Hockey School – Jacob Johnston

Brochures provided and a small presentation was made to the group

2) Record Presence of Associations -

49 teams registered this last season (60 teams declared originally). Restructuring occurred in all Associations: 750 players participated- 770 games played this season and only 3% of games, in total, had complaints filed. Generally, overall satisfaction from teams.

3) Welcome – Joe McColeman, President

The League sought input from the Associations for what changes they would like to see, if any....good communication provided on an as-needed basis throughout the year, but the associations are not requesting any changes; invited local AAA teams back into the League...still waiting for replies;

The League's Playoff Tournament ran 14 Championships (also 2 in midget playoffs outside the tournament) and all teams appeared to enjoy the format once again. The only complaint received was from some selective parents, etc., that the League offers too many championships, which is really hard to understand !

Lots of volunteer assistance, aside from the NDHL Executive, during tournament including Al Cross and Brian Kuruliak as well as assignment of officials by Mike Creasey and Randy Pascal to name a few.

Introduction of Executive- Executive 2013-2014 introduced

There will be many changes for this yr., as many of the existing Executive are moving on to other interests. It should be pointed out that they have provided many years of leadership, and notably only one member actually had children participating on any teams.

Many thanks to departing Executive, who in their entirety have provided over 33 years of Executive involvement...Carol Welch (Vice President) , Dave Laporte (Treasurer) , Pam Hull (Director), Glen Polsky (Director and Convener) all moving onto other personal endeavours.

As a comment, all Associations have been extremely happy with this Executive.

Special guests introduced- Jiggy Jamieson (NOHA President), Claudette Myre (NOHA 2nd Vice) and Gail Payette (NOHA Council Director District 7); this year there is a big turnover as well at the NOHA...numerous openings in their Executive.

Playoff Winners – Spread out through teams, many surprises with Championships, as top teams did not win all divisions

Breakdown by Association:

Nickel City – 9 Championships

Copper Cliff – 2

Sudbury Minor – 2

West Ferris – 1

Manitoulin- 1

Blind River- 1

Elliot Lake- runner up in 2

SDGHA- runner up in 2

NOHA Playoffs – Teams from the NDHL won 10 championships and placed 7 finalists

OHF championships – NCity Jr. Sons Atom AA won an OHF championship

Girl's Hockey championships-

- SDGHA won Midget AAA bronze at their nationals
- Atom A – Gold at the provincials

4) Minutes of Last League Meeting- September 24, 2013

Accepted Kevin Schilling (Elliot Lake)

Seconded by Jim Hall (West Ferris)

5) NOHA Presentation – no presentation

6) Correspondence –

1. Request as a guest to ice a Midget team based out of Warren. Have applied to NOHA for Rep status. Team Review Committee to deal with this.
2. SMHA Requests AAA teams to participate in the NDHL; NOHA did not approve.
3. SDGHA requests to have “A” teams participate next season; previously the League only accepted their top 2 teams up at all levels. To be handled by Team review Committee.
4. SMHA Minor midget “Elite” team requests a partial schedule in Midget- to be dealt with by new Executive.
5. NCHA – Novice request to move to Atom II; to be dealt with by Team Review Committee and new Executive.
6. Manitoulin – Will be working with the Manitoulin High school to field a team in midget. Concerned re decrease in players, teams are committed, want to save the division.

Suggestion by Manitoulin to have the League consider carrying only a minor midget division so that the High School team will carry the second and third year midget players. This scenario may be difficult with the Sudbury area teams/schools as this working relationship does not exist.

7. Jacob Johnson hockey school request

8. NCHA – requests partial schedule for AAA teams, adhoc committee to discuss, there has been no approval in the past. Trying to increase caliber and become more competitive. Deferred to new Executive; NOHA approval needed.

9. SMHA – minor peewee AAA request partial and/or exhibition schedule. Deferred to new Executive.

7) Financial Report- Dave Laporte

Copies of F/S provided

Particulars:

Closed Royal Bank Account and moved account to CIBC to simplify banking and signing.

Surplus medals were bought this year.

Administration costs increased slightly due to funding for jackets for Board members

NOHA AGM – no travel required this yr

Playoff Tournament – Surplus of \$575.00 this year

Fines - \$700., the League usually donates this to a charity- not done as of yet

Outstanding liabilities, not appearing on the statements- Bonds submitted by the Associations totalling \$5,500. Are refundable if requested each season, as per the Constitution.

Next season- there may be a need to buy more awards (plaques), pertaining to a suggestion by Manitoulin to award first place league finishers in all divisions. New Executive to consider.

Accepted – Ken Creasey

Seconded – Oscar Clouthier

8) Amendments to the Constitution-

9) Changes to Rules and Regulations

1. Meetings (Voting)

Proposed by Manitoulin (Craig Abotossoway/seconded by Dan Charette)

Deals with amending voting to include changes to Rules and Regulations....not just the constitutional amendments.

Rules traditionally have been on an adhoc basis which makes it easier for the Executive to manage the league during the year. Associations have always been given 14 day's advice and an opportunity to provide input on Rule changes already.

Motion defeated

2. Convenors/Committees

Proposed by Manitoulin (Craig Abotossoway/seconded by Dan Charette)

Deals with having the Review committee have equal representation from Region A – Sudbury, CC, and SDG and Region B – outlying areas; also deals with the Review Committee taking into account many considerations including a team's

good standing within the League, etc. In order to approve or not approve teams for each season.

The Executive's response is that this process is already done. Review Committee meets May-June each season; each team is reviewed for player caliber and development as well as coaching qualifications; team records are reviewed but also problem teams are reviewed, local knowledge is considered; requests are sent to some teams to prove that their caliber will support them in the League, etc. The Executive acknowledges a general request (implied by Manitoulin) to communicate it's reasons more thoroughly, if needed.

Motion defeated

Amendments #3-#10- Various changes to Rules and Regulations

Since Amendment #1 was not passed, no changes to Rules and Regulations are tabled.

Therefore these motions are defeated.

The new Executive will give consideration to these requested changes in the normal flow of dealing with the League.

10) Election of Officers-

Nominations-

President- 2nd year of two-year term- presently held by Joe McColeman

Vice President - Denise Duckett/Craig Abotossoway (declined)

Denise Duckett- accepted

Treasurer – no nominations; carried to the fall

Secretary – presently held by Denise Duckett who becomes Vice President (above); no nominations received; carried to the fall

1st Director – Not open- 2nd year of two-year term- presently held by Crystal Serre (Blind River)

2nd Director – Cookie Campbell nominated/ Acclaimed

3rd Director – Scott Rienguette nominated/Acclaimed

4th Director- 2nd year of 2 year position vacated by Glen Polsky

Nominated/acclaimed- Josh Torok

Convenors – Novice – Cookie Campbell

Atom – Josh Torok

Peewee- Scott Rienguette

Bantam – Al Cross

Midget – Joe McColeman

Other Convenors will be selected in September, to complement divisions which have division I and division II structures

11) New Business (Handled by new Executive)

- Declaration of Teams by associations
- Selection of Convenors
- September 2014 Coaches /Managers Mtg – Tuesday September 23/14 tentative
- Playoff Tournament – March 19-22, 2015

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm