

NAFHA FALL MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2002

Time: 7:00-10:00
Place: Petroleum Club
Address: 11110-108 St.

Roll Call- Intro Sue Badger (new Communications Director)
All Teams in Nafha are accounted for.

Routine Business:

1. **Motion: to approve the agenda. Made by Blackie Ochremchuk and seconded by Jo Frost. Motion was carried.**
 - a) **Motion: to add to the agenda. Made by Mel Whitesell and seconded by Blackie.**
2. **Motion: to approve the minutes of the previous fall meeting. Made by Blackie and seconded by Bev Watt. Motion carried.**

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting:

None

New Business:

1. Communications
 - a) Maintain our Mission Statement, the integrity of the league.
 - b) Create a League that can operate with open, accurate, and timely information
 - c) Reduce the budget
 - i. Webmaster is the only paid position. It's important to reduce the amount of time we use her services. With the new website design we believe this is possible.
 - The new bulletin board will allow members to post communications and respond directly to those who post info.
 - The Statistician can post game results as soon as game sheets handed in.
 - The website will be used to duplicate the communications of the executive to the membership.
 - ii. Obtaining less expensive ice @ Enoch will reduce the ice costs by 20%. If you have ice to sell get this info to Lisa Tilley by Oct 3rd or you'll be responsible for paying for it. You can also sell it on the website.
 - d) Prepare the next 5-year focus on the expansion of NAFHA. We feel there will be a 20% membership growth in the next few years. For example there are 3 or 4 new teams this year.

2. League Ice will be \$225/slot, including GST, for this season. There will be no ice scheduled on long weekends.
3. Any Team with plans to go to a tourney, or any other ice exception must let Lisa know tonight in order for it to be reflected on the schedule. (Otherwise you will be responsible for your ice – you can try to sell it, try the website section Ice For Sale)
4. Affiliation sheets must be handed into Chuk and she will forward them to Mel Whitesell (Hockey Alberta) to be signed. The affiliation sheet must be accompanied by their intended plans for provincials. Once this is all done the affiliate can play.
5. Players at tryouts must have a permission to skate or a release if they were on a different team last year. If they don't have this permission they cannot get on the ice with another team.
6. Bingo Report – There are 8 motions that weren't sent out in the package as they have just come to light. The Bingo regulations are currently outdated.

Motion:(see Appendix A) Made by Spinner and seconded by Wendy. CARRIED.
Motion:(see Appendix B) Made by Marilyn and seconded by Spinner. CARRIED.
Motion:(see Appendix C) Made by Marilyn and seconded by Carole. CARRIED.
Motion:(see Appendix D) Made by Marilyn and seconded by Carole. CARRIED.
Motion:(see Appendix E) Made by Marilyn and seconded by Carole. CARRIED.
Motion:(see Appendix F) Made by Marilyn and seconded by Carole. CARRIED.
Motion:(see Appendix G) Made by Marilyn and seconded by Spinner. CARRIED.
Motion:(see Appendix H) Made by Spinner and seconded by Bev. CARRIED.

7. Open Governess Position – since no one has stepped up for this position a quorum will be created from the executive until the position is filled. **It is VERY important that this position be filled as quickly as possible. If anyone knows of a person that would be willing to help out please let a member of the executive know ASAP.

New Business

1. All-Rep Game – Feedback on the format or any ideas greatly appreciated and must be received by your VP by the end of October.
 2. 4 on 4 Tourney – open to Nafha players and those interested in joining. Anyone wishing to help out next year please get in touch with Lisa Tilley.
 3. Notices of Motion: (see Appendix I-K)
- A. Motion: (see Appendix I) Made by Sarah and seconded by Brenda. DEFEATED.**
Addition to Proposed Wording: In the case of a match penalty against the official, the official will retain the white copy.
New Motion: Made by Spinner and seconded by Carole Karbonik. CARRIED.

B. Motion: (see Appendix J) Made by Cheryl Phillips and seconded by Carole. DEFEATED.

1st Addition to Proposed Wording: If a senior Nafha player is suspended for a 10-minute misconduct or more they will receive a 1-game suspension and a \$25 fine. Minors will receive a 2-game suspension.

New Motion: Made by Sarah and seconded by Brenda Tipler. DEFEATED.

2nd Addition to Proposed Wording: When a player receives a fine it must be paid within 30 days or there will be a late payment charge.

New Motion: Made by Cheryl and seconded by Brenda. DEFEATED.

***the Executive will come up with a way to collect fines before a player can step on the ice. This will be done at the AGM.

Addition to Current Wording:(Appendix J) ...shall automatically be suspended for the next Hockey Alberta game...

New Motion: Made by Wendy and seconded by Spinner. CARRIED.

C. Motion: (see Appendix K) Made by Cheryl and seconded by Spin. CARRIED.

4. Critical Dates reviewed. (Cards/Sheets due by Oct 9th)

5. New Membership & Changes:

Chimos will be leaving Nafha for the NWHL but their name and jerseys are on a LOA in our association.

The EGHA Rebels have left Nafha and want to be replaced with 2 underage Teams.

The Sherwood Park Predators are on a LOA this year.

The Spruce Grover Blazers were on a LOA last year and would like to come back this year.

There is a mixed team of under and over 18 who want to join Nafha, their name is New Sarepta.

There are 2 new teams for Tier 5. One is the Edmonton Ice Cubes and the other doesn't have a name yet.

The Renegades would like to join Tier 2.

The St. Albert Jr's would like to join Tier 1.

AnnaLynn Sanche, the rep for EGHA, explained that they want to be in Nafha for the higher level of competition. A discussion ensued.

Motion: Don't accept the 2 midget EGHA teams in Senior Nafha but accommodate them in Nafha Under 18 of EGHA. Made by Spinner and seconded by Carole. CARRIED.

Motion: Allow EGHA the yearly option to apply to Senior Nafha. Made by Wendy and seconded by Spinner. CARRIED.

Motion: To accept the New Sarepta combined team into Nafha for the 2002-2003 season. Made by Spinner and seconded by Marilyn. CARRIED.

Motion: To accept the Edmonton Ice Cubes and a second team (name to be announced) into Tier 5, as well as the Renegades into Tier 2 and the St. Albert Jr's into Tier 1. To allow the Spruce Grove Blazers back into Nafha. Made by Spinner and seconded by Charmaine Lafleche. CARRIED.

6. Tiering – the options were handed out to the membership (see Appendix L), and discussions ensued. Based on the changes made in 6. only options A2, A3, and B1 were voted on. There was a tie between A2 and A3. After a second vote, A3 was the option picked. There was a lot of discussion as to certain teams in certain Tiers (as outlined on Appendix L).

This was the final option voted on by the membership:

| Tier1 | Tier2 | Tier3 | Tier4 | Tier5 |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Selects | Lightning | Aliens | Pylons | Hurricanes |
| ATP | Bon Accord | Warriors | Storm | Ms Fits |
| Extreme | Westlock | Eagles | Avalanche | Ice Cubes |
| CAC Jr's | Capitals | Chiefs | Gladiators | New Team |
| Wabamun | Blades | Hellions | | |
| St. Albert Jr's | Renegades | Spruce Grove | | |
| | | Thorhild | | |

Motion: To accept crossovers later in the season. Made by Spinner and seconded by Terry. CARRIED.

7. Paul Schmidt (Referee Assignor) – there are some important changes for the upcoming season so Paul went over these with the membership.
- Ear Pieces & Neck Guards must be worn or an automatic penalty.
 - Chin Straps, must have 2 fingers between strap & chin or an automatic penalty if ref deems that you are involved in the play or if you refuse when told.
 - There must not be any stickers on a helmet unless the CSA approved ones.
 - If a team uses Stickers on the game sheets they must put them on all 3 pages.
 - Face-offs will be conducted differently.

- a) When the ref is in the face-off position, the Visitors have 5 seconds to decide a line change.
- b) When the ref's arm goes up, the Home team will have 5 seconds to decide a line change.
- c) When the ref's arm goes down and they blow the whistle, all players have 5 seconds to get into face-off position.

- Hitting to the Head – new – 3 levels

- i. player gets regular 2-min penalty
- ii. player receives a 2-min minor and a 10-min misconduct
- iii. player receives a 5-min major and a game or possible match if intent to injure.

- Ref rates are on the website. Please pay ref's in cash at the start of the game.

- If affiliate players are playing you MUST put “(AP)” on the game sheet.

- 9. Mel Whitesell announced that the Japanese National Team will be coming to Edmonton again during the Christmas holidays. They are at least Tier 1. If anyone is interested in playing them please contact Mel.

**Motion: To adjourn meeting. Made by Marilyn and seconded by Spinner.
CARRIED.**

Meeting ADJOURNED @ 10:00pm.

Appendix A:

Operating Rule #13 a)

Current Wording:

- a) Every team participating in Bingos must provide a Bingo Delegate, who will sit on a Bingo Committee with one of the NAFHA Committee as a Coordinator.

Proposed Wording:

- a) Every team participating in Bingos must provide a Bingo Delegate, who will sit on a Bingo Committee, as a Coordinator, with the NAFHA Financial Committee Designate.

Rationale:

“Financial Committee Designate” to correspond with the wording in this Operating Rule.

Current wording suggests that the Financial Committee person is the team’s Coordinator.

Appendix B:

Operating Rule #13 b)

Current Wording:

- b) Worker/Time Schedule For Bingos will be established by the Financial Committee bi-annually.

Proposed Wording:

- b) Worker/Time Schedule For Bingos will be established by the Financial Committee Designate bi-annually.

Rationale:

“Financial Committee Designate” to correspond with the wording in this Operating Rule.

Appendix C:

Operating Rule #13 f)

Current Wording:

- f) If a team provides twenty-one (21) days notice to the Financial Committee Designate that they cannot work at a scheduled Bingo, a new team will be called from the waiting list.

Proposed Wording:

- f) If a team provides twenty-one (21) days notice to the Financial Committee Designate that they cannot work at a scheduled Bingo, they must work together with the Financial Committee Designate to find a replacement from the other participating teams.

Rationale:

We no longer have teams on a waiting list.

To bring this rule up to current practices. The teams currently take responsibility for working with the Designate to find replacements.

Appendix D:

Operating Rule #13 g)

Current Wording:

- g) If a team provides five (5) days to twenty (20) days notice to the Financial Committee Designate that they cannot work at a scheduled Bingo, they will be fined \$50.00, and a new team will be called from the waiting list.

Proposed Wording:

- g) If a team provides five (5) days to twenty (20) days notice to the Financial Committee Designate that they cannot work at a scheduled Bingo, they will be fined \$50.00, and they must work together with the Financial Committee Designate to find a replacement from the other participating teams.

Rationale:

We no longer have teams on a waiting list.

To bring this rule up to current practices. The teams currently take responsibility for working with the Designate to find replacements

Appendix E:

Operating Rule #13 h)

Current Wording:

- h) If a team provides less than five (5) days notice to the Financial Committee Designate or does not show up at their scheduled Bingo date, that team will be fined \$200.00 and suspended from working Bingo's for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the infraction.

Proposed Wording:

- h) If a team provides less than five (5) days notice to the Financial Committee Designate or does not show up at their scheduled Bingo date, that team will be fined \$50.00 per worker they were expected to provide, and be suspended from working Bingo's for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the infraction.

Rationale:

To bring this rule up to current practices and to match with 13 h) which states that there is a \$50 fine per missing worker.

Appendix F:

Operating Rule #13 i)

Current Wording:

- i) If one of the scheduled teams cannot provide the correct number of workers for a bingo, the other teams may supply extra workers providing both teams agree and the Financial Committee Designate is notified.

Proposed Wording:

- i) If one of the scheduled teams cannot provide the correct number of workers for a bingo, the other teams may supply extra workers providing both teams agree and the Financial Committee Designate is notified. It is the responsibility of the scheduled teams' Coordinator to call the other teams and to inform the Financial Committee Designate.

Rationale:

To bring this rule up to current practices. The teams currently take responsibility for finding replacements and keeping the Financial Committee Designate informed. If they have any difficulties finding replacements the Designate helps them.

Appendix G:

Operating Rule #13 I)

Current Wording:

- l) If you do not have all of your players show up, a fine of \$50.00 per person will be levied. If due to a shortage of workers, the Bingo Chairperson must call replacement workers as per the Emergency Bingo workers list.

Proposed Wording:

- l) If you do not have all of your players show up, a fine of \$50.00 per person will be levied. In addition, for the next bingo, you will be required to supply the number of workers as was missing at the previous bingo. Your share of the bingo proceeds will not increase.

(ie. If you were 3 workers short, your fine would be \$150 and at the next bingo you would be required to send 3 extra workers. The amount that your team would make would be the same as if you didn't have any extra workers.)

Rationale:

To bring this rule up to current practices. In the past, Nafha was listed as one of the worst participants at Parkland Bingo Hall for late and missing workers. The Managers asked that we implement stricter policies to ensure that we are not short of workers. This policy lays more responsibility on the participating teams to make sure that all their workers take the privilege of working bingos seriously.

The last sentence is a repeat of 13 i)

Appendix H:

Operating Rule #13 (n)

Current Wording:

- (n) a team does not make money at a Bingo, they will be given an extra Bingo as compensation, providing there are extra Bingos available.

Proposed Wording:

N/A

Rationale:

This point is not applicable since pooling has taken effect.

Appendix I:

2002 Fall Meeting ----- Notice of Motion

Amendment to Bylaws or Operations

Bylaw/Operating Rule #: 7b

Paragraph:

Submitted By: Bev Watt

CURRENT WORDING

In any game where major penalties (any 5 minute penalty), game misconduct's, 10 minute misconducts, gross misconduct's, or match penalties occur, the home team must fax the game sheet and incident report, within 24 hrs, to the League Governor (or the League President in the Governor's absence). In the case of a match penalty, the home team shall provide the referee with the incident report form and the fax number assigned. Major, match, and misconduct penalties will be strictly enforced as per the CHA Rule Book and NAFHA penalty guidelines.

PROPOSED WORDING

In any game where major penalties (any 5 minute penalty), game misconduct's, 10 minute misconducts, gross misconducts, or match penalties occur, the home team must fax the game sheet and incident report within 24 hours, to the League Governor (or the League President in the Governor's absence). If the team cannot fax within 24 hours, they must phone the Governor. Major, match, and misconduct penalties will be strictly enforced as per the CHA Rule Book and NAFHA Rules and Regulations.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

"In the case of a Match Penalty, the home team shall provide the referee with the incident report form and the fax number assigned." This must be taken out of the rule as it's in regards to a match penalty on an official, in which case the referee knows the procedure. She/He takes the white copy of the game sheet and incident report and forwards it to the Match Penalty Coordinator for Hockey Alberta who deals with the suspension and forwards the decision to the League Governor who in turn reports the information to the NAFHA executive.

Appendix J:

2002 Fall Meeting ----- Notice of Motion

Amendment to Bylaws or Operations

Bylaw/Operating Rule #: 10a

Paragraph:

Submitted By: Bev Watt

CURRENT WORDING

In Minor and Female Hockey, any player or team official who is assessed a Misconduct penalty in the last ten (10) minutes of the game, shall automatically be suspended for the next regular, league/playoff game and fined \$25.00. In the case of a Game Misconduct for Abuse of Officials or Un-sportsmanlike conduct, refer to the NAFHA Minimum Suspension Guidelines.

PROPOSED WORDING

In Minor and Female Hockey, any player or team official who is assessed a Misconduct Penalty in the last ten (10) minutes of the game, shall automatically be suspended for the next league/playoff/tourney/provincial game and /or fined \$25.00. In the case of a Game Misconduct for Abuse of Officials or Un-sportsmanlike conduct, refer to the NAFHA and/or Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension Guidelines. Fines must be paid by the third (3rd) game played after the suspension or player/coach can not participate in Hockey until fine is paid.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

More flexibility is needed since the CHA changed the Major Rule. Now if a player gets a Major penalty in the last 10 minutes they get 2 games and \$25.00, 3 games if they are a minor, which in alot of cases is too much. The flexibility would be in the referee's description of the incident and if a true injury occurs. The Hockey Alberta Minimum Suspension Guidelines are used so it should state that in our rules. Our treasurer stated that there were several unpaid fines some over 3 months old, therefore a deadline and incentive to have fines paid is needed

Appendix K:

2002 Fall Meeting ----- Notice of Motion

Amendment to Bylaws or Operations

Bylaw/Operating Rule #: Appeal Procedure # 6

Paragraph:

Submitted By: Bev Watt

CURRENT WORDING

In the case of an Appeal, the person(s) involved must be given the opportunity to be present at the hearing. The game sheet and referee's report must also be present.

PROPOSED WORDING

In the case of an Appeal, the person(s) involved must be given the opportunity to be present at the hearing, by written statement, by conference call, or depending on the severity of the incident, in person at a hearing. The game sheet and referee's report must also be present.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

A conference call with the Discipline Committee (4 people) costs \$1.00, five (5) people costs 30 cents per minute per line. It's difficult enough getting 4 executives together for a 10 to 15 minute conference call, it would be even more difficult to get together in person, requiring a meeting place and an hour or more of everyone's time

Appendix L: