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**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
95th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
61st ANNUAL MINOR MEETING
MAY 3rd, 2014**

1) APPROVAL OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Moved/Lou Battocchio – Schumacher Day
Seconded/Remi Lecroix - Hearst**

“That the minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting and the 60th 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

Bryce Kulik announced that there were 64 Representative Delegates and 25 House league Delegates present, for a total of 89.

4) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to be read.

5) REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

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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. Jason Marchand outlined future accounts and where funds would be allocated.

Moved/Albert Corradini – Sudbury
Seconded/Brian Getty – Schumacher

“That the Treasurer's Report for the 95th Annual General Meeting and the 61st Annual Minor Meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

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

NONE

8) MOTIONS

Matt Cavaliere – Sault Major – Can I get clarification of Robert's Rules? If there is a question which is called to cease debate, does it allow the House to be called on?

Jason Rietze – Walden – When a speaker comes to the floor, the Motion is presented, seconded, repeated, and then the floor has the opportunity to debate or amend. To cease debate, it must go to a vote.

Matt Cavaliere – Sault Major – There was confusion the previous year as the debate went straight to the floor, and asked if the Executive would ask the floor whether to stop debate or not.

Jason Rietze – Walden – Calling a question is a Motion, and needs to be seconded and voted on. There is a motion called Objective Consideration, and goes right to the floor, requiring a two-thirds' vote. If defeated, the floor moves on to next Motion.

Matt Cavaliere – Sault Major – Can anyone motion for the meeting to be adjourned?

Jason Rietze – Walden – If the motion is seconded, it will go to vote.



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1. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 25-26 – By-Law 2.1

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Seconded/Ted Zajac – Porcupine

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The nominations must be in the hands of the Executive Director **by February 1st prior to each Annual Meeting.**

Rationale

Printing omission. By-Law 4.9 was previously updated to reflect the February 1st date.

Moved/Keith Barton – North Bay
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda

CARRIED

3. -SUBMITTED BY NICKEL CITY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 41 – Regulation 1.2

Presently Reads:

R.1.2. The NOHA, through its Board of Directors, reserves to itself the right of placing teams in whatever series (divisions, sub-divisions, and categories) and groups or leagues it may deem best for the interest of the NOHA.



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Teams wishing to enter a division, sub-division, or category which leads to a National Championship must (if one exists) receive approval from both the League and the NOHA before being accepted into their requested division, sub-division or category.

A team entered into a specific category within a division or sub-division, may request to change its category prior to December 1st, of the current season. Teams may not challenge up to the “AAA” level.

NOTE: Please see NOHA Policies – Criteria for Change of Category for NOHA Tournament of Champions (page 168)

Change to Read:

R.1.2.a The NOHA, through its Board of Directors, will approve and maintain competitive teams at all AAA categories (Major Atom, Minor Peewee, Major Peewee, Minor Bantam, Major Bantam, Minor Midget and Major Midget) even when four teams league are not feasible based on availability of various districts’ player base.

R.1.2.b The NOHA, through its Board of Directors, reserves to itself the right of placing teams in whatever series (divisions, sub-divisions, and categories) and groups or leagues it may deem best for the interest of the NOHA.

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Rationale:

General Recommendation number 3 from the NOHA Elite Hockey Review
That the NOHA revise their AAA Policies for Leagues and Teams in order to allow competitive teams at the AAA category instead of forming 4 team Leagues when the player base is not available.

Likely the most repeated request by the AAA membership of Associations that have AAA teams. Minor midget must be allowed to proceed even without a four team league.



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League contraction from five (5) to four (4) teams have already taken place at Minor Peewee, Major Peewee and Minor Bantam AAA level. This motion if adopted would protect the remaining AAA programs if there were to be further contraction from four (4) to three (3) teams.

Moved/Yves Laliberte – Nickel City
Seconded/Keisha Lagrandeur – Nickel City

Yves Laliberte – Nickel City – The reasoning behind the motion is there has been a lot of Elite talk and support of AAA hockey – Nickel City seeks reassurance that the AAA program will not be based on the number of teams – Nickel City would like the four-team minimum not to be an issue – At a future time, would like assurance for Atom and Minor Atom AAA cards – Not impeded by how many teams in the NOHA can complete the League.

Keith Barton – North Bay – The Board has decided to vote against this Motion, referring to the Elite Hockey White Paper for rationale – The NOHA supports three teams, but the Elite Review has not been adopted yet – If the Motion passed, it will counteract policies that are currently in place.

DEFEATED

4. -SUBMITTED BY NICKEL CITY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 41 – Regulation 1.3

Presently Reads:

R.1.3. All AAA teams entered into the NOHA must play in their own local league, in the same division as they entered, in order to qualify for all NOHA championships (see Reg. 9). A complete schedule of each league must be sent to the Executive Director of the NOHA before the start of any playing season.

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R.1.3.b) All Associations with Minor Peewee AAA, Major Peewee AAA, Minor Bantam AAA, Major Bantam AAA and Major Midget AAA teams entered into the NOHA will be approved for



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completion of their AAA program (Major Atom and/or Minor Midget) by submitting an application that meets the following criteria:

- i) Letters of support from the Minor Hockey Association and center(s) they will play out of.
- ii) Letter from arena(s) they will play out of showing ice time is available.
- iii) Must submit all financial/logistical information such as sponsor, budget, player fees, etc.
- iv) Must have nine (9) players from the center (s) they are playing out of. Anything less than this would be at the discretion of the NOHA Board.
- v) Only allowed three (3) players from a District that does not have a “AAA” team. No players from a District that has a “AAA” team.
- vi) A list of the Team Executive must be submitted – Manager, Coach and Trainer.
- vii) No Branch to Branch transfers will be allowed.
- viii) All teams will operate in compliance with current HC, OHF, and NOHA Policies, By-laws and Regulations.
- ix) Applications for new teams must be submitted to the NOHA by January 20th to be eligible for competition the following season.

Rationale:

For many years, volunteers of our Association have invested much time and money to complete our AAA program but always unsuccessfully. Structural and Procedural barriers among other things have been the tools of those who opposes the wish of our players, our members, to compete at the highest level appropriate to their age. In Canada and in Ontario in particular, Minor Midget AAA, the OHL draft year, is seen as “the” achievement of the Elite minor hockey player. Nickel City is asking to have the same right and opportunity as the 56 other southern Ontario teams, of which 25 comes from communities smaller than ours.

Moved/Yves Laliberte – Nickel City Seconded/Tammy Beaulne – Nickel City

Yves Laliberte – Nickel City – This motion would take existing AAA team policies and turn them to a Regulation – The only omission is one criterion, that teams seeking AAA cards have proof of admission into a AAA league – Nickel City has looked for Minor Midget, but has not received permission from a league – Nickel City would like to establish a new league with less than four teams – If no league can be created, then would play only exhibition games.

John Jamieson – Lively – The Board will speak against this motion, as the current policy requires four teams to create a league.

DEFEATED



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5. SUBMITTED BY SUDBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NEW – Regulation 3.14

Presently Reads:

None

Change to Read:

Registered players in the NOHA are eligible to compete in high school hockey leagues provided those school districts that allow NOHA players to play high school hockey accept and allow players registered at all levels within the NOHA (AAA, AA, A, House League, etc.) as participants for the entire season.

Rationale:

At present there are high schools that restrict eligibility and participation to players who are registered in House League only. This practice is discriminatory and has served to remove players within the NOHA from playing at their appropriate level of competition thus forcing them to play House League hockey in order to be eligible to play.

Moved/Albert Corradini – Sudbury

Seconded/Tammy Simpson – Sudbury

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – It is uncertain if this can be enforced. A few years ago, kids who were carded were not allowed to play High School hockey, which is believed to be discriminatory. High Schools in some Districts recognized that players were going to High School games instead of Representative games. In Sudbury, the rule was changed to allow House League only to be played at the same time as High School Hockey. Noticed that those who played House League had diminished enjoyment. This has created good players losing interest, and other kids of lesser talent not having fun. Asking for some way the NOHA could enforce a rule to bring equality, having High Schools allow kids to play in any Division or Category.

Keith Barton – North Bay – We cannot enforce this. We cannot force High Schools to change their rules. They have been approached to get around this, but no co-operation. Our hands would be tied even if this Motion passes.

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – Could we get them to enforce it, make kids unable to play if they are carded with the NOHA.

Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine – We put in the Constitution that kids can play both. The Minor Junior Council and OHF met with them with no result.



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Tony Foresi – OHF – The Minor and Junior Councils have met with OFSAA looking for equality and for kids to be able to play both. Each district is independent and creates their own rules. Some allow kids to play all levels, some no, and some split. They will not come to an agreement, and have no interest in co-operating. Another letter has recently been sent with no response.

Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine – This situation does not look too bright. It has been going on for years.

DEFEATED

6. -SUBMITTED BY NICKEL CITY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 60 – Regulation 5.2

Presently Reads:

R.5.2. AAA Major and Minor Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, and Peewee in the NOHA adopt the Zone concept. Zone divisions will be the districts as outlined in the NOHA By-Law B.1.13.

A player from within the Zone may request a NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form from the Signing Officers of the Association or Single Entry team holding his/her playing rights to tryout for the AAA Club within the Zone. This NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form carries an automatic release for the player upon being signed by the AAA club. This same provision will apply for a player wanting to tryout for a AAA club outside his/her zone. For example if a player registers with a Minor Bantam AAA team then they must return to their Home community after their Minor Bantam year. If the player registers with a Major Bantam team as a Minor Bantam player then they stay for the 2 years unless they obtain their release to return to their Home Association.

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R.5.2.b) AA Major and Minor Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom and Novice in the NOHA adopt the Zone concept. Zone divisions will be the districts as outlined in the NOHA By-Law B.1.13.

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Rationale:

Skilled players wishing to tryout at the AAA level are given the opportunity to do either within their district or if that opportunity is not available or they fail to make that team they then may get a release to tryout elsewhere. This opportunity is never denied.

This motion seeks the same treatment for the AA level of competition. It puts the kid first. It is what is best for his or her development. We believe that this is supported by the Hockey Canada Long Term Player Development Programming Framework.

Meant to maximize a player's potential and long term involvement in sport over the course of their life

Based on the following principles: a) Doing the right thing for the player at the right stage in their development; b) Adopting a player-centered approach and not treating the development of all players the same way; c) Aligning player development resources with the right age and ability level.

It is "Participant centered", it seeks to establish the "Gold Standard" for all hockey programming.

Key Steps to Building a Program Model:

A Minor Hockey Association's success from a coaching / player standpoint will be based on 3 main aspects: a) Enjoyment of players coming to the rink everyday; b) Improvement of players' skills; c) Developing of players to play at the next Level.



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Moved/Yves Laliberte – Nickel City Seconded/John Sauve – Nickel City

Yves Laliberte – Nickel City – The context is currently that if we have a kid who fails to make a AAA team or if a Centre does not have a AAA team, we must provide a release. We are seeking the same for AA. If a child fails to make a AA program, Centres would be required to release to the next AA team. Within the Nickel City region, there is talk of House League Associations wanting their Representative cards back for A. If so, the Membership will remain, but if a smaller Centre has talented kids who fail to make AAA, they will be released to play AA. This is security for better child development. If they are talented enough to play AA, they will have the right to play.

John Jamieson – Lively – The Board will be speaking against this. Categories are based on population, not on calibre, so this could be detrimental to the entire NOHA.

Paul Aquino – Englehart – If my understanding is correct, D and AA would be the same versus town size. If you have a Representative player who wants to play AAA, you have to release. If they want to play, you do not have to release.

Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine – You don't have to release anyone, but we don't think anyone is holding kids back.

Keith Barton – North Bay – This may work in District Two, but in outlying areas the players would be free to play anywhere. Players won't be protected, and with Freedom of Movement, smaller Associations will be destroyed.

Craig Abotossaway – Manitoulin – As a smaller Association, we still play against AA teams within the league. We provide a release if we're not playing against those teams.

Keisha Lagrandeur – Nickel City – Can we make a friendly amendment for this to be applicable to District Two only?

Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine – Why would we put a Regulation in the Constitution for only one District?

Keisha Lagrandeur – Nickel City – There are pros and cons, but District Two and District Eight are set apart as two Districts in one area, relying on the same population.

Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine – A Regulation in the book affecting one District could be an issue. This would change the whole Motion.

Jason Rietze – Lively – The Motion is out of order. We cannot move forward. It must be submitted as is or not at all.

DEFEATED



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7. SUBMITTED BY SCHUMACHER DAY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 61-62 – Regulation 5.10 a)

Presently Reads:

A player wishing to register to play for a team in another community that is fully registered may do so with a release from his or her home association, club or team.

Change to Read:

A player wishing to register to play for a team, from “A” and lower, including house league, in another community, with in the same Municipality, that is fully registered, may do so without a release from his or her home association, club or team.

Moved/Brian Getty – Schumacher Day
Seconded/Lou Battochio – Schumacher Day

Brian Getty – Schumacher Day – This is the third year we have come with this Motion. We are a D Centre, but had an agreement with other areas. Every year we have wondered about kids playing. We’re talking about Freedom of Movement for kids who play House League or A to play wherever they would like. We want to keep kids playing hockey. No more barriers. We’re looking for support that House League and A kids can have Freedom of Movement.

Emile Lavoie – Onaping Falls – Small Associations can’t let that happen. It will kill smaller Associations.

Fred Burrows – Englehart – Agree, this would kill smaller Associations.

DEFEATED

8. –SUBMITTED BY WAWA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 66 – Regulation 7.5

Presently Reads:

A player of a team of a lower division and the same or lower category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may play for a team or teams of higher divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player’s registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player’s affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.



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Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of regular league games or playoff games, are excluded from the number of games.

NOTE: Teams using affiliated players are not responsible for the information on the affiliated players' HCR record if the player has been approved electronically on the HCR. If for any reason a player is found to be ineligible after being registered and approved by the NOHA, the team the player is registered with will be held responsible. If a team uses this player as an affiliate player, this team cannot be held responsible and points cannot be taken away from them for using this player while he was on an approved HCR roster.

The player cannot play an eleventh game (11) until the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs.

NOTE: The NOHA Tournament of Champions is considered play-offs and therefore does count towards the ten (10) game total.

Change to Read:

A player of a team of a lower division and the same or lower category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may play for a team or teams of higher divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times **and if the players registered team is not part of a regular season league, the player may affiliate an unlimited number of times.**

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Rationale:

If a team is not participating or playing in a league, these players should be permitted to play as affiliate players with a Rep team. This would give these players a chance to challenge their skills and the Rep team would be able to dress a maximum number of players to make their team more competitive. This will help small Associations survive the hockey season and keep kids playing.

WITHDRAWN

9. SUBMITTED BY DUBREUILVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 66 – Regulation 7.5

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The player cannot play an eleventh game (11) until the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs.

NOTE: The NOHA Tournament of Champions is considered play-offs and therefore does count towards the ten (10) game total.

Change to Read:

A player of a team of a lower division and the same or lower category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may play for a team or teams of higher divisions



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WITHDRAWN

10. -SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 74 – Regulation 9.1

Presently Reads:

All NOHA Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget AA – D category play-offs will be in a Tournament of Champions format where sufficient entries permit. All teams participating will be guaranteed a minimum of three games in the tournament format. Categories above that are to



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continue on to the Provincial Championship will be required to play a complete round-robin series against all teams entered in the play-offs to determine a winner.

That AA and A minor teams be grouped in one category for NOHA Tournament of Champions: Example Minor Atom, Minor Peewee, Minor Bantam, Minor Midget.

Where there are only two teams registered for a Tournament of Champions this championship will not be held.

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Where there are only two teams registered for a Tournament of Champions this championship will not be held.

Where a team has paid their Tournament of Champions application fees and it is determined by the NOHA Board of Directors there will not be a Tournament of Champions in a division a refund is sent to the team or association whichever has paid.

Rationale:

To address situations where a team has paid for a Tournament of Champions that will not take place, the team will receive a refund.

Moved/Keith Barton – North Bay
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda

Claudette Myre – Azilda – Currently the policy states that monies sent from the NOHA have to be Board approved. This is an addition so that if a team registers for the Tournament of Champions and it is determined the championship won't happen, monies can be sent back without a meeting of the Board.

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11. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 75 – Regulation 9.3 a) and b)

Presently Reads:

A) Participation in the Tournament of Champions is optional. Teams who want to participate must send their application and applicable fees to the NOHA Office by December 1st. Teams not wishing to participate must send a letter stating such to the NOHA Office by December 1st. If no letters are received at the NOHA Office by December 1st, then the NOHA will assume your team is participating in the Tournament of Champions and will invoice your Association for the Tournament of Champions registration fee plus \$50.00. After December 1st, the NOHA will not accept any entries.

B) Where Associations have more than one (1) team per Division, they must determine which team attends the Tournament of Champions (one per Division). In any category if the Tournament of Champions requires more teams, Associations may send more than one (1) team per Division as determined by the NOHA Play-off Committee. This must be done by December 1st.

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Rationale:

To avoid confusion and to set the date for which teams are to advise whether they will or will not be participating in the Tournament of Champions.

Moved/Keith Barton – North Bay
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda



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Claudette Myre – Azilda – As the Tournament of Champions Chair this year, there were many problems with the December 1st deadline, especially the negative attendance issue. This will say by December 1st, if you've applied, you're in, and if not, you're out.

CARRIED

12. – SUBMITTED BY SUDBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Page 75 – Regulation 9.3 a)

Presently Reads:

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Rationale:

The method of reverse marketing is counterproductive.

Teams must submit applications for any other tournament by a specific deadline if they wish to participate and the NOHA Tournament of Champions should be no different.

Assessing a fine for not submitting a letter of intent or letter of non-participation is counter-productive. If the NOHA wants mandatory participation in this tournament, then make the tournament mandatory for all teams.

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13. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 75 – Regulation 9.4

Presently Reads:

Registration fees for NOHA play-offs are to be determined by the following method:

A minimum of six (6) carded 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.

Change to Read:

Registration fees for NOHA play-offs are to be determined by the following method:

A minimum of six (6) *representative* 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:

Housekeeping – change carded to representative.

Moved/Keith Barton – North Bay
Seconded/Claudette Myre – Azilda

CARRIED

14. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 76 – Regulation 9.6

Presently Reads:

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

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



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NOTE: Clubs/Associations that have not participated in the previous season's play-offs may not be eligible to apply to host unless no other requests are received. Associations may apply for a higher category to which they are carded if they participated in that category the previous two seasons.

Change to Read:

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NOTE: Clubs/Associations that have not participated in the previous season's play-offs may not be eligible to apply to host unless no other requests are received. Associations may apply for a higher category to which they are **registered** if they participated in that category the previous two seasons.

Rationale:

Housekeeping – change carded to registered.

Moved/Fred Burrows – Englehart
Seconded/Ted Zajac – Porcupine

CARRIED

15. – SUBMITTED BY NOHA EXECUTIVE

Page 78 – Regulation 9.20

Presently Reads:

In any NOHA inter-group play-off where more than home-and-home games are arranged by the NOHA, the competing teams shall toss prior to the first game for the choice of ice for the third game and all succeeding games shall alternate, except where other arrangements have been agreed upon by both clubs and sanctioned by the NOHA before the series starts. In case the clubs fail to agree, the dates for any group or inter-group play-off shall be arranged by the Executive Director of the NOHA. (Not applicable to Minor Hockey).



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Change to Read:

In any NOHA inter-group play-off where more than home-and-home games are arranged by the NOHA, the competing teams shall **coin** toss prior to the first game for the choice of ice for the third game and all succeeding games shall alternate, except where other arrangements have been agreed upon by both clubs and sanctioned by the NOHA before the series starts. In case the clubs fail to agree, the dates for any group or inter-group play-off shall be arranged by the Executive Director of the NOHA. (Not applicable to Minor Hockey).

Rationale:

Housekeeping – clarify it is a coin toss.

Moved/Ted Zajac – Porcupine
Seconded/Jason Rietze – Walden

CARRIED

10) ANNUAL MEETING

2015 NOHA AGM to be held in Sault Ste. Marie.

11) GENERAL BUISNESS

Jason Marchand – Executive Director –The documentation in March regarding the Elite Hockey review was sent out via email and is on the NOHA website. We need to quickly go through where we were and where we are now, and get everyone on board.

We held five meetings in Northern Ontario, with all invited. We went through the documentation and discussed in groups the recommendations. Recommendations are listed in document as well as feedback given. Today we are looking for support to move this project forward. This does not mean every recommendation is supported, we are essentially seeking direction to the Board to move this forward, and that you support the document, and support moving project forward. Will not be just the Board or the Office, those with interest in Elite Hockey will be involved as well.

Moved/Albert Corradini – Sudbury
Seconded/Ginette Kile – North Bay

CARRIED



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12) ELECTIONS

Bruce Killah withdraws from election for Second Vice-President and Third Vice-President.
Jason Rietze withdraws from District 2.

The NOHA Executive for the 2013-2014 season is introduced.

Past President – Bryce Kulik
President – John Jamieson (accepted)
First Vice-President – Keith Barton (accepted)
Second Vice-President – Claudette Myre (accepted)
Third Vice-President – Fred Burrows (accepted)
District 1 – Ted Zajac
District 2 – vacant
District 3 – vacant
District 4 – vacant
District 5 – vacant
District 6 – vacant
District 7 – Gayle Payette
District 8 – vacant
District 9 – Lisa Stewart

Albert Corradini – Sudbury – May be time to revisit whether or not an individual can be involved in a team and sit on Board of Directors. Given amount of vacancies, might want to entertain.

Mike Landry – Soo Peewee – Do these positions get an honorarium? No. Can we give one to entice people? Need to get people involved and keep people.

Paul Aquino – Englehart – What are rules to become a Council Director?

Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine – Can't be a President, can't sit on Association Board of Directors, can't coach or manage a hockey team.

Paul Aquino – Englehart – Trying to find a way to get volunteers without conflict of interest is difficult.

Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine – It is also in the book that Council Director must reside in that District.

Paul Aquino – Englehart – Can we appoint one from outside of District if there isn't one?

Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine – The Board has a lot of work to do. We will be sending notes to Associations.

Emile Lavoie – Onaping Falls – Are all meetings held in North Bay? Would the centre be moved to another area?



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Bryce Kulik – South Porcupine – The Board will have many ideas.

13) ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Paul Aquino – Englehart
Seconded/Matt Cavaliere – Sault Major

“To adjourn the meeting.”

CARRIED