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**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
96th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
62nd ANNUAL MINOR MEETING
MAY 2nd, 2015**

1) APPROVAL OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Moved/Ted Zajac – South Porcupine
Seconded/Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine

“That the minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting and the 61st Annual Minor Meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

2) PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

John Jamieson read the President’s Report which is in the Annual Meeting Package.

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

Dick Farrow announced that there were 66 Representative Associations and 9 House league Associations present, for a total of 75.

4) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to be read.

5) REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

All reports are in the Annual Meeting Package.

6) READING OF TREASURER’S REPORT



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Derek D'Angelo of KPMG presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as outlined in the Annual Meeting Package. Jason Marchand outlined future accounts and where funds would be allocated.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Fred Burrows – Englehart

“That the Treasurer's Report for the 96th Annual General Meeting and the 62nd Annual Minor Meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

7) MOTIONS

1. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 15 – Constitution - #9

Presently Reads:

The Constitution of the NOHA shall not be altered except at the Annual Meeting, and notice of proposed alterations shall be given to the Executive Director in writing by eligible voting members (i.e. teams in good standing, league association and NOHA executives), four weeks before the day of the meeting, and he/she shall forthwith notify the secretaries of the various teams and members of the Board of Directors of the proposed changes. An amendment of the Constitution shall be made only at the Annual Meeting and by two-thirds majority of the members voting thereon.

Change to Read:

The Constitution of the NOHA shall not be altered except at the Annual Meeting, and notice of proposed alterations shall be given to the Executive Director in writing by eligible voting members (i.e. teams in good standing, league association and NOHA executives), **by February 1st prior to each Annual Meeting** and he/she shall forthwith notify the secretaries of the various teams and members of the Board of Directors of the proposed changes. An amendment of the Constitution shall be made only at the Annual Meeting and by two-thirds majority of the members voting thereon.



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Rationale:

Housekeeping. By-Law 4.9., which refers to the timeline for submission of notices of resolutions, was changed to February 1st at the 2013 NOHA Annual General Meeting. The change is to ensure consistent wording and timelines throughout the NOHA Constitution.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED

2. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 25-26 – By-Law 2.1 (Paragraph 8)

Presently Reads:

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If necessary, a Director may be appointed to that area by the Executive in consultation with the Associations, Teams and Clubs in the District.

Only members from the District shall be entitled to vote for the Director that will represent the District. Sitting members of the NOHA Board of Directors, NOHA Past Presidents, NOHA Life Members and the NOHA Director of Officials shall be entitled to vote for the Director in the District where they reside only. In case of a tie vote, the scrutineers will advise the NOHA President who will cast the deciding vote. In Districts that are represented by a Vice-President,



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there will also be a Council Director elected. If necessary, a Director may be appointed to that area by the Executive in consultation with the teams and clubs in the District. Council Directors to be elected bi-annually by ballot.

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Rationale:

The Vice Presidents' term is 3 years, therefore this change will reflect what happens should a Vice President resign during their first or second year of their term.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED



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The nominations must be in the hands of the Executive Director by **March 15th** prior to each Annual Meeting.

Rationale:

To provide more time for nominations of NOHA Board of Directors positions to be submitted.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED

4. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 25 By-Law 2.1 (A)

Presently Reads:

The office of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and 3rd Vice President shall be elected for a three year term.

Council Directors for Districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be elected in odd years for a two (2) year term and Council Directors for Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 will be elected for a two (2) year term on even years.



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Note: Changes affecting Officer positions from an Annual General Meeting will come into effect on June 30th of that year.

Rationale

Need definition to Officer Terms and when they end as there are commitments that may run beyond the NOHA AGM, such as OHF Meetings, Hockey Canada Meetings and OHF Member Partner meetings for which travel arrangements have already been made.

Moved/Hugh Riddle – Garson
Seconded/Ted Zajac – South Porcupine

CARRIED

5. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 27 – By-Law 2.7

Presently Reads:

The President of the NOHA shall be the official representative of the NOHA on the Executive Committee of the OHF.

NOTE: The retiring President, unless defeated in the election at the immediate preceding NOHA Annual Meeting, shall continue as a member of the Executive Committee of the NOHA until June 30th following the expiry of his/her term as President.

Change to Read:

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Rationale:

Note removed. The President only serves one term so the wording is not correct.

Moved/Hugh Riddle – Garson
Seconded/Ted Zajac – South Porcupine

CARRIED

6. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 29 By-Law 2.10 (M)

Presently Reads:

No members of the Board of Directors shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors or on any committees in connection with any protest or question involving, directly or indirectly, the team or club representing the community it represents, nor shall any member of the Board of Directors be eligible to vote on any question raised by or affecting the team, club or affiliates representing the community he/she represents.

Change to Read:

Delete

Rationale:

Provides an opportunity for members of the Board of Directors to provide insight within their District.

Moved/Hugh Riddle – Garson
Seconded/Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury

Mike Landry – Soo Peewee – Believe if there is a conflict of interest between the board member and the association there could be a problem. Would suggest this not pass.

Craig Abotossaway – Manitoulin Panthers – Think the regulation is written incorrectly. Director should be allowed to provide insight, but once it comes to the vote they should not be eligible.

Hugh Riddle – Garson – Board is trying to protect the membership by allowing the director to represent them. Council Directors would have to declare any conflict of interest and abstain for the vote.



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Matt Cavaliere – Sault Major – If you allow the director to speak, his bias may sway the vote even if he doesn't not vote.

Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury – Speak in favour, been a Council Director for this year. For me to represent my district properly you need to be able to speak for them and represent the area.

CARRIED

7. -SUBMITTED BY SAULT MAJOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 29 By-Law 2.10 (N)

Presently Reads:

Members of the Board of Directors shall neither be eligible to officiate at games involving NOHA teams nor hold office as a signed card holder of any NOHA team and shall not be an elected or appointed Member of any Association, team, club or league within the NOHA.

Change to Read:

Members of the Board of Directors shall neither be eligible to **be on-ice Officials** involving NOHA teams nor hold office as a signed card holder of any NOHA team and shall not be an elected or appointed Member of any Association, team, club or league within the NOHA.

Rationale:

Because only on-ice officials have the final say in games, this change should help fill vacancies on the NOHA Board, without causing any deleterious effect, since it will allow those who sometimes act as timekeepers or scorekeepers to run for a position on the NOHA Board.

Moved/Del Weber – Sault Major
Seconded/Matt Cavaliere – Sault Major

CARRIED

8. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 29 By-Law 2.10 (Q)Presently Reads:

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

PRESIDENTIAL HONORARIUM - \$600/month



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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. This will be calculated four time per year – January, April, August and October.

PER DIEM RATE - \$50.00/day

PER DIEM RATE (OUTSIDE NOHA TERRITORY) - \$60.00/day

Change to Read:

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PER DIEM RATE - **\$60.00/day**

PER DIEM RATE (OUTSIDE NOHA TERRITORY) - **\$70.00/day**

Rationale:

This will assist in covering the cost of a Board member's participation.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED

9. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 33 – By-Law 4.9

Presently Reads:

Notices of Resolutions and Nominations must be in the hands of the Executive Director by February 1st prior to each Annual Meeting.

Change to Read:

Notices of Resolutions must be in the hands of the Executive Director by February 1st prior to each Annual Meeting. Nominations must be in the hands of the Executive Director by March 15th prior to each Annual Meeting.



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Rationale:

If the proposed change to By-Law 2.1. is approved, this By-Law will also need to be updated to reflect the March 15 date for NOHA Board of Director nominations.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED

10. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 44 Regulation 1.19

Presently Reads:

No team or player shall be permitted to play exhibition games within the permission of their NOHA Council Director. Permission must be obtained 48 hours in advance of the scheduled game time.

Change to Read:

No player or team shall be permitted to play exhibition games without the permission of their NOHA Council Director. Permission must be obtained 48 hours in advance of the scheduled game **or 7 days in the case where an NOHA team is playing a team from outside of the NOHA. It will be the responsibility of the home team to make the request to their Council Director.**

Rationale:

This is to bring the regulation up to the current practice where non-NOHA teams are being played. This change will also reduce the amount of paperwork since the Council Director will only have to approve a game once or only one Council Director having to approve the game. The home Council Director will confirm approval with the other Council Director (if from another District) and inform both teams and the Referee-in-Chief of his/her approval.

Moved/Hugh Riddle – Garson
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda

Del Weber – Sault Major – Will this make more time and paperwork for teams in the Sault when they play games against teams in Michigan?



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Hugh Riddle – Garson – When playing teams outside the NOHA, the NOHA Office has to check with the governing body of the team to make sure there are no issues. If the team is coming here it needs to be submitted to the NOHA 7 days prior.

Del Weber – Sault Major – Only concern is the time. 7 days seems like a long amount of time.

Claudette Myre – Azilda – The current time is 14 days, so the time is being reduced.

CARRIED

11. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 44-45 – Regulation 1.20

Presently Reads:

The Hockey Trainers Certification Program (HTCP) Level One Clinic or HTCP Level One Online Certification Program, must be achieved by at least one carded official of each team (Rep and House League) in the NOHA and anyone who signs as a Trainer must have at least Level One of the HTCP. HTCP certification expires every three years on August 1st. The certification expiry date is to be noted on the participants' certification card.

Participants wishing to obtain Level II status (see Development Programs for eligible credentials) must submit their request along with the registration fee of \$5.00 + HST to the NOHA Office by October 31 of the current season.

Participants wishing to re-certify their HTCP Level One online must do so by October 31 of the current season.

Change to Read:

The Hockey Trainers Certification Program (HTCP) Level One Clinic or HTCP Level One Online Certification Program, must be achieved by at least one carded official of each team (AA and below and House League) in the NOHA and anyone who signs as a Trainer must have at least Level One of the HTCP. HTCP Level One certification expires every three years on August 1st. The certification expiry date is to be noted on the participants' certification card. **The HTCP Level Two (or higher) must be achieved by anyone who signs as a Trainer for all AAA and Junior A teams.** Participants wishing to obtain Level II status (see Development Programs for eligible credentials) must submit their request along with the registration fee of \$5.00 + HST to the NOHA Office by October 31 of the current season.

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A recommendation from the Elite Hockey Review that has been suspended by the members of the Committee to be implemented for 2015/2016.

Moved/Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED

12. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 45 – Regulation 1.21.

Presently Reads:

The Hockey Canada CBET NCCP Development 1 or higher clinic must be completed by all Coaches and Assistant Coaches, Novice and above, who are registered on teams at the Representative level and all Coaches and Assistant Coaches, Atom and above, who are registered on teams at the House League level. Each team must have at least one certified Coach on their team. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed the Hockey Canada Coaches Program Coach Level or higher.

Change to Read:

All Head Coaches that coach teams in the divisions of Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midget teams at the representative level, with the exception of Head Coaches at the Bantam AAA and Midget AAA level, must be Development 1 “Certified”. All Assistant Coaches must be Development 1 “Trained”. See the glossary for a definition of “Certified” and “Trained”.

Rationale:

To follow the Hockey Canada Coach Certification Requirements. See the enclosed for detailed explanation.

Moved/Hugh Riddle – Garson
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda

Friendly Amendment Proposed - All Head Coaches that coach teams in the divisions of Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midget teams at the representative level, with the exception of Head Coaches at the Bantam AAA and Midget AAA level, must be Development 1 “Certified”. All Assistant Coaches must be either Development 1 “Trained”, High Performance 1 “Trained” or High Performance 1 “Certified”.



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CARRIED AS AMENDED

13. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 45 – Regulation 1.23

Presently Reads:

The Hockey Canada Initiation Program Instructors Clinic must be completed by all on-ice personnel involved with teams in the divisions of Novice House League and below.

Change to Read:

All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches that coach teams in the division of Initiation must be Intro to Coach “Trained”.

Rationale:

To follow the Hockey Canada Coach Certification Requirements. Removed Novice House League Coaches from the Regulation and change the name of the certification.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

Chantal Gerrard – West Nipissing – Requested clarification on Certified and Trained
Andrew Corradini – Trained is just attending the clinics. Certified depends on the clinic, there are different post tasks that need to be completed. All coaches at this level would just have to attend a clinic.

Chantal Gerrard – West Nipissing –Prior to 2004 what would they need to have
Andrew – Would depend on the clinic, would need to look at their profile. Everyone as of August 2014 is certified, if the clinic was taken after that they would need to complete the certification requirements if their position requires it.

CARRIED

14. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – Regulation 1.31



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Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches that coach teams in the divisions of Novice and Atom, Representative and House League, and Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget House League must be Coach Level “Trained.” All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches that are Development 1 “Trained” as of May, 2015 must take the Hockey University – Online Coach 1/2 to become Coach Level “Trained”.

Rationale:

To follow the Hockey Canada Coach Certification Requirements. See the enclosed for detailed explanation.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Ted Zajac – South Porcupine

Friendly Amendment Proposed – **All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches that coach teams in the divisions of Novice and Atom, Representative and House League, and Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget House League must be Coach Level “Trained.” All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches that are Development 1 “Trained” as of May 2015 will be grandfathered to Coach Level “Trained”.**

Moved/Hugh Riddle – Garson
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda

CARRIED AS AMENDED

15. **–SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE**

NEW – Regulation 1.32

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:



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All Head Coaches coaching teams in the divisions of Bantam AAA and Midget AAA must be High Performance 1 “Certified.” All Assistant Coaches coaching teams in the divisions of Bantam AAA and Midget AAA must be Development 1 “Trained.”

Rationale:

To follow the Hockey Canada Coach Certification Requirements. See the enclosed for detailed explanation.

Moved/Hugh Riddle – Garson
Seconded/Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury

Friendly Amendment Proposed – **All Head Coaches coaching teams in the divisions of Bantam AAA and Midget AAA must be High Performance 1 “Certified.” All Assistant Coaches must be either Development 1 “Trained”, High Performance 1 “Trained” or High Performance 1 “Certified”.**

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED AS AMENDED

16. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – Regulation 1.33

Presently Reads:

None

Change to Read:

All players in AAA must complete a designated off-ice skill testing program three (3) times per season. The testing is to be completed by September, December and February of each season. All testing results will be tracked on each player’s profile on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).

Rationale:

A recommendation from the Elite Hockey Committee that has been supported by the members of the Committee to be implemented for the 2015/2016 season.



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Moved/Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – Just clarification on field evaluation for those who took High Performance 1?

Andrew Corradini – need to discuss at the OHF Level.

Derek Crowell – Soo Peewee – All players at AAA must complete, what if they do not complete it?

Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury – Elite Hockey Committee met and decided to move forward with the Elite Hockey program and submitted these motions. As with anything else in the constitution if someone does not follow you deal with it as it comes up.

Lizan Roy – West Nipissing – Who is running the testing and what is the cost?

Jason Marchand – Worked through Laurentian University, Cal McGibbon, he will lead the session. Plan to start next week to travel to these centres to train coaches to do the testing. It provides data to help coaches monitor their players better. Members of the committee have the information on cost \$28-30 per player. In talking with the AAA leagues, each Association is building the cost into their budget.

Jim Hall – North Bay – Sat on the Elite Hockey Committee, agree to put these programs into effect. Would like to know if we can get a friendly amendment to only get at Bantam and Midget AAA.

Friendly Amendment Proposed by Jim Hall – North Bay - All Bantam and Midget players in AAA must complete a designated off-ice skill testing program three (3) times per season. The testing is to be completed by September, December and February of each season. All testing results will be tracked on each player's profile on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).

Moved/Jim Hall – North Bay Seconded/Matt Cavaliere – Sault Major

CARRIED AS AMENDED

17. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – Regulation 1.34

Presently Reads:

None

Change to Read:



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Rationale:

A recommendation from the Elite Hockey Review that has been supported by the members of the Committee to be implemented for the 2015/2016 season.

Moved/Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda

Gus Lescault – Nickel City – Friendly amendment to exclude Pee wee again.

Friendly Amended Proposed by Gus Lescault – Nickel City - All Bantam and Midget players in AAA must complete a designated on-ice skill testing program three (3) times per season. The testing is to be completed by September, December and February of each season. All testing results will be tracked on each player's profile on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).

Moved/Gus Lescault – Nickel City
Seconded/Barry McCrory – Sudbury

CARRIED AS AMENDED

18. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – Regulation 1.35

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

All players in AAA will be required to complete a concussion testing module (baseline testing).

Rationale:



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A recommendation from the Elite Hockey Review that has been supported by the members of the Committee to be implemented for the 2015/2016 season.

Moved/Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda

Rob Cognigni – Soo Pee wee – Why are we limited it just to AAA. Could we not expand into lower levels?

Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury – With respect to motion, this is from the Elite Hockey Committee for AAA hockey. Would serve a purpose at all levels of hockey. Working with College Boreal to create a baseline test for all players, Associations can volunteer to work with them

CARRIED

19. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 71 – Regulation 8.7 (F)

Presently Reads:

Any affiliated player upon being suspended in a game, when playing in a higher division/category of hockey, must serve his/her suspension in the division/category in which he/she is registered. The full suspension must be served with the lower (registered) team before playing for the affiliated (higher) team. If the lower division/category team is out of competition for the current season, then his/her suspension must be served with the higher division/category team.

Change to Read:

A player making a multiple consecutive game commitment of more than 2 games to the higher category team will be allowed to use the remaining games of the commitment as games served for a suspension incurred while participating with this team. Games shall be served consecutively. The Council Director is to be advised of the AP player commitment prior to the first game of the commitment.

Rationale:

Many of our teams rely on affiliate players when attending tournaments or in the case of our AAA teams weekend multiple games. A player who commits to a 3 game weekend or a tournament with the higher category team who receives a suspension should be allowed to serve the suspension with them as the current practice does not seem to suit.



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Moved/Hugh Riddle – Garson
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda

Hugh Riddle – Friendly amendment, in order to comply with OHF regulations. The friendly amendment is to bring the motion in line with OHF regulations. This needs to be added.

Friendly Amendment Proposed – A player making a multiple consecutive game commitment of more than 2 games to the higher category team will be allowed to use the remaining games of the commitment as games served for a suspension incurred while participating with this team. Games shall be served consecutively. The Council Director is to be advised of the AP player commitment prior to the first game of the commitment. Match penalties shall be served with the player’s registered team.

Moved/Hugh Riddle – Garson
Seconded/Ted Zajac – South Porcupine

CARRIED AS AMENDED

20. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 73 – Regulation 8.16

Presently Reads:

Players who have a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in tryouts the next season. The remaining portion of the suspension will be served at the start of the regular season with the team with whom the suspended player registers.

Change to Read:

Players who have a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in tryouts and exhibition games during tryouts the next season. The remaining portion of the suspension will be served at the start of the regular season with the team with whom the suspended player registers. **If a suspension is received in the exhibition game(s) the player will cease to be eligible to participate in exhibition games and will serve all games in regular league play.**

Rationale:

To apply current practice that is not understood due to wording that is missing.



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Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

Claudette Myre – Azilda – Like to add a friendly amendment. The added line should read “if the player is suspended in the exhibition games they are no longer eligible to participate in exhibition games.”

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – Would the exhibition games already to need to be scheduled? If we have 1 game scheduled and a player is suspended 3 games and I schedule 3 more games can they be used to serve?

Hugh Riddle – Garson – This is only addressing carry over suspensions from one season to another.

Friendly Amendment Proposed – Players who have a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in tryouts and exhibition games during tryouts the next season. The remaining portion of the suspension will be served at the start of the regular season with the team with whom the suspended player registers. If this player receives a suspension in the exhibition game(s) the player will cease to be eligible to participate in exhibition games and will serve all games in regular league play.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED AS AMENDED

21. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 83 – Regulation 10.17

Presently Reads:

All Officials, Supervisors, and Instructors who are 18 years of age will require a Criminal Record Check, which includes the Vulnerable Sector Screening and a search of the National Sex Offender Registry. Once the individual has been cleared, a Criminal Record Check will be required every 4 years. These Criminal Record Checks cannot be more than 6 months old when submitted as per NOHA Policy 5.7.1.

Change to Read:



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All Officials, Supervisors and Instructors who are 18 years of age will require a Criminal Record Check, which includes the Vulnerable Sector Screening and a search of the National Sex Offender Registry. **All Officials, Supervisors and Instructors under the age of 18 will require a Criminal Record Check.** Once the individual has been cleared, a Criminal Record Check will be required every **3** years. These Criminal Record Checks cannot be more than 6 months old when submitted as per NOHA Policy 5.7.1.

Rationale:

The OHF has changed their screening policy; as a member of the OHF we must update our policies to reflect the changes that the OHF has made.

Moved/Dan Raycroft – Sault Ste. Marie Seconded/Ted Zajac – South Porcupine

Chantal Gerrard – West Nipissing– In regards to those who are under 18, we have volunteers that are volunteering for school hours

Dan Raycroft – Sault Ste. Marie – If they are on the ice as an official they would require this.

Jason Marchand – This deals with officials only. Will find out if this applies to under 18 helpers.

Del Weber – Sault Major – Wonder what made the OHF decide to require a 14 year old to submit a criminal record check.

Jason Marchand – I don't think there is anything in writing. Other member partners did have this required prior to the OHF including 14-18 year olds. There is a situation ongoing now, so this may change.

Del Weber – Sault Major – Did our representatives at the OHF support this.

Jason Marchand – Do not know

CARRIED

22. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 83 – Regulation 10.18

Presently Reads:

Officials who registered with the NOHA the previous season must be pre-registered for a clinic in the HCR before they can officiate in the current season. In addition, these Officials must have a Criminal Record Check which includes Vulnerable Sector Screening that has been cleared by the District's Review Person and has not expired. The onus is on the Official not to accept games unless they are registered for a clinic in the HCR and has a Criminal Record Check which



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includes Vulnerable Sector Screening that has cleared by the District Review Person and has not expired.

Change to Read:

Officials who registered with the NOHA the previous season must be pre-registered for a clinic in the HCR before they can officiate in the current season. In addition, these Officials must have **the appropriate Criminal Record Check completed as per NOHA Regulation 10.17 that has been cleared by the OHF Record Check Inspector and has not expired.** The onus is on the Official not to accept games **unless they are registered for a clinic in the HCR and has the appropriate Criminal Record Check as per NOHA Regulation 10.17 completed that has been cleared by the OHF Record Check Inspector and has not expired.**

Rationale:

The OHF has created a Central Repository for all Criminal Record Checks and Vulnerable Sector Checks for Officials. The Record Checks are now cleared by the OHF Record Check Inspector and not the District Review Person.

Moved/Dan Raycroft – Sault Ste. Marie
Seconed/Claudette Myre – Azilda

CARRIED

23. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 83 – Regulation 11.3

Presently Reads:

A permit shall be purchased from the NOHA for \$10.00 + HST for every house league team going to a house league tournament.

Change to Read:

Delete.

Rationale:

Housekeeping. With the online tournament portal, there is no fee for tournament permits.

Moved/Dan Raycroft – Sault Ste. Marie



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Seconded/Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury

CARRIED

24. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – Regulation 11.16

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

All NOHA Bantam and Midget House League category play-offs will be in a Tournament of Champions 10 team format. The teams will be comprised by randomly selecting from each district a team that has previously shown intent of participation as well as a host team. Where districts that do not have house league teams or have no team interest additional teams will be randomly selected from all teams that have shown interest. All teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of four games in the tournament format.

Rationale:

The NOHA wishes to host a playoff for House League in the same format as our Tournament of Champions. The above regulation provides the format of this playoff.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury

Claudette Myre – Azilda – A few years ago a survey was conducted regarding a playoff or festival for House League teams. Also received communications that there were concerns about teams being stacked to win, which is why the teams are randomly selected.

Jamie Roach – Timmins – How would a host be decided?

Claudette Myre – Azilda – Similar to current TOC format.

Jamie Roach – Timmins – There are some safeguards, but in our area there are still ways that they are able to stack teams, and if there was a TOC we will see more of this. At Timmins Minor there is a balanced draft, in Schumacher the returning coaches get to choose the best players first.

Jim Hall – North Bay – I understand but on behalf of West Ferris we use a draft system. Let's try to move ahead with this.



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Chantal Gerrard – West Nipissing – Concern about the motion to limit teams to fewer tournaments. There is also a cost issue for teams at the House League and teams that cannot afford to travel to multiple tournaments. Also what about the lower divisions?

Claudette Myre – Azilda – Teams are asked to show intent so they can budget if they are selected and if not we could refund the money. Will also look to expand to lower divisions.

Chantal Gerrard – West Nipissing – When would this be?

Claudette Myre – Azilda – The same weekend as the Midget championships, could be moved to a different weekend.

CARRIED

25. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – Regulation 11.17

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

Participation in the House League Tournament of Champions is open to teams indicating their intent by December 1. Intent is indicated by submitting the entry form to the NOHA office by December 1 at midnight. R.9.4. Registration fees for NOHA play-offs are to be determined by the following method:

A minimum of six (6) house league tournaments, whose entry fee is added together and then divided by 6. The tournaments used for the averages must be held in the area bounded by the NOHA.

Rationale:

To provide a timeline for teams to indicate their interest in participating and to provide the process for determining the cost of the playoff.

**Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson**

CARRIED

26. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – Regulation 11.18

Presently Reads:



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None.

Change to Read:

The House League Tournament of Champions will be held the third weekend of March. Requests to host will be received by the Executive Director until June 15th. Associations or single entry teams must be in good standing with the NOHA.

Rationale:

To provide the date that the playoff will be held each season.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

Lizan Roy – West Nipissing – Why put the third weekend in March? There is a big demand for ice in those times.

Claudette Myre – Azilda – Had to pick some sort of date. The midget weekend is the quietest weekend. Our board has to meet in the month of March. Decided that February is too soon in the season.

CARRIED

27. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

NEW – Regulation 11.19 Presently Read:

None.

Change to Read:

If an Association has been awarded to host a NOHA House League Tournament of Champions, they must declare, in writing, by October 1st if they are unable to register a team.

Rationale:

To address situations where an Association has been awarded a playoff but are unable to field a team.



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**Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson**

CARRIED

28. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

New – Regulation 11.20

Presently Read:

None.

Change to Read:

Selected teams must submit to the NOHA office their roster and fees no later than January 31st. If a team withdraws from the Tournament of Champions after notification of acceptance the NOHA will randomly draw another team to participate from the same pool as the withdrawing team was originally chosen from.

**Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson**

CARRIED

29. –SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

New – Regulation 11.21

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

Midget – three periods of 13 minutes, stop time
Bantam – three periods of 13 minutes, stop time

Rationale:

To provide the period length for each playoff.



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Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED

30. –SUBMITTED BY TIMMINS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NEW – Regulation 13.23

Presently Reads:

None.

Change to Read:

All teams, excluding teams who do not participate in leagues and the registered Minor Midget AA teams in the NOHA, shall be eligible to attend a maximum of four (4) tournaments each season.

Rationale:

Many teams in the NOHA attend several tournaments each season, which adds significant costs to families to play hockey. In many cases, parents are supportive of attending tournaments so to not affect the rest of the teams, however are not able to afford it financially. In addition to this, the principles of Long Term Player Development (LTPD) focuses on skill development vs. game play. In limiting the number of tournaments that teams may attend, it provides teams with more opportunities to practice.

Moved/Jamie Roach – Timmins
Seconded/Steven Vachon – Timmins

Jim Hall – North Bay – Can understand the rationale, should be up to the associations to decide how many tournaments they attend.

Derek Crowell – Soo Peewee – Don't think it's the NOHA's place to get involved in how many tournaments they play.

Matt Cavaliere – Did this come out of our league meeting. When reading this it says all teams. This came out of the Elite Meetings regarding AAA.

Jason Marchand – That is correct, however most of the people deal with all levels of hockey, not just elite.



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Friendly Amendment Proposed - All teams, excluding teams who do not participate in leagues, shall be eligible to attend a maximum of four (4) tournaments each season.

DEFEATED AS AMENDED

31. SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 107 – Regulation 16.1

Presently Reads:

A life membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by the NOHA, and is awarded only for very distinctive services to NOHA. Nominations for life memberships must be forwarded to the Executive Director, in writing, thirty days prior to the Annual General Meeting, with the approval of at least five members of the Board of Directors on the nominating paper for each proposed life member, and shall be restricted to those who have served on the Board of Directors of the NOHA. Life members shall have the privileges of members of the Board of Directors of the NOHA, being eligible to serve on all committees in an advisory capacity, and will have voting privileges at the Annual Meetings and Annual Minor Meetings. Life members are entitled to expenses for attendance at the Annual Meetings and Annual Minor Meetings only.

Change to Read:

A life membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by the NOHA, and is awarded only for very distinctive services to NOHA.

- Nominations for Life Membership shall be submitted only by a current member of the NOHA Board of Directors or by a NOHA Life Member.
- A candidate nominated for Life Membership must have served a minimum of ten (10) years with the NOHA as a member of the Board.
- The candidate must have rendered extraordinary and distinguished service to the NOHA.
- The nominator of a candidate for Life Membership shall present the nomination to the Executive Director in writing duly signed by the nominator. The Executive Director shall communicate notice of the nomination(s) to the members of the Board. Such notice shall include the nomination(s) duly signed by the nominator and may also include any documentation supporting the nomination(s) presented by the nominator. Such information must be shared with the Board a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the NOHA Annual General Meeting.
- The NOHA President shall direct the Executive Director to conduct a balloted vote by the members of the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Each ballot will include the



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name of the candidate and a place to vote YES (in favour) and a place to vote NO (not in favour). Every effort shall be made to conduct such ballot when all members of the Board are present.

- The NOHA President and Executive Director shall be declared scrutineers for the purpose of reconciling the number of ballots cast in favour or contrary. Upon completion of the balloting, the Executive Director shall report the results to the President in writing with the reconciliation of the votes validating the percentage of votes cast in favour of the candidate. Upon ratification of the results of the voting, the ballots shall be destroyed.
- To ensure a strong and favourable support of the candidate for Life Membership, seventy-five percent (75%) of the eligible votes and not spoiled, rounded to the nearest full percentage, must be so in favour.
- The President or his designate shall present the new Life Member to the general membership at the next Annual General Meeting.
- Life Members shall have the privileges of members of the Board of Directors of the NOHA, being eligible to serve on all committees in an advisory capacity, and will have voting privileges at the Annual Meetings and Annual Minor Meetings. Life members are entitled to expenses for attendance at the Annual Meetings and Annual Minor Meetings only.

Rationale:

The NOHA conducted a review of how other hockey organizations across the country determined their Life Membership. Through this review, the NOHA Board of Directors outlined a process that was clearer.

Moved/Claudette Myre – Azilda
Seconded/Hugh Riddle – Garson

CARRIED

9) ANNUAL MEETING

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held in Timmins.

10) GENERAL BUISNESS

Hugh Riddle – Garson – Over the past year the NOHA Board has been consulting with our lawyer about the constitution and how it meets with Not for Profit Regulations. Our lawyer has made an offer to help to review our constitution and possibly make changes so that it meets those guidelines. He is volunteering his time and the NOHA Board will assist in this process.



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Dick Farrow – New Liskeard – This may cause a lot of changes at next year’s annual meeting. Suggest that any motions that bring the constitution within the guidelines be sent out.

Lizan Roy – West Nipissing – Is it possible to get coaches clinics out earlier. Issues with getting rosters and travel permits approved because the clinics are not available.

Andrew Corradini – With changes made today it will be easier to host clinics, the coach stream is shorter. As for Development 1 we have made a schedule which will go out shortly.

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – There seems to be a lot of people bending rules and the idea that we need a parent to write a letter to complain is ridiculous. For example players from the NOHA that are attending tryouts in February and are being offered cards within other member partners.

Dick Farrow – New Liskeard – That is certainly a concern.

Bob MacLean – Sudbury – There are some issues with the High Performance timeline. Can there be some discussion with the OHF about hosting these clinics. The OHF will not host these clinics up here and some coaches will not be able to be certified on time.

Mike Landry – Soo Peewee – Our association got into a disagreement with the NOHA this season. Requested the NOHA attend a meeting to discuss an outlaw team. At the meeting it was communicated that releases would be required for players to go to Sault Major, then at a subsequent meeting it was decided that no releases would be required. The NOHA has removed our ability to protect ourselves. We have asked for clarification and were told it is because we draw from the same population. Would like some clarification as to why the release policy was changed.

Dick Farrow – New Liskeard – From what I’ve read on the release policy was that the NOHA interpreted it one way and you want clarification on that. Need to put the request in writing.

Mike Landry – Soo Peewee – The Hockey Canada policy is straightforward and I think the floor should be able to discuss. Last year there was a motion to allow automatic releases at AA and it was defeated. There are people from Hockey Canada here who could speak on the Hockey Canada regulations.

Dick Farrow – New Liskeard – If they wish they could speak they may.

Joe Drago – Would need to go through the NOHA, Hockey Canada will not overstep the local Association.

Dick Farrow – New Liskeard – Would need to put the request in writing and the NOHA.

Craig Abotossaway – Manitoulin Panthers – We dealt with some serious issues within our association. One was social media, parents took to social media and disrespected coaches and we had no ideas on how to deal with this. There was little recourse on how to deal with this, there is not much discipline or action available to us.

Dick Farrow – New Liskeard – That is a very important issue and it is the responsibility of the NOHA board to take those concerns to the OHF and Hockey Canada.

Craig Abotossaway – Manitoulin Panthers – There is a policy in the NOHA. There is not a lot of weight when it comes from the association, but if it comes from the NOHA. Another issue, there



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were parents that went straight to the NOHA and not the association and as an association we are left out of the loop. It is important for the association to be involved.

Matt Cavaliere – Sault Major – Would like to thank the NOHA and the GNML for allowing our Minor Midget teams. With regards to the previous speaker. I'm not sure what it was all about.

Dick Farrow – New Liskeard – I'm not sure if I understand it completely. I believe the issue was regarding the 2 associations in Sault Ste. Marie and whether those players would require a release.

Mike Landry – Soo Peewee – For last 20 years we have been releasing players to Sault Major. There are now 2 outlaw teams operating in the area and another Peewee AA team and we will be down 51 players. We are concerned that we are not able to protect ourselves.

Matt Cavaliere – Sault Major – Not sure why, for example, players from North Channel need a release at AAA.

John Jamieson – Lively – At this time we cannot discuss this issue, there is an appeal pending on this issue. We have given our position, they understand the position. Also, when the NOHA gets any kind of complaint we ask if they went to the director. We have a complaint process.

11) ELECTIONS

Past President – Vacant

President – John Jamieson

First Vice President – Claudette Myre

Second Vice President – Fred Burrows

Third Vice President – Hugh Riddle

District 1 – Ted Zajac

District 2 – Vacant

District 3 – Vacant

District 4 – Sue Shepherdson

District 5 – Vacant

District 6 – Vacant

District 7 – Gayle Payette

District 8 – Oscar Clouthier

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12) ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine
Seconded/Oscar Clouthier – Sudbury

“To adjourn the Meeting.”

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