

Nanaimo Oldtimers Hockey League

Directors Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2017

29 Members present

Meeting called to order by Doug Tyce at 655pm

*** Quick acknowledgement by Doug Tyce to verbally thank Ian Monk (already departed) for his past service and dedication to NOHL

No minutes were recorded from previous meeting (February 23, 2017)

Donation (\$500.00) to Nanaimo Minor Hockey – assist players who need financial assistance - Carried

Election of 2017-2018 Executive - all 7 were elected by acclamation

President – Jeff Boehm

Secretary – Chris Chanin

Treasurer – Doug Tyce

VP 55 Division – Brent Wetmore

VP 45 Division – Chris Wright

VP 35 Division – Chris Davies

VP REC Division – Mark Ennis

Donation request –Trevor Ferguson (2017 Ride to Conquer Cancer)

Previous NOHL Executive members and players have passed away with cancer, still thinking of them. Discussion determined that this request did not fall within the NOHL mandate. Players can donate privately to this worthy cause

Motion Denied

New Teams/Teams folding/amalgamating by May 1st

55 Division – good overall

45 Shooters confirmed now confirmed to play next season

45 Senators not confirmed to play yet (now confirmed day after meeting)

35 Division – Spartans unsure at this time

REC Division – 26ers and Brewsers have folded - a new team playing next season

Age Eligibility for 35+ Division

Underage players must be 33 years old by May 31st of the current season. Allowed 3 underage players per roster per team and only 3 underage players per game

Motion Carried

Minimum 10 FULL TIME players confirmed roster by July 15th

\$2,500 advance payment by July 15th – 1st half team fees

Motion

Carried – 15 to 10

Ice Times for Next Season

VIU will be having a team next year - no more Saturday night games for 45/35 Divisions

55 Division - no 945pm games, 40 game schedule

45 Division - 40 game schedule

35 Division - 35 game schedule (as requested by team reps)

REC Division – 30-32 game schedule (depending on # of teams)

Discipline Committee make up

Should we have separate committee, have a representative from each Division to discuss incident except NO REP from Division where incident occurred. President to sit on Division Committee as well

\$100 Appeal Fee for players that do not agree with Discipline Committee decision, then matter goes before Executive Committee for final determination

Discipline Committee must have overall same members to ensure consistency in process, continue to discuss this process for vote and would like to implement this season

REC Division - Referee pay rate

The need for higher skill level referees to be able to keep up with and control REC Division games as these games are more competitive

Email from Chris Briggs: possible Referee in Chief for each division? Should there be a pay increase for better Referees for REC Division only?

Mark Ennis to create a proposal on how to attract and engage higher qualified referees for REC Division and submit for review

REC Division to pay any extra costs for higher qualified referees

Timekeepers

45/35 and REC from survey conducted was if Referees like it, then keep it going

Timekeepers were on a trial basis and will need to be voted on again

Motion made by Andre St Arnault, 2nd by Jim Ethier - to keep timekeepers for all Divisions – Carried

RED penalties (delete high sticking and add goaltender interference ??)

Overall, most divisions liked RED Penalties, individual teams and players may not

RED penalties designed to get rid of tough penalties

** High sticking is anything above the waist

Goaltender interference should be added to list

RED Penalties in REC Division should be carried over into next season possible so players can play in playoffs?

RED Penalty punishment should be on sliding scale - more punishment for more RED penalties

RED Penalties are good for Discipline Committee for tracking offenders and baseline of punishment

Penalty shot to be awarded in last couple of minutes of game instead of referee issuing a penalty as teams try to delay going to penalty box and causing the clock to run out on purpose

Complaints of inconsistency of referees calling RED penalties.

Complaints of players being kept out of games because they may have too many RED penalties.

Players in the league are expected to play safely, if players have problems keeping their sticks down and getting RED penalties, then may be the suspect players who should change their behavior on the ice.

There could be a reward system for the team that has the fewest RED Penalties at $\frac{3}{4}$ mark through season. Collect \$5.00 from each player from each Division, the team with the least amount of RED penalties gets total amount of collected money

Overall RED Penalties good, just may need to be tweaked.

Motion made by Andre St Arnault, 2nd by Mark Ennis – to keep RED penalties but tweak them for next season – Carried

RED penalty (cross checking – double minor) 2 RED penalties to be revisited

Ice rental rates will most likely to go up next year, we have budgeted 7% increase in team fees for next season at this time - Robin will confirm increase at City of Nanaimo ice user groups meeting in June

Team fees were \$185.00 per game, will increase to \$195.00-200.00 per game – again will confirm accurate team fees after ice user groups meeting in June

A survey was done on hourly rental rates for Vancouver Island, Nanaimo rates are currently near the lowest on the Island - City will no doubt be asking for more money from the ice user groups

Referee in Chief Discussion

Referee in Chief to be appointed

Role with NOHL to be revisited

Need to have NOHL and referees working together harmoniously

In Camera – Administrator pay

New Business from Floor

Recommend that each Division hold at least (3) meetings per year with each other to help identify any Divisional concerns or bring new ideas to the Executive

Is the spare board list working? – yes

Penalty shot last (2) minutes – further discussion

Maybe goaltender fee should be paid to league rather than teams not collecting from them – consensus – no, each team to decide on how to charge their goalie

Extra couple of minutes for warm up to prevent injury – (5) minutes adequate time if players get on ice at start of game time

Possible stop time – further discussion

Adjourn Meeting at 833pm - Carried