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104th NOHA Annual General Meeting Wraps Up in Timmins

The 104th NOHA Annual General Meeting was hosted in the City of Timmins on May 6, 2023. With more than 120 voting delegates in attendance, freedom of movement for Players within the NOHA territory was passed by the Membership and a new President was acclaimed.

Freedom of Movement

Freedom of movement within the NOHA has been a discussion topic for more than ten (10) seasons and has been brought forward by the NOHA Executive – or other Member Associations – on multiple occasions.

Three (3) motions outlining different options for freedom of movement were presented this weekend and ultimately the Membership approved that NOHA Players may participate with any Team (Representative and House League) within the NOHA effective the 2023/2024 season, without the requirement of a release.

Additional details will be made available over the coming days, including a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.

As well, a summary of the motions is provided below. The full minutes will be available during the summer.

Ted Zajac Acclaimed as NOHA President

Long-time NOHA Board Member, Ted Zajac of South Porcupine, was acclaimed as the NOHA President for the next three (3) years. He joined the NOHA Board of Directors in 2010 and most recently served as First Vice President.

He will replace Sue Shepherdson, who moves into the role of Immediate Past President.

“We would like to thank Sue for her tremendous leadership, particularly during two (2) seasons of trying to keep programming going during the COVID-19 pandemic. With her guidance, the NOHA was able to come back strong this past season with a significant increase in registration across our territory”, stated Zajac.

He will be joined on the Executive by the following individuals for the 2023/2024 season:

NOHA President – Ted Zajac (1st year of 3-year term)

NOHA First Vice President – Brian Beaupre (1st year of 3-year term)

NOHA Second Vice President – Steve Lawrence (1st year of 3-year term)

NOHA Third Vice President – Craig Maki (1st year of 3-year term)



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- NOHA Past President** – Sue Shepherdson (1st year of 3-year term)
District One Council Director – Kevin Peever (acclaimed – 1st year of 2-year term)
District Two Council Director – Yves Lalonde (2nd year of 2-year term)
District Three Council Director – Open
District Four Council Director – Rick Barron (2nd year of 2-year term)
District Five Council Director – Open
District Six Council Director – Adam Estabrooks (2nd year of 2-year term)
District Seven Council Director – Michael Bridgeman (acclaimed – 1st year of 2-year term)
District Eight Council Director – Open
District Nine Council Director – Sebastien Lessard (acclaimed – 1st year of 2-year term)

NOHA Annual General Meeting Summary

Motion	Regulation	Rationale	Status
1	Definitions	District Locations	WITHDRAWN
2	By-Law 5.6a)	Membership vote to Divisions	CARRIED
3	By-Law 6.1a)	AGM Date	CARRIED
4	By-Law 6.1a)	AGM Location	DEFEATED
5	By-Law 7.6b)	Board Positions	CARRIED
6	By-Law 8.10	President Honourarium	CARRIED
7	Reg. 1.1o)	Member Incorporation	CARRIED AS AMENDED
8	Reg. 2.1m)	AAA Releases	CARRIED
9	Reg. 2.1n)	AAA Waiver	CARRIED
10	Reg. 2.2a)	Internal Schedules	CARRIED
11	Reg. 2.2b)	League Contact Information	CARRIED
12	Reg. 3.1d)	Appealing Classification	DEFEATED
13	Reg. 3.2a)	House League Select Teams	CARRIED AS AMENDED
14	Reg. 3.2c)	House League Registration	CARRIED
15	Reg. 6.1	Freedom of Movement	CARRIED
16	Reg. 6.1	Freedom of Movement	WITHDRAWN
17	Reg. 6.1	Freedom of Movement	WITHDRAWN
18	Reg. 6.1a)	U7 Residence	WITHDRAWN
19	Reg. 6.1.d.i)	AA Zones	WITHDRAWN
20	Reg. 6.2.1.d)	Minor-aged release length	WITHDRAWN
21	Reg. 6.2.1.m)	AA Releases	WITHDRAWN
22	Reg. 7.1.f)	Game cancellation process	CARRIED
23	Reg. 10.2a)	Housekeeping	CARRIED
24	Reg. 10.5.c)	Housekeeping	CARRIED
25	Reg. 11.2.1	Tournament of Champions Dates	CARRIED
26	Reg. 11.2.2a)	Tournament of Champions Participation	CARRIED



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27	NEW	Tournament of Champions Max Teams	CARRIED
28	Reg. 11.2.2	House League Tournament of Champions Selection Process	CARRIED
29	Reg. 12.1.g)	Time between games at Tournaments	DEFEATED
30	Reg. 13.3.e)f)	Maltreatment Appeal	DEFEATED

For further information on the NOHA Annual General Meeting, please visit the NOHA website:
<https://www.noha-hockey.ca/annual-general-meeting>

Should you have any questions, contact NOHA Executive Director Jason Marchand at
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