



Nickel District Minor Hockey League

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General Meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2016 Edgar Leclair Hall, Azilda 6:30 pm Minutes

Meeting start time: 6:40pm

1. Presentations:

Welcome from Joe McColeman, president NDMHL

Silver Stick - presentation done by Chantal Levesque. The tournament is fairly full & please confirm with Chantal if your team will be attending. Her e-mail address is on the website.

Fundraising - presentation by Steve Bailey. Steve has put together one folder per team. Each folder contains fundraising possibilities by QSP & Lamontagne Chocolates. Steve's business card and contact information can be found in the folder. He says that cookie dough is by far the best seller.

2. Introduction of Members:

Executive, Directors, Convenors:

Raymond Gagnon, Past President (absent)

Joe McColeman, President, Midget Convenor

Denise Duckett, Vice President

Julie Brassard, Treasurer

Angela Gerling, Secretary

Cookie Campbell, Director, Novice Convenor

Scott Reinguette, Director, PeeWee Convenor Division I

Chantal Levesque, Director, Atom Convenor Division II

Crystal Serre, Director, Bantam Convenor

Josh Torok, Atom Convenor, Division I

We are in need of a PeeWee Division II Convenor. If nobody volunteers then all associations in that division will have their names put in a hat and a name will be pulled.

NOHA Council Directors:

Gayle Payette, District 7

Bruce Killah, District 2

NOHA Referee-in-Chief:

Matt Davie

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting - the minutes are posted on the NDMHL website.

Motion to approve by Chantal Levesque

Second by Julie Brassard

No opposition from the floor

Approved

4. Financial Report - Julie Brassard (Treasurer)

Report given by Julie. Please see attached financial reports that were e-mailed to associations.

Motion to accept by Chantal Levesque

Second by Cookie Campbell

No opposition from the floor.

Approved

The League always attempts to break even. Every second year is more costly because medals and crests are purchased every second year.

5. Report of Team Review Committee – Joe McColeman

The Team Review Committee goes through all of the applications to make sure that associations have the numbers and the right calibre to play in divisions that are requested.

This year 62 teams were declared. And after reviewing them over the summer, there are still 60 teams.

Approximately 99% of teams get approved.

These approved teams pay the fees that cover the operating cost of the league.

This year we are trying to get some AAA teams in for partial schedules.

Also trying to get more North Bay teams but they are having trouble with their numbers.

6. Attendance

Association Presidents Present:

Blind River - Rob Kirchner, President, not in attendance

Elliot Lake - Allyson O'Sullivan, President, not in attendance

Manitoulin - Craig Abbotossaway, President, in attendance

Copper Cliff - Ken Creasey, President, in attendance

Sudbury Minor - Craig Maki, President- not in attendance

Nickel City - Gus Lescault, President, in attendance

West Ferris - Darrell Pitman, President-not in attendance; Jim Lecapelain, Vice President, in attendance

Sudbury Girls - Rob Dyer, President, not present

West Nipissing - Krista Sheppard, President, not present

Changes to League Constitution and Rules and Regulation (2016 AGM)

The changes to the constitution were mostly housekeeping.

The Rules and Regulation can be found on the league website under Administration & Rules and Regulations. It is 8 pages long and everyone is asked to read it and to be familiar with the new fines and suspensions. The new rules are marked in red.

New this year:

Home games- dark jerseys This will allow teams to showcase their 3rd jerseys to the home crowd.

Games will be starting at 5:30, instead of 5pm.

In Novice and Atom levels, 18 home slots are needed in order to schedule 12 games.

In PeeWee and Midget levels, 20 home slots are needed in order to schedule 14 games.

The convenors will only use practice times when absolutely necessary.

Switching games must be approved by the convenor & president. Please see the definitions for rescheduled games and switched games in the rules and regulations.

All teams should be prepared tonight with ice times (game and practice) and black-out dates.

Weather cancellations must be approved.

There is a 14 day rule to reschedule games.

No games will be rescheduled after January 31st.

League Playoff Tournament

This year the Bantam teams will have their own playoffs and will not be included in the year end League Playoff tournament. The Playoff Tournament will be for Novice, Atom and PeeWee teams. It will be held March 23rd-26th at the Carmichael, Azilda and Chelmsford Arenas.

Competition Structure

In Novice there are 8 teams, 3 of them are AA. Should they start with a round robin before dividing them? Teams please talk to your convenors tonight about this.

In Atom I there are 7 teams. Some are minor playing up.

In Atom II there are 9 teams. Some teams are mixed, some are minor A. We will continue to review this as the season goes on.

In PeeWee I there are four AA teams. And AAA minors from Nickel City with a partial schedule. There was no request made by the Sudbury AAA minors.

In PeeWee II these are 11 teams. They can either run through the year against each other or they can be split half way. But either way they will be split for playoffs. The schedule may be slanted if needed. The League needs a PeeWee II convenor.

In Bantam I there are 3 major AA teams. These teams are usually too strong for other Bantam teams.

In Bantam II there are 11 teams. Are there any teams here that could move up to Bantam I?

Bantam I vs Midget- Nickel City and Sudbury have said yes to a partial schedule. North Bay is not sure yet on blending schedules. It will be discussed further with convenors.

Team Reminders

Please see the list of team reminders that was sent out to associations prior to the meeting for information regarding ice time and tournament dates, league fines, OHF suspension list, League suspensions, rescheduling games, game reports and scoresheets.

8. NOHA and Council Directors

Matt Davie (Ref-in-Chief)

Matt is the Referee-in-Chief for Districts 2 and 8.

With Horizon you will now be able to see that your games are properly scheduled.

New Rule Changes:

Linesmen are now able to report to the referee. So if a coach is yelling at the linesmen or if a coach is yelling at a player from another team, the linesmen will report it to the referee and penalties will be awarded.

Slewfooting penalty will be a match penalty.

On the back of every game sheet are new codes. Hopefully these codes will go nation-wide.

The teams can no longer use old score sheets. The coaches and managers are responsible for suspensions. We will need to be patient as the new codes will be hard to deal with for the first little while.

Respect in Sport:

This is a course for all parents.

The coach needs to take responsibility for his parents.

If a parent is disruptive, the referees will not continue the game until the parent has been removed. If need be, arena staff and police will be asked to assist. The parent in question will then need to retake the respect in sport program.

Complaints about Referees:

If there are issues with referees, Matt wants to hear about it. Please send it in writing first and use the 24 hour rule to think about the issue. Then follow up with a phone call. Complaints about reverse abuse are taken very seriously.

No Presentations from the NOHA

9. Nickel City Association pre-season showcase - will not be happening this season.

Also: when it comes to body contact in Bantam, Joe is receiving upwards of 200 e-mails that hits are too hard, too high, too much. There are referees on the ice and it is not a league issue. Coaches need to teach kids how to take a hit so that they don't get hurt. We cannot stop the contact.

The buzzer at curfew. This is a City of Sudbury rule and the teams should not complain to the league about this. The league is also not able to enforce the same buzzer rule in arenas outside of Sudbury.

The scoring stats for Bantam and Midget players is on the website.

The database is an extra service that we give the teams. The Schedule from your convenor is the one that you should use because the database might not always be up-to-date.

10. Teams meet with the convenors

