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MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

101ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

67TH ANNUAL MINOR MEETING

AUGUST 19TH, 2020

1) APPROVAL OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That the Minutes of the 100th Annual General Meeting and the 66th Annual Minor Meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

2) PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

Claudette Myre read the President’s Report from the Annual Meeting Package.

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

There were 146 present. A simple majority would require 74 votes.

4) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

5) REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Included in Annual Meeting Package.



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6) READING OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Derek D'Angelo of KPMG presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as outlined in the Annual Meeting Package.

Questions: None.

Financial Report as of June 30th, 2019

Presented by Jason Marchand.

Questions:

Alison Cooke, Thessalon MHA: Just curious why reffing courses are so expensive when we have that much sitting in the bank. give these kids a bit of a break. hard enough to get refs.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: We are working and we have a meeting with our key Officiating people to discuss the Officiating plan including costs and things of that nature. The program will be different in terms of its delivery and the education component, so that is something that will obviously be looked at.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve the Auditor's Report with the year ending June 30th, 2019.”

CARRIED

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President



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“That KPMG LLP be appointed as auditors of the NOHA to hold office until the close of the next Annual General Meeting of the NOHA at such remuneration as may be fixed by the Board of Directors and that the Board of Directors be authorized to fix such remuneration.”

CARRIED

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“To ratify and approve all acts taken by the Directors and Officers.”

CARRIED

7) MOTIONS

Housekeeping Motions

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We'll move on now to the Motions for this year's meeting. Before we move into these Motions now, and to the Housekeeping Motions, I want to let people know that we are going to encourage input from all members here tonight. We want you to remain respectful throughout the procedures tonight, and we've always gotten that cooperation, we expect it again tonight. Of course, there are some difficulties in what we're doing here and we may have a glitch along the way. Please hang with us, and we may have to go back at some point on any motion because we didn't catch a question or whatever along the way, but we're going to try our best to get this right and make it work. So, when I tell you that the motion is carried, I have Adam here beside me who's giving me the head's up when we have met the number of votes required to carry that motion, so you may not have hit your vote yet when I say it's already approved, but that's because we've gone beyond that point. We still want you to go ahead and vote on it, we're not trying to discourage anybody from doing that, it's just the reality of what we're working within. So, first in your package you received Section Number Two: Housekeeping Motions. It looks something like that, and these are all of the, as it says, just Housekeeping Motions. And they're



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mainly just grammatical changes or errors that were corrected or capitalization somewhere along the way. They're all in that package, and I'm sure everyone has had a chance to review them. What I want to say is that if you have a problem with any part of it, then let us know and we'll pull that part out and deal with it. Otherwise, we're going to go to this Section Two as one motion.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“To approve all Housekeeping Motions as presented.”

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Back again, thanks folks. That motion was carried and as Jason just pointed out to me, he wanted me to explain to everybody, there's 146 registered voters for tonight's meeting, so items that require a pure 50%, of course, if everybody's voted, we need 74 to carry that motion. At any other time, as we have done on all other annual meetings, it's the majority of those people that have voted, so that if for some reason some people do leave the annual meeting prematurely and we get down to say, 100, then we would need, if there was 100 people voting, we would need 51 to carry the motion. So, just to make sure that everybody's on the right track with that, and we all know where we're coming from. So I think we're starting to get the voting figured out, and we're going to go now to the Proposed Amendments, and we have a group of block motions now that will be coming up. Block Number One, this requires two-thirds majority and it's Motions #5, 6, 7, and 8. My screen is, I've got faces on my... So, we have, that's in page 40, 41, 42, and new Bylaw 9.5.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion Block #1: Motions #5, #6, #7, and #8.”

CARRIED



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: We're moving right along, we made it through that one. Let's move now to Block #2.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

"That we approve Motion Block #2: Motions #9, #11, and #12."

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any questions with regard to this block? Seeing no questions, we'll go to the vote. Go to your voting tabs, and again, we need two-thirds majority.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We'll move on to Block #3, Registration Fees. This involves Motions 15 and 16, 55, 64, and 65.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

"That we approve Motion Block #3: Motions #15, #16, #55, #64, and #65."

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any questions with regard to any of the Motions in Block #3? Seeing no questions, we'll again go to the vote. Start the voting now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you, we're going to move on to Block #4: Team Declaration Dates. This will involve Motions 17, 18, and 19.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President



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Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion Block #4: Motions #17, #18, and #19.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any questions regarding the Motions in Block 4? Seeing no questions, please go to your voting tab, we'll start voting now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Moving on now to Block #5: Overage Players and Mouthguard Policies.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion Block 5: Motions #24 and #25.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any questions regarding Block #5? Seeing no questions, let's go back to the voting tabs, start your voting now.

CARRIED

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion Block 6: Motions #26, #27, and #28.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any questions regarding any of those Motions? Seeing no questions, we'll go to the vote. Start your voting now.



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CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Before we go on, I just want to remind everyone that when I say “if there are any questions”, we have had an inquiry from somebody that said, “Well what about just a comment?” And if you wish to make a comment as well on a Motion, then please just raise your question hand or raise your hand, your virtual hand, and Jason will recognize you, and we will go to your comment as well, so sorry about that, that’s what it will be, and I think now we’re going to go to Block #7: Tournament of Champions Policies. This involves Motions #47, 48, and 62.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion Block #7: Motions #47, #48, and #62.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: If you have any questions or comments, please raise your hand now. Seeing nothing, we’ll go to voting on Block #7. Start your voting now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We’ll move on to Block #8, I believe this is the last Motion in Block format, again this requires two-thirds majority on this one, and this is a big one.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion Block #8: Motions #2, #10, #13, #14, #21, #32, #37, #41, #46, #61, #63, #68.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Are there any questions or comments regarding this Block? Seeing no questions or comments, we’ll go to the voting on Block #8. Begin your voting now.



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CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We'll now go back, folks, to the Individual Motions, so what we'll do is go back to the front of Section Three, and we'll start to walk through the Motions that weren't covered in Block form. So this one, Motion #1, "Who Belongs to Who" is on page 21 of the NOHA Bylaw 1.1, and it's submitted by the NOHA. There is a friendly amendment to remove Nickel Centre as a community from District Two.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

"That we approve Motion #1 as presented."

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Are there any comments or questions regarding Motion #1? Just a quick reminder, you are voting on the Motion as amended.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Brian, I see you have your hand raised, I've asked to unmute you.

Brian Jolkowski, NDHL: Can you hear me now?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Yeah, go ahead, Brian.

Brian Jolkowski, NDHL: I'm just wondering about Wawa, you missed that in Zone 1, or Area 1, it's not listed.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: They're a part of District Three.

Brian Jolkowski, NDHL: Is it listed?



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Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Yep.

Brian Jolkowski, NDHL: Okay, no problem.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: It's the last...it's under District Three – Sault Ste. Marie.

Brian Jolkowski, NDHL: All right, no problem.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you Brian, the Motion is Carried. Oh, sorry, I got ahead of myself here. Thank you again, Brian for the question, and it seems like you've got the answer you want, so now we are going to go to the voting on the motion as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Moving on now to Motion #3, again this is a two-thirds majority vote. The eligibility of Officers, pages 32 and 33, submitted by the Northern Ontario Hockey Association.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #3 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any questions or comments regards to Motion #3? Okay, seeing no questions, we'll move to voting on Motion #3. All those in favour, vote now.

CARRIED



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: Moving on now to Motion #20, #20. Page 57 of the NOHA Regulation 4.1, Maximum numbers of players/goaltender chart, submitted by the NOHA.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #20 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions regarding Motion #20? Seeing no questions, we’ll move to voting on Motion #20. All those in favour, vote now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Moving on now to Motion #22, again submitted by the Northern Ontario Hockey Association.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #22 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any questions or comments with regards to Motion #22? Seeing no questions, comments, we’ll move to voting on Motion #22. All those in favour...

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: That noise you might have heard in the background was Adam falling off his chair, but we’ve got him back up there and we’re going to continue on now with Motion #23, and I want to let you know also, I’m somewhat stuck between a virtual and a live meeting



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here, so when I say “All those in favour”, I’m asking everyone to vote, everyone to vote on it, that’s the option you have. So Motion #23, Registration of Participants’ Dates, page 65 of the NOHA Regulation, it’s submitted again by the NOHA.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #23 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions regarding Motion #23? Seeing no questions or comments, we’ll go to voting on #23, please vote now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Move now to Motion #29, Officials’ Patch Penalty form. Page 73. It’s submitted by the Northern Ontario Hockey Association.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #29 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions regarding Motion #29? Seeing no questions, we’ll go to the vote on Motion 29, start voting now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We’ll move now to Motion #34, again submitted by the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. The NOHA Board of Directors makes decisions of disputed Home



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Minor Hockey Associations. There's a typo in By-law 1.1.p). Okay, it should be 1.1.p), not 1.1.r).
So any questions or comments regarding Motion #34?

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #34 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Seeing no questions or comments, we'll move to voting, start your voting now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Motion #35, No Home Centre Representative Team Clarification. Again, this is a new one, and it's submitted by the Northern Ontario Hockey Association.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #35 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any questions or comments regarding Motion 35? We have a question.

Nicole Clouthier, Soo Pee wee Hockey League: How is the closest Association determined?

Kiersten Maitland, NOHA Office: Hi everyone, so we've just got a question of how is the closest Association determined? So we have a “Who Belongs to Who” Spreadsheet, and we've also included that, or also included in that is what the closest Rep team is to an Association if they don't have Representative teams, so it's always the, basically the closest in the District that offers Representative teams, so that's what we use to determine that. That's pretty much it.



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Laura Gilbert, Timmins: Is there a determination between A and AA?

Kiersten Maitland, NOHA Office: Hello again, so another question, is there a determination between A and AA teams? There is not. Within the NOHA, AA to C is all determined by population, so those are all considered Representative teams. An Association that offers a C team or a B team does not have to release to a AA team. The only differentiation in Rep categories is if there is AAA teams. If you do not offer a AAA team, you have to release to AAA, but all Rep from AA to C is considered the same.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Okay, thank you for those questions, Kiersten thank you for answering. Seeing no more questions, we'll go to voting on Motion #35, voting starts now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Moving on now to Motion #36: No Home Centre House League Team Clarification. This is a new one submitted by the NOHA.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #36 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any questions or comments regarding 36?

Derek Lalonde, Espanola: Are they released to the closest, or any Association?

Kiersten Maitland, NOHA Office: Hello again, so we have another question about whether or not these should be released to the closest Association as opposed to any Association. Our practice has been that if you do not offer a House League team in the player's division, they must be granted



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a release and they can be released to any House League team within the NOHA, so, yeah, they do not have to go to the closest House League team, that is not how it's worked in practice for the last, as long as I've been here. They can be released to any House League team within the NOHA.

Nicole Clouthier, Soo Peewee Hockey League: What if there are more than one team that has spots? In more than one Association?

Kiersten Maitland, NOHA Office: So we just got another question about whether an Association may have multiple teams or, you know, spots available. This is a reference to—whether or not you have a team, you have the option to release a player to any House League within the NOHA, if you do not offer a team, a release must be given and the player can go to any team within the NOHA. I think that clarifies that, but if you have any questions, please ask.

Adam Morell, NOHA Office: You just have to unmute yourself there again, Brian.

Brian Jowlkowski, NDHL: Okay, can you hear me?

Adam Morell, NOHA Office: Yep, go ahead.

Brian Jowlkowski, NDHL: Just a little bit of housekeeping here, it says, in the middle of the text it says “shall be released to any Association within the NOHA”, it probably should read “shall to be released to an Association”. It just provides a point of clarity, it's just the wording of it, I guess, the way I read it.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: So, Brian, the intent is ultimately that the player has the choice at the House League division that they can go to any Association, not an Association, so it would be, you know, I'll use North Bay as an example. If North Bay, for whatever reason doesn't have a House League team to operate, that player would have a choice to go to any other organization within the NOHA that offers a House League program, which has been our practice, as Kiersten mentioned, since at least 2013 and likely since before that.



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Brian Jowlkowski, NDHL: Yeah, not a problem, I think we're on the same wavelength here, like I don't have an issue with it at all, it was just the way I read it, I guess. Just a small thing, but that's fine, if it's any, that's fine.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you Brian for that, and thank you for the other comments with regards to Motion #36. We're now going to go to voting on that, so the voting will take place now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Okay, let's go now to Motion #39, Under-9 half-ice games. This one is submitted by Sault Major Hockey Association. Page 80, NOHA Regulation 7.3.c). Do we have a Mover and a Seconder from Sault Major Hockey Association?

Moved by Valerie Leask, Sault Major Hockey Association

Seconded by Charlene Lawrence, Sault Major Hockey Association

"That we approve Motion #39 as presented."

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We have a Mover and a Seconder for the Motion. Would Sault Major Hockey Association wish to speak to the Motion?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: So again, whoever wants to speak, please raise your hand so we can unmute you. So I'm not sure who "iPad2 is", but you're unmuted, so is Val.

Albert Corradini, GNML: Jason, that's me that you unmuted, it's Albert.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Okay, I believe we have to let Sault Major speak.



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: Yes, we're waiting to see if Sault Major wishes to speak to the Motion.

Valerie Leask, Sault Major Hockey Association: Okay, yes, I will speak to the Motion, I just was waiting to be able to do that. The Motion was submitted by Del Weber on behalf of our Association, and I believe the Motion is self-explanatory, it's just a price-savings for the Associations.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Okay, thank you Val. I believe we have, do we have Glen Campbell speaking to this as well? So if there's no other comments from Sault Major, we'll open it up to further comments out there, and I believe Glen Campbell, the NOHA Referee in Chief, would like to speak to the Motion.

Glen Campbell, NOHA Director of Officials: Yes, thanks, Dick. I'm speaking against this Motion, as it will mainly affect our youngest Officials, the Level Ones. The cost for them to begin officiating is approximately \$400-\$450. With the current Novice and Atom game fees, they'll have to officiate 16-18 games just to cover their expenses. There are many smaller communities that do not have a lot of games at these levels of hockey for them to officiate. Quite often, even in the larger Centres, they are only assigned one game, as they're not capable of officiating the game that follows. These Officials are our future, and we should be taking care of them.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you Glen. Albert Corradini wishes to speak to this Motion as well. Albert, go ahead.

Albert Corradini, GNML: Thanks, Dick. I'd like to speak against the Motion as well, we have a shortage of Officials in the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. While I understand the cost savings to Associations, I think, you know, it becomes a disincentive if we're going to pay them two-thirds the rate, and the other part of the equation is, while I get that it might be a little bit less strenuous, they still have to get up, they still have to get to the rink, they have to do all those things. What I kind of equate it to is a kid going to work at McDonalds and not having quite as busy a shift so we only pay him two-thirds, the two-thirds of what he would get on an hourly basis because he didn't serve as many Big Macs. I think we have to keep the Officials in the game, and you know, again, travel and all those things, what Glen spoke to, I think, suggest that we should be looking to defeat the Motion. Thank you, thanks Dick.



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you, Albert for those comments. Are there any other comments with regards to this?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Go ahead, Scott, you're unmuted.

Scott Ginson, Nickel City Hockey Association: My only request upon defeating this Motion would be that there be better, not so much qualification, but better review of the Officials taking part in the Novice. As a Novice Coach last year, none of these Officials were reviewed by anybody from the Referee's Association, and when asked what direction was given, they had all been told they were told to just go out and referee a Novice game. So I would ask that if we are going to defeat this Motion, that we do make a mandate that we will give better supervision to these Referees who are at the grass roots. It's great that we want to help out the grass roots, but if we ignore them, we've done nothing to justify it.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you very much, Scott, for those comments. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to this Motion? Seeing no further questions or comments, we'll go to the voting and, as I mentioned before now, whether you're in favour or not in favour, you go to the voting tab now and select your priority, so we'll start voting now.

DEFEATED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We'll now move on to Motion #42, Affiliation consistency, the 10-game area. Again, submitted by the NOHA, page 83.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #42 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions regarding 42?



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Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Hi everyone, I see some questions here so I'll try to address what I see. If there are any other questions that come up as I speak here, please send them to me in the chat and I can try to address everything all at once. In the end, we've had some challenges to say the least in terms of the administration of the affiliation. In the end, we're trying to be consistent in the application across the board, understanding that the ability to have players affiliated to a roster, that there is 190 games' worth of affiliation available. Ultimately that's the intent both from an administrative perspective, from the NOHA's end, as well as for the Associations that, particularly on the competitive side, are technically eligible for Regional Championships. Until a certain point in time, those organizations are limited from an administrative perspective, and our feeling was that there is 190 games' worth of affiliations. My computer is not very good here. In the end, it's the administration of the affiliation. That's ultimately it. Albert, I've unmuted you.

Albert Corradini, GNML: Yeah, Jason, I'm just wondering, did I miss the vote on 41? Or was it withdrawn?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: It was part of a block, so in the end it was essentially a housekeeping Motion but not quite.

Albert Corradini, GNML: Okay, thank you.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Pete Thibeault, I've unmuted you.

Pete Thibeault, Coniston Minor Hockey: Just a couple questions, Jason. To make sure, so, in the past you've asked that we register for affiliates with every team ahead of time, are we still going to say the same thing? And will a team, oh sorry, will a player be limited to affiliating with only one team?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Yes, so, number 41 that Albert mentioned, that is currently a rule that we would have to abide by, so yeah, that would still be there, and as far as



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registration, that would be the same process in order to participate as an affiliate, you'd have to be on an approved roster as an affiliate.

Pete Thibeault, Coniston Minor Hockey: So the reality then is it's not 190 games, because first of all, that's only if you have nineteen players, secondly, if you have a player, I'll use Coniston for example, if Nickel City was to contact us to affiliate a player, we wouldn't hold him back, we would allow him to affiliate with Nickel City, and he could practice with them and get the experience, sorry, he or she could practice with them and get the experience and so on and so forth. So, it does actually limit the amount of games that you could affiliate with your players at different levels.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Thanks, Pete. Just going through, there's a couple of questions here. So on the Rep side, most Centres are moving to electronic gamesheets, tracking the affiliation games should be getting easier. It's not about the tracking, it's about the eligibility side of things, I think I mentioned, and again my Wi-Fi hasn't been good here, but it's about the eligibility of teams to be able to affiliate either being limited to ten games or having more than ten games, and being consistent across the board, so that's the intent. And then from time to time, there's a comment that's very vague, so in the end, it's worded as it is, based on our reading process with our lawyer who helped us with this, and it allows the Board to deal with situations that may come up, for example there's, as a lot of you would know, there's a lot of challenges with goaltenders and being able to, being short a goaltender, so it's worded intentionally to allow the Board to deal with situations as they see fit, that might fall outside of this proposed wording.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Okay, back again. There's Adam trying to cut me off, here. Wouldn't open my microphone. Thanks everyone for your questions and comments. Seeing no more questions and comments, we'll go to the Motion, and the voting for it, so we're now going to start the voting on Motion #42 now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We'll now move to Motion #43, Suspension Season-to-Season Carry-overs. Page 85. It's submitted by the NOHA.



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Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #43 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Are there any questions or comments regarding Motion 43? Seeing no questions or comments, we'll move to voting on 43. Start your voting now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We're now going to move on to Motion #44, and this is to clarify when Tryouts end for Suspension Purposes. Again, submitted by the NOHA.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #44 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions on Motion #44? Seeing no questions or comments, we'll move to voting on #44. All those in favour, or I'm sorry, voting will start now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Moving on to Motion #45, and this is to clarify the process of suspensions earned outside of the NOHA. Again, submitted by the NOHA Board.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #45 as presented.”



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions regarding 45? No questions or comments, so we'll move to voting on #45, it starts now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Motion #49, Tournament of Champions dates determined by the NOHA Board of Directors. Page 90, again, submitted by the NOHA Board.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #49 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Are there any questions or comments regarding this?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Joe, you should be unmuted.

Joe McColeman, NDHL: Okay, it's Joe McColeman, Nickel District League. I'm speaking on my phone because I'm having some Wi-Fi issues, so hopefully it's clear. The Nickel District League has, for the last 20-25 years, I can't remember for sure, ran a Playoff weekend tournament for our League, at the end of March. Now the reason for that is that we schedule around the TOCs, which generally run the first, second, and third weekend in March, and around the March Break, and around the Little NHL. We've put in for our Playoffs for next March already, now with the virus issue going on, we don't know what's going to happen, and I'm certain the NOHA's not sure even if the Tournament of Champions is going to happen, and I'm sure that the purpose of this is tied into the March Break, and it's tied in, of course, to the Pathways. Our problem being, as the League, ice in Sudbury is at a premium in March, I should say even in February, we can't get ice in February for a tournament of this size. We ran 51 teams last year, so what we're asking for is this amendment to be defeated because of that reason. We fully understand the reasoning of the NOHA, however, we provide stability to our teams and a full season until the end of March, and we just feel it's going to encumber us too much to try to negotiate changes with the city of Sudbury



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for ice time for this. We've attempted to get ice in February in different years, we've attempted to talk to Associations in other cities to run this, nobody has volunteers that are willing to do this type of thing. I'm sure the TOCs have the same issue. Our Executive Board is bound to have to work this tournament, that's one of the pre-requisites of being on our Board, and we've managed to run this tournament with 7-10 people. We just don't see ourselves, at least for this year coming, being able to make changes where the NOHA may not make up their minds until later in the year, so that's my speaking point on it on behalf of the Nickel District League. Thank you.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you Joe, for your comments. Are there any other comments, questions?

Sam Gaulin, NOHA Executive: Am I unmuted? On behalf of the Committee for, sorry, for the TOC Committee, we have had requests almost every year for changing weekends to have the, you know, both Atom A, Atom AA, Peewee A, and whatnot, and with the Player Pathways, it would allow us to move the tournaments from one weekend to the other, and thus possibly having more teams participate in the tournaments by either having two at the same time, or two that are different weekends. It allows the Committee more flexibility, and I can appreciate what you're saying about your big tournament in Sudbury, it's just that it affects absolutely everybody and sometimes the ice for a Centre might not be available, but there'll be availability another weekend, so it just gives the Committee more flexibility, and obviously we wouldn't be making the decision in February, we would be making that decision when the Hosts would be selected, so they wouldn't, nothing would be last minute, it's not like we're getting on October, or sorry, February 28th and saying your tournament's next weekend, so I don't know if that helps for the clarification, but it just, every year we have the request to move one and this way we would be able to accommodate more Centres to be hosting based on their availability.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you Sam. Any other questions or comments? Seeing no further questions or comments, we're going to go to voting on Motion #49, please vote now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: We'll move on now to #51, again, Tournament of Champions. Four games minimum, Minor teams competing in Major Divisions. Page 90. Again, submitted by the NOHA.



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Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #51 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions regarding Motion #51? No questions or comments with regards to 51, we’ll go to the voting. Vote now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Moving now to Motion #57: House League Tournament of Champions Dates determined by the NOHA Board of Directors. Submitted by the NOHA.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #57 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions regarding #57? No questions or comments, we’ll go to voting. Voting on #57 starts now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Motion #59: House League Tournament of Champions Four Game Minimum, submitted by the NOHA.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President



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“That we approve Motion #59 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Comments or questions for 59? No comments or questions regarding 59, we’ll go to the voting. Vote now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Motion #60: House League Tournament of Champions Teams Withdrawing. Page 92, submitted by the NOHA.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #60 as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions? No comments, no questions, we’ll go to the voting, and voting starts now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Motion #66: NOHA Appeals Reworded for Consistency with the OHF Appeals. Page 98. Again, submitted by the NOHA Board.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“That we approve Motion #66 as presented.”



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions? Seeing no comments or questions, we'll move to voting on #66, voting starts now.

CARRIED

Dick Farrow, Moderator: That is the end of the Motions, and certainly we want to thank everyone for their co-operation in getting through this this evening. The, in your package, you also got Section Four, that is the clean version, or the rewrite of the NOHA Constitution. We need a Motion to approve this.

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“To approve the re-organization of the NOHA Constitution as presented.”

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Any comments or questions? Seeing no comments or questions, let's go to the voting. Voting on the re-organization of the Constitution will begin now.

Adam Morell, NOHA Office: This is the last Motion, it is on the very bottom of the page, so you'll have to scroll down a little, it is open now.

CARRIED

8) CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9) ELECTIONS



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: Now we will move to the Election of the new Board. So move to your Executive Nomination section. We have three candidates for the position of President. In alphabetical order, the first candidate is Gayle Payette. Gayle, will you accept the nomination?

Gayle Payette, NOHA Third Vice President: Yes I do.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Gayle, we'll let you, give you three minutes to speak.

Gayle Payette, NOHA Third Vice President: Okay, thank you. Hello, Bonjour, Aani. First, a huge thank you to the people that nominated me and those that are supporting me for the position of President. That tells me that you believe in me, that you know I'm honest, trustworthy, empathetic, and a hard worker, and that I'll do my best to fulfill the role of President of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. I truly believe that becoming President is an amazing opportunity. I also strongly believe that my professional and personal backgrounds have developed great qualities that I can utilize in the role as President. In my professional background, I've been a teacher, a principal, and an after-care support worker. I'm a registered Ontario Certified teacher with a Bachelor of Education, and parts one and two of the First Nations Principal course, and I also have an Honours Bachelor – Social Work, all which will contribute to the qualities required administratively as President. In my personal background, I've always been a committed volunteer. I have served a term as a councilor in M'Chigeeng Chief and Council, I've served on local community committees such as the Health Board, the Social Services Board, the Police Commission, and the Local Gaming Authority Board. These roles have also contributed to qualities that will be required administratively as a President. I have fulfilled many roles over the years in House League and Rep Associations. I've also been a Convener and a Director in the Nickel District League until I committed to the Northern Ontario Hockey Association as an elected Council Director in 2012 until last year when I became the Third Vice President. I have come, I have become more informed, more knowledgeable, and even more passionate about hockey than ever before, all for the benefit of all the players. I believe in transparency, fairness, commitment, honesty, integrity, collaboration, and I will continue to support and advocate for continued prosperity for the best interests of the NOHA as a whole. I've gained a valuable knowledge and insight for the most important contributors to hockey: and that is the volunteers, and especially the players. They've taught me to love the game for what it is. They've taught me to be proud and to support each other, and to support others as well for what they've contributed, and they've also taught me that hard work,



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collaboration, and fun will always be fulfilling. Over the years as a Director on the Board, the past Directors such as Jackie Morvan, Dan Raycroft, Fred Burrows, Mel Mousseau, Bryce Kulik, Andrew MacDonald and Oscar Clouthier have been amazing role models, who I have a tremendous amount of respect for, and it was an honour to serve on the Board of Directors with them. Other Directors that have had an impact on hockey, on the hockey world are Bev McIvor, Jerry McCrory, Bob Bird, Ed Pupich, and of course, Dick Farrow, and I'm very appreciative of their contribut—contributions as well, sorry. The current Board Members and Office Staff are quite amazing as well. I enjoy some of the debates, and we have, that we have, and each and every one of them are here for the same reason: for the love of the game, for the players. I've also had a couple of great mentors along the way, and they are Hugh Riddle and John Jamieson. I've learned so much from both of them, and I always appreciate their guidance and faith of what I'm able to accomplish. Over the last three years, I've been witness to great leadership under Claudette Myre. She continues to share her passion and knowledge for the game. I'm very appreciative of what Claudette has to offer, and have continued to take notes along my hockey journey under her leadership. Thank you Claudette, and I look forward to your guidance as a Past President in the years to come, and best of luck in your next journey with the OHF. Through these unprecedented times, it is my hope to help guide everyone on the Return to Play and to help improve the game hand in hand with the Associations as we all work to save the game, to serve the game, into the future. Thank you.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you, Gayle. We'll now move to the next one on the list, is Sue Shepherdson, Temiskaming Shores. Sue, will you accept the nomination?

Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President: Yes I will, Dick, thank you.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Sue, you have three minutes.

Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President: Okay. I had the honour of being elected by the Members into an Officer's position at the 2017 AGM in North Bay. For the last two years, I have sat at our Board table as First Vice President, assisting the President with the formal running of our Board meetings, and at times, filling in as needed. I have chaired the Playoff Committee for three seasons, co-chaired the 100th Anniversary Committee with Dick Farrow, and have sat on every Committee for at least one season over the past six years. In the last three years, I've been given the opportunity to learn how the OHF operates under its new governance, and the expectations of an Officer position within the NOHA Board. I have been a member of Minor



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Council at the OHF level for the last three years, and have had the pleasure to represent the NOHA on the Finance, Registration, and OHF Championship Review sub-committees. This summer, I had the chance to join the eight District calls in, regarding our Strat Plan. I came away with two main points: Jason and his staff: Kiersten, Lindsay, Adam, and Andrew, are greatly appreciated by all our Membership, and their commitment over these last several months cannot truly be expressed in words. Without these five people, our Association would not be in the strong position it holds today. Although it was clear through all the Districts that our communication is improving, it still needs, and will be one of our main focuses as we slowly move into our Return to Play. There is always room for improvement, and upon listening to you, the Members, it is more important than ever to provide regular, consistent and clear messaging going forward and into our new normal. Thank you very much for taking the time tonight to attend our first ever virtual AGM, and I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming season.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you, Sue. Next on the list, Ted Zajac, South Porcupine. Ted, will you accept the nomination?

Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President: Sorry about that, Dick, I just had to unmute myself. First of all, I'd like to thank everybody for being on the call. At this time, I regretfully will not be letting my name stand. I feel that this position is going to be too much time and I need to stand with the natural progression, after a lot of thinking. Thank you very much.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you, Ted. So, having Ted removed his name, you will now be voting for the position of President, either Gayle Payette, or Sue Shepherdson. Okay, just a minute, until Adam gets ready to open that voting. Yes, you know what, until we get that opened up, Albert Corradini's got a question and we're going to open that up to you, Albert. Jason will open you up and we'll deal with that question.

Albert Corradini, GNML: Thanks, Dick. I just, I find this a little awkward, but we amended the Constitution, and listen, I respect the work that everybody does, but we amended the Constitution earlier to read that you have to have a certain number of years on the Executive, unless I'm mistaken, I don't think Gayle meets that criteria. Now, I understand she would have met that criteria under the old Constitution, but is it not somewhat bad form to change the Constitution with a recognition that, you know, we value that, and then have somebody running and have a President who's not going to fulfill the criteria that we've just put in place?



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: Yeah, Jason will speak to that, and Albert, I understand what you're saying, from my perspective, and that's sort of the issue that seems to come up every year, and we're bound by it, that the Motions that we pass do not come into effect until the start of the next year. Having said that, I certainly understand what the intention of the floor was this evening, so I thank you for your comments and I'll let Jason speak to it now.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: I don't have much more to add than, from what Dick said. In the end, we did deal with similar situations in the past, and we went through that very question as we went through Mr. d'Agostino, and in the end, the people that have their names put forward were eligible based on the timing, and were eligible to put their names forward.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Anything further, Albert? Adam has given me the green light here that we're ready to vote, so you will be voting for either Gayle Payette or Sue Shepherdson for the position of President of the NOHA. Voting begins now. The incoming President of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association will be Sue Shepherdson of Temiskaming Shores. Congratulations Sue, and thank you Gayle for letting your name stand. We'll now move to the position of First Vice President. You can now remove Sue Shepherdson as she has moved into that President's position, and the other candidate is Ted Zajac, of South Porcupine. Ted, do you accept that nomination?

Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President: Yes I do.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Great, that's great Teddy, oh boy, there you are in living colour, I can see you now. Ted, do you wish to speak?

Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President: First of all, I'd like to say I'm sorry for the people that nominated me and would have voted for me, but I feel at this time, these are different times, and I feel that experience, knowledge, and the time that people will be able to give to the position of President, that's why I felt like, you know, First Vice, I'll help as much as I can, but I feel at this time, to give that commitment for a three-year term, I was not available. I will give 110% as the First Vice, thank you very much.



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thanks Teddy, and I have to say your hair looks a lot shorter than mine, so maybe you can send me the name of your barber after the meeting. Thank you, the First Vice President of the NOHA will be Ted Zajac. We'll move now to the Second Vice President. I still have Teddy on my screen. Oh, I see, okay. Okay, so Gayle Payette is nominated and acclaimed for the Second Vice President's position. Gayle, will you accept that nomination?

Gayle Payette, NOHA Third Vice President: Absolutely.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you very much. Would you like to speak, Gayle?

Gayle Payette, NOHA Third Vice President: No, just thank you to everyone that voted for me, and I appreciate everyone's contributions here tonight, and I look forward to a great season coming up. Thank you.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Super. Thanks, Gayle. I love that banner you've got behind you.

Gayle Payette, NOHA Third Vice President: Nice, eh?

Dick Farrow, Moderator: The Third Vice President position nominated, acclaimed is Brian Beaupre. Brian, do you accept that nomination?

Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive: Yes.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Would you like to speak, Brian?

Brian Beaupre, NOHA Executive: Nah, I speak enough.



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Dick Farrow, Moderator: Now, now, nobody has ever said that before. Thank you very much, Brian. District Number Four, Rick Barron is acclaimed, Bear, do you accept that nomination? Jason says that he may have some technology issues. We met late last week and he seemed to be having—either that or he’s watching reruns of the Montreal Canadiens, the wins they have, but Bear certainly did give us his intentions that he would accept that nomination for District Four, so we’ll move on now to District Six. Adam Estabrooks, acclaimed, Adam will you accept that nomination?

Adam Estabrooks, NOHA Executive: Yes I will, thank you very much.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you Adam, do you wish to speak?

Adam Estabrooks, NOHA Executive: No, I’m good, thanks.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Okay, thanks a lot. And District Number Eight, Craig Maki, acclaimed. Will you accept the nomination, Craig?

Craig Maki, Sudbury: Yes I will.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: And do you wish to speak, Craig?

Craig Maki, Sudbury: Yeah, just briefly I want to say thank you very much to Sudbury Minor Hockey Association and Copper Cliff Minor Hockey Association, thank you for supporting me in this role, and I also want to say thank you and acknowledge Julio Navarro, who has served Minor Hockey so well over the years, both in Minor Hockey Associations and obviously on the NOHA Board, and hopefully I can fill those big shoes, so thank you very much.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you Craig, and I certainly echo your comments with regard to my good friend Julio.



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10) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11) NEW BUSINESS

Dick Farrow, Moderator: If you have any New Business to bring up, please raise your hand now. Seeing no questions, I want to wrap things up tonight by thanking Claudette for her term as President of the NOHA. She's done a fantastic job. I believe the Board, in general, has done a fantastic job, and that doesn't happen without a great leader, and Claudette, thank you very much for that. The other part of it, of course, is the Staff that you have, and the respect that the Board gives to that Staff. You know, when I look around the room here, just before we close off tonight, it reminds me of Michigan basketball, and the famous "Fab Five", you know, we have them here, they're great to work with, believe me, and you know what, I think the future holds well for us, this is going to be a very trying time as we move forward, and we may have to go back to those days when hockey was played a lot on outdoor rinks, but we will survive, as CEO Tom Renney has said, we will survive, we will come out stronger, and we will make it all work. Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't close off by thanking my good friend Eddie Pupich, the only person who has been to more NOHA meetings than myself, in fact, as I said before, Eddie was at the first one, 101 years ago, and we thank Eddie for his dedication to the game. So folks, oh, Jason's got one more thing that he would like to go through. Okay, there's a question coming up, let's deal with that first.

Corey Crane, Nickel City Hockey Association: Hi, Corey Crane from NCHA. I just have a, can everybody hear me?

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Yep.



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Corey Crane, Nickel City Hockey Association: Okay, great. I just have a question with regard to the Return to Play, NOHA Return to Play. It seems that there's a great variance as opposed to the OHF Return to Play, and I was just inquiring why such a big variance, why are we going a complete opposite direction as opposed to most of the rest of the province?

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Okay, Jason's going to speak to that.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: We are following the OHF Return to Play where a player has the ability to play where they reside or play where they played last season. We are following everything that is internal to the Return to Play, so I'm not sure what you're referring to. The program is based on tiering, it's not based on specific programs that may have existed last year, and it's based, it's based on every area having different challenges, and we have a GTHL rep on the call, they're much different than we are, we're different than the OMHA, we're different than the ALLIANCE, and our group has spent a significant number of hours to put together a plan that both complies with the OHF Return to Play, but also meets the different challenges that we have, not only with respect to geography, but also we do have to comply with the Ontario government requirements with respect to Leagues of 50 and things of that nature, the requirements for physical distancing on the ice and on the bench. So, in the end, our plan does comply with the OHF Return to Play, it actually was shared with the OHF today in detail. I had a conversation with their Executive Director today and he fully understands our plan. So there are no challenges with respect to that.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Further comments?

Corey Crane, Nickel City Hockey Association: Just, with the restriction as opposed to the OHF following the registration, the groups of teams being, going off of last year's registration? Rosters? HCR? We're not following that, we're being limited down to 9+1 as opposed to larger groups. There's multiple facets of the OHF Return to Play that we are much more stringent upon and I agree with you totally about some areas not being able to facilitate some of the rules, but there are some areas, cities, Associations that can more than follow through with their normal team makeups, similar to what the southern teams are doing.

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: And again, every area is different. The OMHA, which is the largest organization in the province, is doing things the exact same way that we're



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doing, just for information purposes, but in the end we'll gladly, from my end, and I don't want to speak for anyone else, but I'd gladly go on another call with the Association to explain everything that the number of 10 players is not an NOHA rule, that's the maximum number of players that can participate in games. So that's not something that we've put in, but again I'd be more than happy if Scott wanted us to go on a call again with the Association Executive to further explain things again, we would be more than happy to do that.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Thank you Corey, you know, everything is a concern around this, and I'm sure that plans around COVID will change day to day and I know, I have every bit of confidence that the Board and the Staff here will be on top of everyone to do what is best for all of our participants in the game. Any other comments?

Jason Marchand, NOHA Executive Director: Sorry everyone, this will be the last time I speak tonight hopefully, so we'll be done, but for those that are part of District Two, there is an opening there for District Two Council Director, and we'll follow up again with the organizations that that applies to.

Dick Farrow, Moderator: Okay, thank you Jason. Well, a few minutes ago you may have heard a telephone ringing, that actually was my wife telling me it was past my bedtime, so again, thank you, thank you very much, you've been a very co-operative crowd tonight, and hopefully we won't be meeting in space next year. Until then, thanks a lot, have a good evening.

12) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Sue Shepherdson, NOHA First Vice President

Seconded by Ted Zajac, NOHA Second Vice President

“To adjourn the NOHA Annual General Meeting.”

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