



**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
92nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
58th ANNUAL MINOR MEETING
MAY 7th, 2011**



1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING

**Moved/Jim Hall – West Ferris
Seconded/Yves Aubin - Timmins**

“That the minutes of the 91st Annual General Meeting and the 57th Annual Minor Meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

2) PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

Bryce Kulik read the President’s Report which is in the Annual Meeting Package.

3) RECEIVING AND READING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Jacqueline Morvan reported the following delegates –135 Rep/Association delegates, 23 House League delegates for a total of 158.

4) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to be read.

5) REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

All reports are in the Annual Meeting Package.

**Moved/Tina DeGrace - Kapuskasing
Seconded/Emile Lavoie – Onaping Falls**

“That the reports of the Executive Committees be approved.”

CARRIED

6) READING OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT

Executive Director, Chris May, gave the Treasurer’s report (in your Annual Meeting package). Jordan Bennett, KPMG, gave the audited financial report for the year ending June 30, 2010.

Moved/Tina DeGrace - Kapuskasing
Seconded/Luc Paquette - Kapuskasing

“That the Treasurer’s Report from the 92nd Annual General Meeting and the 58th Annual Minor Meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

Moved/Tina DeGrace - Kapuskasing
Seconded/Denis Michel - Sudbury

“That the audited financial statement presented by KPMG for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

7) REGISTRATION REPORT

This report is in your Annual Meeting Package.

Moved/Lou Battochio - Schumacher
Seconded/Mike Mulryan - Timmins

“That the registration report be approved.”

CARRIED

8) CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FOR ANY OTHER COMMITTEE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED.

None

9) MOTIONS

Marchy Bruni introduced himself. Welcomed everyone to the Sault. He is a City Councilor. He has coached and also a former SRHA Board Member. Audience will be respectful and well mannered as you are from Northern Ontario. When one person is speaking - be quiet to be able to hear. He will read the motions – speakers will indicate name and association – ask questions – mover will be first speaker. Motions #8 and #14 are for rep votes only. Let us begin.

1-SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**Page 29 – By-Law 2.10 Q) – President Honorarium****Presently reads:**

Q) Expense rates for the travel and meals of Executive Members to attend meetings or functions on behalf of the NOHA shall be set as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL HONORARIUM - \$500/month

CAR TRAVEL RATE - \$.40/km

PER DIEM MEAL RATE - \$45.00/day

PER DIEM MEAL RATE (OUTSIDE NOHA TERRITORY) - \$55.00/day

ACCOMMODATIONS - as invoiced by Motel/Hotel

Change to Read:

Q) Expense rates for the travel and meals of Executive Members to attend meetings or functions on behalf of the NOHA shall be set as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL HONORARIUM - \$600/month

CAR TRAVEL RATE - \$.40/km

PER DIEM MEAL RATE - \$45.00/day

PER DIEM MEAL RATE (OUTSIDE NOHA TERRITORY) - \$55.00/day

ACCOMMODATIONS - as invoiced by Motel/Hotel

Rationale:

The change is for the NOHA President Honorarium. The NOHA President spends many hours each day working on behalf of this organization.

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson

Seconded/John Jamieson - Walden

Hugh Riddle – Garson – this is a simple request - the President is involved for 30 weekends during the year and this includes 3 day weekends - missing time from work – as society changes – he is required 24/7 with cell/blackberry service – vacation dates must be used – missed days

CARRIED

2-SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**Page 29 – By-Law 2.10 Q) – Per Diem Rate (Outside NOHA Territory)****Presently reads:**

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PRESIDENTIAL HONORARIUM - \$500/month
 CAR TRAVEL RATE - \$.40/km
 PER DIEM MEAL RATE - \$45.00/day
 PER DIEM MEAL RATE (OUTSIDE NOHA TERRITORY) - \$55.00/day
 ACCOMMODATIONS - as invoiced by Motel/Hotel

Change to Read:

Q) Expense rates for the travel and meals of Executive Members to attend meetings or functions on behalf of the NOHA shall be set as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL HONORARIUM - \$500/month
 CAR TRAVEL RATE - \$.40/km
 PER DIEM MEAL RATE - \$45.00/day
PER DIEM MEAL RATE (OUTSIDE NOHA TERRITORY) - \$60.00/day
 ACCOMMODATIONS - as invoiced by Motel/Hotel

Rationale:

The costs of attending meetings or events outside of the NOHA territory have been on the rise the last few years. This amount would be in line with the current OHF per diem rates.

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson
Seconded/John Jamieson - Walden

Hugh Riddle - Garson – in line with outside travel practice of the OHF – hockey cuisine in Southern Ontario is more costly

CARRIED

3-SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 29 – By-Law 2.10 Q) – Car Travel Rate

Presently reads:

Q) Expense rates for the travel and meals of Executive Members to attend meetings or functions on behalf of the NOHA shall be set as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL HONORARIUM - \$500/month
 CAR TRAVEL RATE - \$.40/km
 PER DIEM MEAL RATE - \$45.00/day
 PER DIEM MEAL RATE (OUTSIDE NOHA TERRITORY) - \$55.00/day
 ACCOMMODATIONS - as invoiced by Motel/Hotel

Change to Read:

Q) Expense rates for the travel and meals of Executive Members to attend meetings or functions on behalf of the NOHA shall be set as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL HONORARIUM - \$500/month

CAR TRAVEL RATE - **Mileage rate is variable and will fluctuate as per mileage formulas outlined in Fixed Mileage Rate and Variable Mileage Rate formulas as listed in Appendix. (attached) This will be calculated four times per year – January, April, August, October**

PER DIEM MEAL RATE - \$45.00/day

PER DIEM MEAL RATE (OUTSIDE NOHA TERRITORY) - \$55.00/day

ACCOMMODATIONS - as invoiced by Motel/Hotel

Rationale:

In today's market the cost of gas is going up and down on a regular basis and this formula would take into account the current changes in gas prices.

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson

Seconded/John Jamieson - Walden

Hugh Riddle - Garson – this is meant to takes into account the cost of running a vehicle – when the price of gas increases – the mileage rate increases – fair and equitable –

Chris May – North Bay - explained formula – gas costing 136.9/litre – mileage rate would go to .44 per kilometre

CARRIED

4-SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 31 – By-Law 4.7

Presently reads:

B.4.7. At the Annual Meeting and at all Special General Meetings of the NOHA the following delegates shall be admitted with voting privileges, provided they represent a body in good standing with the NOHA:

All NOHA Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams - 1 delegate

All NOHA Minor Teams - 1 delegate

All Associations - 1 delegate

NOHA Board of Directors - 14 delegates

NOHA Director of Officials - 1 delegate

All NOHA Past Presidents - 1 delegate

All Life Members - 1 delegate

That all minor House League Associations who operate independently of any carded association be recognized as an Associate Member of the NOHA and be given voting privileges on all matters pertaining to minor hockey. (1 delegate per association)

NOTE: These minor delegates may vote only on those matters which have an effect on Minor Hockey and the election of Council Directors and Officers.

Persons eligible to vote will be team managers, coaches, or any person registered by letter with the office to represent that team from its district.

That a vote be allowed for each House League Association for a maximum of 6 votes, one vote per age division registered with the NOHA on House League matters only. (Initiation, Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget).

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NOTE: These minor delegates may vote only on those matters which have an effect on Minor Hockey and the election of Council Directors and Officers.

Persons eligible to vote on behalf of Teams listed above will be that Team's Manager(s), Coaches or Trainers registered in the Hockey Canada Registry with the named team that is listed on the delegate certificate or any person from the Teams Association Executive (as stated in the next paragraph).

The Associations Executive list used will be the one submitted to the NOHA Office with the Association membership.

No delegate shall be admitted to the Annual General Meeting unless he/she shall have filed with the Executive Director or their designate, a certificate as issued by the NOHA Office for a specific Team or Association of his/her appointment, signed by the Associations or Single Entry Teams Signing Officer of the team he/she represents, or if representing an Association must be represented by one of its members, and no delegate shall be allowed to represent more than one Team or Association at the same time, and in casting of ballots, no delegate shall cast more than his/her own ballot.

That a vote be allowed for each House League Association for a maximum of 6 votes, one vote per age division registered with the NOHA on House League matters only. (Initiation, Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget).

Rationale:

The NOHA wishes to ensure that people who are attending the NOHA Annual General Meeting are members of the NOHA.

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson
Seconded/John Jamieson - Walden

Hugh Riddle – Garson – this is to ensure that persons in attendance are a member – similar to a political party – those associations' members are NOHA members

Del Weber – Soo Peewee – in general I agree – by August 15th – sent in list – members are appointed after this date – Associations Presidents may appoint executive members up to October 30th – would like a friendly amendment to include this date

Del Weber – Soo Peewee - proposed the following friendly amendment –

Notwithstanding the above, Association Presidents may appoint Executive members as needed by the Association and register them and their position with the NOHA by October 31st. These appointees shall be entitled to vote, as association members, at the NOHA AGM.

Bryan Bunting – Sault Major Hockey – associations within associations – some of us would not be accepted – seems complicated – concerned about getting people to attend

Chris May – North Bay - President can appoint individuals through amended motion

Steve Lauzon – Sudbury – motion on the floor – voting on amended motion - against it – there is a lot of confusion – because of that – people should support voting against motion – go with a friendly amendment – at a later date

Marchy Bruni – Moderator - amendment was accepted by the mover – we can vote on it

Steve Lauzon – Sudbury call a vote on amended motion

Marchy Bruni – Moderator - called a vote on the motion with friendly amendment

CARRIED

5-SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 31 – By-Law 4.8

Presently reads:

At the Annual Minor meeting, each NOHA team and Minor Association shall be entitled to representation by one delegate. No delegate shall be admitted to the Annual Minor meeting unless he/she shall have filed with the Executive Director a certificate of his/her appointment, signed by the President and Manager of the team he/she represents, or if representing an Association must be represented by one of its members, and no delegate shall be allowed to represent more than one Team or Association at the same time, and in casting of ballots, no delegate shall cast more than his/her own ballot.

Change to read:

Delete

Rationale:

The NOHA does not have a specific Minor Meeting anymore and By-Law 4.8 is covered in the NEW By-Law 4.7.

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson

Seconded/John Jamieson – Walden

CARRIED

6-SUBMITTED BY: NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 43 – Regulation 1.26 A.

Presently Reads:

All teams (excepting NOJHL Junior A) registered on HC certificates within the NOHA shall be required to wear or have embossed on the back of their jerseys a standard STOP patch directly above the numbers and below the sponsor/name bar.

Change to Read:

All teams (excepting NOJHL Junior A) registered **in the HCR** within the NOHA shall be required to wear or have embossed on the back of their jerseys a standard STOP patch directly above the numbers and below the sponsor/name bar.

Rationale:

Housekeeping

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson

Seconded/John Jamieson – Walden

CARRIED

7-SUBMITTED BY: NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 49 – Regulation 4.9

Presently Reads:

Teams who have sent in their registration form complete with team name and contact information along with team entry and insurance fees will receive access to the HCR on August 1st.

Junior teams who have sent in their registration form complete with team name and contact information along with team entry and insurance fees will receive access to the HCR on May 15th.

AAA teams who have sent in their registration form complete with team name and contact information along with team entry and insurance fees will receive access to the HCR on May 15th.

Change to Read:

All Teams who have sent in their registration form complete with team name and contact information along with team entry and insurance fees will receive access to the HCR on May 15th.

Rationale:

Now that the NOHA is using the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) all Teams should be allowed access to the HCR as soon as possible to allow for the registration of Staff and Players and the formation of teams.

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson
Seconded/John Jamieson - Walden

Andrew Macdonald - Falconbridge – the HCR is allowing you access sooner – a lot of work needs to be done to begin each season – transfers – residential moves – this will allow associations to begin sooner

CARRIED

8-SUBMITTED BY: NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 55 – Regulation 4.43

Presently Reads:

In zones with “AAA” PeeWee, Midget and/or Bantam teams, no PeeWee, Midget and/or Bantam team, other than a “AAA” team or teams may register a player nor shall any team official ask a player or a parent of a player to commit that player to registering until Labour Day Weekend in any given year.

Change to Read:

Delete

Rationale:

Since we are using the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) the formation of teams is being held up until Labour Day weekend when Associations have access to the HCR on May 15th. This is a three month waiting period.

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson
Seconded/John Jamieson - Walden

Hugh Riddle – Garson - redundant – as long as you have completed and submitted correct forms – you may begin the registration process – would have access beginning May 15th
 Albert Corradini – Sudbury – is there a risk of AA tryouts at the same time as AAA tryouts – OHF mandate indicated – potential for AA tryouts to begin at the same time as AAA tryouts
 Bryce Kulik – Porcupine – regulation brought in from Timmins area – what you are saying is true – we are exempt from the OHF structured tryouts – it is true – tryouts could be at the same time – do you want to start registration in August

CARRIED

9-SUBMITTED BY NIPISSING DISTRICT HOCKEY LEAGUE

Page 55 – Regulation 4.44 - NEW

Presently Reads:

NEW

Amendment:

An Association, on behalf of their registered player, may submit a request to their local league to have a player participate in a lower age division in house league games only. Requests, to the league, will not be permitted beyond January 1.

The player will be permitted to play in a lower age division under the following conditions:

- The majority of the league board members must vote in favour of the player participating in the lower age division.
- This is only permitted for house league players only. Rep players would not be permitted to play down an age category.
- The player is only permitted to move down one age division (e.g. player is Peewee age, therefore, the player can only move down to the Atom age division).
- The player must not be considered a strong player on the team that he/she is going to be playing with.
- Players are not permitted to move down a category so that it provides enough players to create a team. Player movement is only permitted if it provides a benefit to the individual player.
- The name(s) and player number(s) of all overage players must be distributed to all associations that are participating in the league.

The League reserves the right to move any player back up to their proper age category at any time during the season.

Rationale:

Current, NOHA policy does not permit the movement of players down to a lower age category. The problem is that there are a number of participants who do not have the skill level to play with players in their chronological age category. There are a number of reasons for this difference in skill such as medical conditions, player started playing much later than their peers, development delays, etc.

The intent of this rule is to allow players to play with other players that are closer to their skill level. It is not intended to create a loop hole to allow associations to “stack” teams.

If a player is moved down, it is done to allow the player to develop their skills in a positive, safe, and fun environment. Hopefully, it will allow the player to “catch up” to the skill level of their age group, and provide the feeling of success so that they may continue to play hockey for many years to come.

**Moved/Todd Daley – Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association
Seconded/Brian Jolkowski - Englehart**

Hugh Riddle – Garson - asked Mr. Daley which Association he represents

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association - registered as Peewee AAA Association

Bryce Kulik – Porcupine – mover must be from the Association who submitted the motion

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association – we have no one registered from the Nipissing District Hockey League

Bryce Kulik – Porcupine – constitution dictates

Marchy Bruni – Moderator – need a mover and seconder – no representatives – motion cannot move forward

George Suszter – East Nipissing – can a member of the league be the mover?

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association – what you are saying is a league cannot make a motion – has happened before – why this year?

Bryce Kulik – Porcupine – no one from this league is registered

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association – does the seconder have to be from the league – so then our rules do not allow for a league to move a motion – so can someone else from the league put forward a motion at this time

Marchy Bruni – Moderator – not at this time

Motion removed

Motion revisited after Todd Daley of the Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association challenged the Chair during motion #13

Mover/Todd Daley – Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association Secunder/Brian Jolkowski – Englehart

Todd Daley- Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association – thanked the NOHA Executive first – thanks to members from the Sault – Nipissing District League is comprised of 12 Associations from District 5 – a player is significantly behind his age category – impacts the player – players entering at peewee age – cannot compete with players who have been registered for many years – players with medical conditions – must be house league hockey – not in rep hockey – cannot be midget age – only in bantam and below – must be on the weak side of the team – not about making the team stronger – don't move a player down to meet the requirement of number of players – each association knows who the overage player is – what team he is on – the number of the player – coaches in the league rate this player – no bodychecking in novice to midget for last 6 years – lots of teams and players – this is about a team within a league – not for teams not playing in a league – player would be carded in his appropriate age division – player cannot participate in tournaments with his home team

Emile Lavoie – Onaping Falls – likes the idea – friendly amendment – first year player – medical condition – coaches would indicate they must have a player – tournaments – concerned about that

Luc Paquette – Kapuskasing – against motion – 12 year old joining peewee hockey – may not have skill set – bigger in size - stronger – not making it fair with the rest of the atom team

Andrew Macdonald – Falconbridge – against motion – in the past leagues and associations could determine this process – it was abused – it is for all players to participate in a fair manner – there is an NOHA policy in place to address this – decisions based on information provided – it is fair to all

Steve Lauzon – Sudbury – in favour of motion – here for the kids – it is not to cheat – not all kids have the same ability

Pete Thibeault - Coniston – in favour of motion – we had a player with a medical condition – it was refused by the NOHA board – this player did not participate

Luc Paquette – Kapuskasing - allow this player to develop during other age division practices and play games with his proper age group

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Pee wee AAA Association – does not want to accept the friendly amendment – it is not automatic – must provide an explanation

Steve Lauzon – Sudbury - challenged the Chair

Marchy Bruni - Moderator – called vote on original motion

CARRIED

10-SUBMITTED BY BLIND RIVER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 57 – Regulation 5.7

Presently Reads:

The distance in Item R.5.6. shall be determined by the mileage between the corporate limits of two communities over a road which is at all times maintained for motor traffic.

Change to Read:

The distance in Item R.5.6. shall be determined by the mileage between the town centers of the two communities over a road which is at all times maintained for motor traffic.

Rationale:

To amend point of reference to determine the distance between two communities. In some cases, the corporate limits are situated a great distance from the city or town proper.

Moved/Crystal Serre – Blind River Seconded/Robin Galloway – Blind River

Rusty Joncas – Blind River – provincial downsizing – communities have increased corporate boundaries – do not refer to the population – town centres are easily identified – most communities listed as town hall – not to the outer perimeter

Andrew Macdonald – Falconbridge - the boundaries are established – utilized for residence – direction for movement of players – this will create more problems to determining player eligibility – the NOHA boundaries have not been amended based on government changes

Rusty Joncas – Blind River – not district boundaries – population within residential boundaries

Andrew Macdonald - Falconbridge – District 2 – Panache Lake Road – town centre would be Lively – but is actually closer to Espanola – home association would change

Rusty Joncas – Blind River – same boundaries are the same from rep and house league hockey – does not agree – feels we have been to an appeal process on this matter

DEFEATED

11-SUBMITTED BY THESSALON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 57 – Regulation 6.2

Presently Reads:

That the NOHA Permission to Skate form will only be an automatic release when the team receives the signature of either one of the signing officers so named on the team application form of the team or club which the player is a member. Forms must be attached to the player's record in the HCR.

Change to Read:

That the NOHA Permission to Skate form is not an automatic release. The Release form will only be an automatic release when the team receives the signature of either one of the signing officers so named on the team application form of the team or club which the player is a member. Forms must be attached to the player's record in the HCR.

Rationale:

By combining the two forms (Permission to Skate/Release form) as it is currently done creates a very difficult situation for our smaller Associations. NOHA has a separate Permission to Skate form if you are going from Minor to Junior, and we think bringing back the two separate forms for all will make a much easier and streamlined way to not only allow anyone wishing to “skate” for a team (House or otherwise), but will not be a blanket release. Our smaller Associations are struggling trying to hold onto our numbers and this is just one way that would make it a lot simpler for all.

Moved/

Seconded/

Motion cannot move forward – no one in attendance from Thessalon Minor Hockey

12-SUBMITTED BY: NOHA EXECUTIVE**Page 61 – Regulation 7.4****Presently Reads:**

Teams must have a NOHA Player Affiliation Record form duly completed and signed by their Association Signing Officers for each player(s) participating in any game as an affiliated player. The NOHA Player Affiliation Record form must be signed by the Referee for each game this player participates. Teams must also have a copy of the teams approved Affiliation Declaration.

Change to Read:

Teams must have a NOHA Player Affiliation Record form duly completed and signed by the Referee for each game this player participates in. Teams must also have a copy of the teams approved Affiliation Declaration.

Rationale:

Housekeeping

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson
Seconded/John Jamieson – Walden

Hugh Riddle – Garson – housekeeping – forms presented due to HCR and affiliation

CARRIED

13-SUBMITTED BY NIPISSING DISTRICT HOCKEY LEAGUE**Page 68 - Regulation 8.13 - NEW****Presently Reads:**

NEW

Change to Read:

If the NOHA suspends a player, team official, or a game official for longer than 30 days then the person who is suspended shall be given a hearing within 15 days of the suspension being issued.

Rationale:

If a person is going to be suspended for a significant period of time, then the person should be entitled to explain/defend their version of what transpired. The review panel, after consideration, can rescind, reduce, or uphold the suspension.

Moved/
 Seconded/

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Pee wee AAA Association – challenged the Chair
 Marchy Bruni – Moderator - read the motion

Marchy Bruni- Moderator – no mover or seconder for this motion

Del Weber – Soo Pee wee – move to suspend the rules

Todd Daley- Nipissing District Pee wee AAA Association - Motion to suspend the rules – 2/3 majority to suspend the rules – this motion can proceed – any person can make a motion and any person can suspend

Marchy Bruni – Moderator - called for a 5 minute break to refer to the rules

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Pee wee AAA Association – withdrew motion to suspend rules
 Bryce Kulik - Porcupine – after meeting with NOHA Past Presidents they have made a decision – the motions were printed and distributed as submitted – motions should not have been printed – Todd Daley should have been notified of constitution – as no seconder and mover – go back to motion 9 – applause!!

Moved/Todd Daley – Nipissing District Pee wee AAA Association
Seconded/Robert Martin – North Bay & District Pee wee AAA Team

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Pee wee AAA Association – 30 day suspension is very lengthy – should be able to speak

Brent Ralph – Soo Pewee – “shall” should be changed to “may” - amendment to one word

Marchy Bruni – Moderator – would the mover like the motion to stand as is or accept the friendly amendment?

Hugh Riddle – Garson – currently Regulation 15 in the constitution allows for appeals – suspensions – is this to circumvent the appeal process?

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Pee wee AAA Association – it is not meant to circumvent the appeal process – it allows a member to be heard – anything longer than 30 days may never have been heard

Rusty Joncas – Blind River – this applies to suspension in days – not games?

CARRIED

14-SUBMITTED BY COCHRANE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 71 – Regulation 9.17

Presently Reads:

The Tournament of Champions in all categories will be held in the month of March. The schedule will be Novice & Pee wee on the first weekend, Atom & Bantam on the second weekend and Midget on the third weekend.

Requests to host will be received by the Executive Director until June 15th. The total number of entries eligible to attend will be confirmed by December 31st of the current season.

Note: Clubs/Associations that have not participated in the previous season's play-offs may not be eligible to apply to host unless no other requests are received. Associations are only eligible to apply for the category they are carded regardless of what category they played last year.

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Rationale:

There has been a regular yearly scheduling conflict at the Midget NOHA Tournament of Champions for grade 11 and 12 high school students attending school trips out of the country during March Break. Some teams were missing as much as 4 to 5 players. This problem will arise once again next year and for the foreseeable future. This conflict is forcing students to choose between a once in a lifetime school trip or being available for their teammates at the NOHA Tournament of Champions. The conflict is affecting both the level of competition and the final outcome of the tournament.

**Moved/Mathew Belisle - Cochrane
Seconded/Justin Malo - Cochrane**

Darryl Nadeau - Espanola – change if an association cannot host
 Jacqueline Morvan - Kapuskasing – playoffs are in March – some schools organize trips during the March Break – last weekend – NOHA meeting is that weekend – OFSSA championships are that week – 4 playoffs – 20 teams – only 2 teams requested a change this season – 2 weekends in March Break – first weekend affects atom and bantam teams – not every school goes on a trip every year
 Todd Daley – Nipissing District Pee wee AAA Association – on behalf of league – we have our own playoffs in midget hockey on the last weekend in March
 Adam Caughill – Sault Major – in favour of 4th weekend – does not allow parents to take March breaks

CARRIED

15-SUBMITTED BY SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 74 – Regulation 9.30 – NEW

Presently Reads:

NEW

Change to Read:

Host Committees must guarantee that there are sufficient accommodations available for out of town teams attending the Tournament of Champions.

Rationale:

Host committees in the past send out a list of available hotels/motels etc in their town. When teams call and try to book the rooms they are told the hotel/motel are not accepting hockey teams.

Moved/Adam Caughill – Sault Ste. Marie
Seconded/Sandra Harpe – Sault Ste. Marie

Adam Caughill – Sault Ste. Marie – motion submitted to Executive – several times a centre is awarded a tournament and not sufficient accommodations or hotels will not accept hockey teams
 Bryce Kulik - Porcupine – against motion – this will eliminate small communities from hosting TOCs – only the 4 major centres can guarantee rooms
 Mike Landry – Soo Peewee – Tournament of Champions hosted in Temiskaming Shores – well run – called in December for rooms – nothing available – were advised of a hotel later – it was less than adequate – number of rooms available was not adequate – closest hotel was Kirkland Lake – that is 45 minutes away

CARRIED**16-SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE****Page 74 – Regulation 10.8****Presently Reads:**

The maximum fees for officials under the one referee and two linesmen system for each game including overtime, shall be:

CATEGORY	REGULAR		PLAY-OFF	
	REFEREE	LINESMEN	REFEREE	LINESMEN
Junior	\$83.00	\$50.00	\$93.00	\$55.00
Juvenile	\$43.00	\$28.00	\$53.00	\$33.00
Major Midget AAA	\$49.00	\$32.00	\$59.00	\$37.00
Midget	\$33.00	\$23.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Bantam AAA	\$38.00	\$24.00	\$43.00	\$26.00
Bantam	\$28.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$22.00
Peewee AAA	\$33.00	\$21.00	\$38.00	\$23.00
Peewee	\$23.00	\$17.00	\$25.00	\$19.00
Atom	\$18.00	\$14.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Novice	\$18.00	\$14.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

Change to Read:

The maximum fees for officials under the one referee and two linesmen system for each game including overtime, shall be:

2011-2012

CATEGORY	REGULAR		PLAY-OFF	
	REFEREE	LINESMEN	REFEREE	LINESMEN
Junior	\$83.00	\$50.00	\$93.00	\$55.00
Juvenile	\$44.00	\$29.00	\$54.00	\$34.00
Major Midget AAA	\$50.00	\$33.00	\$60.00	\$38.00
Midget	\$34.00	\$24.00	\$36.00	\$26.00
Bantam AAA	\$39.00	\$25.00	\$44.00	\$27.00
Bantam	\$29.00	\$21.00	\$31.00	\$23.00
Peewee AAA	\$34.00	\$22.00	\$39.00	\$24.00
Peewee	\$24.00	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$20.00
Atom	\$19.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$16.00
Novice	\$19.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$16.00

2012-2013

CATEGORY	REGULAR		PLAY-OFF	
	REFEREE	LINESMEN	REFEREE	LINESMEN
Junior	\$83.00	\$50.00	\$93.00	\$55.00
Juvenile	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$55.00	\$35.00
Major Midget AAA	\$51.00	\$34.00	\$61.00	\$39.00
Midget	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$37.00	\$27.00
Bantam AAA	\$40.00	\$26.00	\$45.00	\$28.00
Bantam	\$30.00	\$22.00	\$32.00	\$24.00
Peewee AAA	\$35.00	\$23.00	\$40.00	\$25.00
Peewee	\$25.00	\$19.00	\$27.00	\$21.00
Atom	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$22.00	\$17.00
Novice	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$22.00	\$17.00

Rationale:

An increase of \$1.00 per game across all levels – excluding Junior A – for the next two seasons. Since 1998-1999 there has been a steady decrease of officials. We have gone from 837 Officials during that season to a total of 742 Officials registered during the 2010-2011 season.

While this shows a difference of 95 Officials, there are close to 200 Officials who do not return each season, with another 200 who start officiating in any given year. Some leave to attend school and others for work, but a significant number leave because of verbal abuse.

We need to keep our Officials and maintain the numbers required to officiate the thousands of games played within the NOHA each season. It costs new Officials close to \$300.00 to start officiating, and their registration costs rose last season because of HST and online clinic registration.

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson
Seconded/John Jamieson - Walden

John Jamieson – Walden – vote in favour
 Bryan Bunting – Sault Ste. Marie – if a \$1.00 an hour will keep them – good luck – fee structure for 2 man system – very inconsistent – something should be established

CARRIED

17-SUBMITTED BY SOO PEEWEE HOCKEY LEAGUE

Page 75 – Regulation 10.11

Presently Reads:

The official game report of each game shall be sent to the Executive Director of the NOHA within twenty-four (24) hours by the referee.

Change to Read:

The official game report of each game containing any penalty meriting a suspension under the OHF Minimum Suspension List shall be sent to the Executive Director of the NOHA within twenty-four (24) hours by the Referee.

Rationale:

This will change the present NOHA constitutional article to mirror the actual practice followed from the last 35 years to the present day.

Moved/Del Weber – Soo Peewee Hockey
Seconded/Brent Ralph – Soo Peewee Hockey

Del Weber – Soo Peewee Hockey – friendly amendment – after OHF Minimum Suspension List “or describing any severe injury”

Mover and Seconder agreed

Del Weber – Soo Peewee Hockey – some centres send in all game sheets – only those for suspension or injury are submitted – every game sheet would be submitted to the office
 Hugh Riddle - Garson – the NOHA uses the game sheets to track certain behaviours – 10 minute misconducts – friendly amendment – delete “meriting a suspension”

Mover and Seconder agreed

Amended motion reads as follows:

The official game report of each game containing any penalty under the OHF Minimum Suspension List or describing any severe injury shall be sent to the Executive Director of the NOHA within twenty-four (24) hours by the Referee.

CARRIED

18-SUBMITTED BY ONAPING FALLS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 77 – Regulation 11.15 – NEW

Presently Reads:

NEW

Change to Read:

All teams or groups within the NOHA under the house league umbrella must play non body checking.

Rationale:

This is Recreational hockey and study after study has shown the increase risk of injury with body checking. Let's make it safer for kids who just want to have fun.

**Moved/Emile Lavoie – Onaping Falls
Seconded/Chantale Ricard – Onaping Falls**

Emile Lavoie – Onaping Falls – want to confirm the OHF rules – no bodychecking in the OHF – is motion redundant?

Hugh Riddle – Garson – everything you said is true – the OHF Minor Council approved this – some grey areas – some have asked for an exemption

Bill Bowman - OHF – read minutes from meeting – Member Partners – some have house league and local league hockey – OMHA has asked for an exemption – Member Partners have agreed – house league select hockey – no bodychecking – read OHF motion –

Effective the 2011 – 2012 season body checking will be removed from all age divisions of House League and House League Select hockey.

Wayne Pries – OMHA – local league is a league made up of small towns – 20 players in an age division – representative teams must have 8 players registered and can affiliate 8 players to a house league team – if eliminated bodychecking in local league then players would be playing non-bodychecking in one game and then bodychecking in the next game – requested an exemption

Bryce Kulik – Porcupine – only the OMHA is exempt?

Bill Bowman – OHF – nobody is exempt

Bryce Kulik – Porcupine – no bodychecking in house league in the rest of the OHF

Emile Lavoie – Onaping Falls – so the NOHA will follow OHF rules

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association – what happens if defeated?

Hugh Riddle – Garson – you will have to follow OHF rules – it would appear in NOHA constitution

CARRIED

19-SUBMITTED BY SUDBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 80 – Regulation 13.3

Presently Reads:

Teams (house league and representative) wishing to participate in tournaments, must apply in writing for a LETTER OF PERMISSION to the NOHA Executive Director and enclose the following fees:

Tournament within the NOHA - \$10.00

Tournament outside the NOHA - \$10.00

Changes in these rates are only valid when passed at an Annual Meeting.

Letter of Permission requests must be submitted to the NOHA office two (2) weeks prior to the tournament (original request with payment). Letter of Permission requests received after this may be subject to an additional charge of \$25.00.

Change to Read: ADD:

Only AAA carded teams may apply to attend AAA tournaments. Teams carded AA-D may apply to attend any tournaments other than House League and AAA.

Rationale:

Historically the existing provision of travel permits to allow teams carded below the AAA level to compete in AAA tournaments had been used judiciously to allow occasional stronger teams at the AA and A levels to seek periodic competition at the AAA level. However, this allowance is now being systematically abused. The availability of permits is now being used specifically to help recruit and promote the formation of “elite teams” at AA and A levels with the intent of circumventing the existing AAA systems that exist. These actions have negatively impacted the competitive balance of leagues that teams participate in at all carded levels. The proposed change in provision of travel permits will encourage participants to play at the carded levels which match their ability. This will serve to maintain the competitive balance in leagues that support teams at all carded levels including AAA, AA, A, etc. and help preserve a level of reasonable competition for all players on teams participating in leagues and subsequent NOHA playdowns.

Moved/Albert Corradini - Sudbury

Seconded/Tammy Simpson - Sudbury

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – thank you - when motion was introduced by the NOHA previously we voted against it – in the absence of AAA cards in age divisions – minor peewee – minor bantam teams have the ability to take a team to AAA tournaments - programs are marketed to circumvent the rules – we have talked about moving players down – a hockey summit – kids do

not want to play in leagues where select teams are attending tournaments – number of teams decreasing - backing out of TOCs – if a team is consistently winning by a large margin – everyone knows it – game clocks are running due to scores – do not want something to happen on the ice – kids playing AAA tournaments are not carded as such – teams playing in higher caliber within leagues – if we want to protect all levels – this must be included

Adam Caughill – Sault Ste. Marie – would not allow AA teams to participate in AAA tournaments – not opposed in theory – would vote against it

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – would entertain an amendment

Guy Losier – Hearst – NOHA should run Sudbury MHA – let the tournament committees decide who they invite – will hurt us – against motion – if a tournament wants you to attend – that is fine

Spence Coutu – Sault Ste. Marie – atom AA teams – attend atom AAA tournaments – also attend AA tournaments – would hurt atom team – against motion

George Parsons – Sault Ste. Marie – friendly amendment – include bantam and midget teams – does not include peewee and atom teams

Darren Potvin – Kapuskasing – in favour of motion – it is a recruiting tool – AAA league has suffered – to ice the best team is to have the best players available – we are a AAA team playing in a AAA league

Michelle Cundari – North Bay - bantam and peewee leagues suggest a friendly amendment – only AAA carded teams if there is not an established AAA league

“AAA tournaments if there is not an established AAA league” (remove from “any tournaments to and AAA”

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – friendly amendment - for age division – would impact midget teams – would allow minor midget

Gus Lescault - Valley East - allowing clubs not having a AAA league to participate in tournaments

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – understand this – affect midget and bantam – how can we work this – it is to protect all teams

Chris May reread motion with amendment

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – would accept midget only – concerned about effect on leagues

George Parsons – Sault Ste. Marie – amend friendly amendment – to include midget teams only

Guy Losier – Hearst – stop adding barriers

Bob McLean – GNML – try playing hockey in Ontario

Chris May reread motion

Albert Corradini - Sudbury – called for a 2 minute recess

Only AAA carded teams may apply to attend AAA tournaments. Teams carded AA –D may apply to attend any tournaments other than House League and AAA. This would effect midget teams only.

Guy Losier - Hearst – no AA league to play in – no one will travel to Hearst – we are in survival mode – please don’t take that away from us

Motion presented –

Only AAA carded teams may apply to attend AAA tournaments. Teams carded AA-D may apply for exemptions to be granted by application to the NOHA Board to attend any tournaments other than house league.

Marchy Bruni – Moderator – called vote

DEFEATED

20-SUBMITTED BY: NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 80 – Regulation 13.5

Presently Reads:

A tournament sanction permit will be issued only to the Minor Hockey organization which is the recognized governing body in a centre and which is affiliated with the NOHA. The sanction fees, a copy of the tournament rules, and a copy of the invitation must accompany your application into the NOHA office 60 days prior to the tournament. A copy of the proposed tournament schedule must be forwarded to the NOHA office and the Council Director 10 days prior to the start of the tournament. All tournaments (house league and rep) are required to submit a financial reconciliation to the NOHA office thirty (30) days after the completion of the tournament. Tournament hosts must also submit all game sheets and tournament permits issued to the NOHA office with their reconciliation. All tournaments are required to check the cards of the players and staff of each team participating to verify their eligibility. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a fine of \$100.00 and may result in refusal of future tournament sanction permits.

If a sanctioned tournament changes anything on the tournament application that has already been approved, they must send the revised invitation and rules and regulations to all teams that have applied to notify them of the changes and allow them to withdraw with no penalty imposed.

Change to Read:

A tournament sanction permit will be issued only to the Minor Hockey organization which is the recognized governing body in a centre and which is affiliated with the NOHA. The sanction fees, a copy of the tournament rules, and a copy of the invitation must accompany your application into the NOHA office 60 days prior to the tournament. A copy of the proposed tournament schedule must be forwarded to the NOHA office and the NOHA Council Director ten (10) days prior to the start of the tournament. All tournaments (house league and rep) are required to submit a **tournament** reconciliation to the NOHA office thirty (30) days after the completion of the tournament. Tournament hosts must also submit all game sheets, tournament permits, **final game schedule and HCR approved rosters** to the NOHA office with their reconciliation. All tournaments are required to check the **HCR approved rosters** of each team participating to verify their eligibility. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a fine of \$100.00 and may result in refusal of future tournament sanction permits.

Rationale:

To remove reference to a ``financial reconciliation`` - the NOHA office does not require this information – it is a tournament reconciliation only to identify teams who attended from outside

the Branch (OHF). Also, now that the NOHA is on the HCR, teams should be presenting their roster to the host tournament for verification with their tournament permit.

Moved/Hugh Riddle - Garson
Seconded/John Jamieson - Walden

Hugh Riddle – Garson – housekeeping
 Emile Lavoie – Onaping Falls – rosters should be provided

CARRIED

21-SUBMITTED BY NIPISSING DISTRICT HOCKEY LEAGUE

Page 90 – Regulation 15.18

Presently Reads:

To appeal, a team, Association, or individual must appeal in writing. The submission is to specify the decision being appealed, or lack of decision, the grounds for appeal and the facts supporting the appeal. It is to be concise and contain all pertinent information regarding the appeal. The appeal must be filed with the N.O.H.A. Executive Director and be accompanied by a \$200 appeal fee which is non- refundable.

Amendment:

The appeal must be filed with the N.O.H.A. Executive Director and be accompanied by a \$100.00 appeal fee. The fee is refundable if the person(s) win their appeal.

Rationale:

The appeals process is in place to adjudicate disputes amongst NOHA members. The \$200.00 non-refundable fee acts as a deterrent from using the appeal process to resolve problems. The fee should be in place to cover expenses not act as a deterrent.

Moved/Todd Daley – Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association
Seconded/Dan Gagne – West Nipissing

Todd Daley – Nipissing District Peewee AAA Association – have spoken to many people – will withdraw motion – will bring forward next year

WITHDRAWN

10) ANNUAL MEETING

Schumacher Day MHA has requested to host the AGM in 2012
 Lou Battochio – will do the best we can – will get back to you in a couple of weeks
 Lou Battochio - we are here for the betterment of hockey and for the kids – it is not just AAA and AA hockey – we have many players to register

11) GENERAL BUSINESS

Bryce Kulik – would anyone like to discuss anything

12) ELECTIONS

Chris May introduced the NOHA Executive for the 2011-12 season (second year of a 2 year term)

Past President – Dick Prescott
 President – Bryce Kulik
 First Vice President – Hugh Riddle
 Second Vice President – John Jamieson
 Third Vice President – Andrew Macdonald
 District 2 – Claudette Myre
 District 4 – Fred Burrows
 District 6 – Mel Mousseau
 District 8 – George Staszak

Districts up for election – will be in place for next 2 years (2011-12 & 2012-13)

District 1 – Ted Zajac – accepted
 District 3 – Dan Raycroft – accepted
 District 5 – will follow constitution – Associations will be contacted
 District 7 – Tom Moffat – Manitowaning – withdrew
 Mike Payette – letter – accepted
 District 9 – Jacqueline Morvan - accepted

13) ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Lou Battochio - Schumacher
Seconded/Mike Mulryan - Timmins

“To adjourn the meeting.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm