

NAFHA FALL MEETING - MINUTES

September 17, 2003

Petroleum Club, 11110-108 St.

Time: 7-8:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

ROLL CALL – **all present except, Hellions, Warriors, and Storm**

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Approval of the agenda – **addition of New Business items:**
- Esso womens, Oilers fundraisers, coaching clinics and Worlds Masters Games

Motion to approve to agenda (with additions), made by Chuk, seconded by Tammy.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous fall meeting

Motion made to approve the Fall 2002 minutes, made by Chuk, seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Predators took a one year leave for the 2002-2003 season. They are now disbanded and will not be returning to NAFHA.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Hockey Alberta news – **Pam Cottrell.**

- advised that she has sheeting/card packages for those teams who did not get to Red Deer Sept. 6/03 for the Hockey Alberta meeting.

- advised affiliation sheet for carded teams only, at the back, only fill to #19. Fax to Chuk

- Declaration form (communication to Hockey Alberta your team's intent to vie for provincials) also at the back for pick up.

- Reminder that all tournaments must be sanctioned by Hockey Alberta. Form on Hockey Alberta website.

- advised very poor turnout at Sept. 6/03 Hockey Alberta meeting in Red Deer. 19 team reps + 8 H.A. reps.

2. Bingo Report

- New teams are "back up" only for 2003-2004 season. To be on the bingo list, teams must be in NAFHA 1 year.

- only the Stingers requested bingos (from the new teams last year)

- expected revenue \$100/person/bingo (average)

3. **Open President Position – Pam advised that if we do not elect a president Hockey Alberta will not recognize us as a league. It is crucial to elect a president tonight. Pam called for nominations. (required three times)**
 - **JJ Zazubek nominated and accepted. Chuk nominated and declined. No other nominations put forward. JJ wins by acclamation.**

4. **Webmaster – official call for resumes**
 - **official call (3 times) for resumes, we have one in already. \$100/hour is the rate. Not much work expected, just routine maintenance. Send resumes to secretary, Erin Robinson on or before October 18/03.**

5. **Game sheets – available after the meeting at the back of the room**
 - **procedure for faxing to statistician & written reports from officials**
 - **to Tammy Forth within 72 hours of the game**
 - **reminder that 2 timekeepers/scorekeepers are required to be provided by the home team. They must arrive a minimum 10 minutes prior to the game to figure out the clock. NAFHA will assess fines against teams that violate this rule. It is not fair to the officials or to the visiting team.**

6. **Outstanding suspensions/fines**
 - **Chris advised financials at the back, on the table. Fees for the current season, \$450 for incumbent teams, with \$100 bond due for all new teams.**
 - **Ice fees for the current season will be \$235-\$240/slot. This is up from last year as the city and the garrison have raised their rates. As well, the over 18 teams lost 30% of available ice to minors again this season. City is 15 years behind in providing arenas.**
 - **Enoch schedule not posted until Sept. 28/03**

7. **St. Albert Juniors – disbanded for one year – (Chuk to address affiliations/carry over suspensions later)**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New membership**
 - a) **Letter from Terry requesting NAFHA membership for the Fort Saskatchewan team. Home ice Sundays at 8:30pm in Bruderheim arena. Chuk has scouted and thinks they belong in Tier 1. Motion to accept into NAFHA – Chuk, 2nd by Shannon. Carried.**
 - b) **Letter of intent from Paula Hale for Moxie. They think Tier 2 is most appropriate for themselves. Motion to accept into NAFHA – Chuk, 2nd by Shannon. Carried.**

- c) **Letter of intent from Bridget & Jennifer Beverly representing "Thin Ice". They are novice and will be entered in Tier 5. Motion to accept: Chuk. 2nd by Gina. Carried.**
- d) **Possibility of another tier 2 team. Will have to be voted in by the executive at a later date.**
- e) **Possibility of another Tier 5 team. Will have to be voted on as well, by the executive alone. All calls/emails to Radar please.**

Pam welcomed the three new teams to NAFHA.

- 2. **4 on 4 Tournament – Chuk spoke briefly about the tournament as a season starter. Make sure you check the website for things like this in the future.**
- 3. **Notices of Motion - none**
- 4. **Critical Dates Review**
 - (a) **League games start Oct.14/03**
 - (b) **Cards due on Wednesday Oct 1st (Midnight) @ Chuk's (address: 11642-70th St. (corner of 70th and 118 Ave))**
 - (c) **Home Ice times to NAFHA **Sept. 25/03** at the latest – to Lisa Tilley**
 - (d) **If release is required, player must not owe her old team any outstanding monies. No release required if player did not play in 2002-2003 season. St. Albert Jr's will need EMHA release. Midget affiliates – keep zones in mind.**
 - (e) **Hosting Provincials AAA & B are open. For procedures/duties see Chuk**
 - (f) **Senior AA March 12-14/04 will require volunteers from each team.**
 - (g) **Esso Nationals in Sherwood Park, expect they will want assistance from Nafha but haven't heard from them yet.**
 - (h) **Western Shield to be held in Dauphin, Man. – deadline for letters of concern is Sept 30/03. Send your letters to Hockey Alberta att: Mel Whitesell. This is for the winner of both AA & A provincials. With no airport in Dauphin teams will have to hire a bus for the 4 hour journey. This means huge costs.**
 - (i) **Tournaments – none submitted for application to date. Expect Hinton, Edson to host again.**

5. Tiering – options/discussion

Motion: Gayle to accept Option A. 2nd by Shannon. Vote: 28 for and 12 opposed. Abstentions: Stingers, CAC and Fort Sask. Motion Carried.

Discussion on what teams belong in each tier. Refer to tiering option sheet. Fort Sask. Concerned about being in highly competitive Tier 1. Renegades want to be in Tier 2, cite playoff results from 2002-2003 to justify their position. Hurricanes want to be in Tier 5.

Motion: Pam that Renegades should be moved to Tier 2, Fort Sask to stay in Tier 1 and the Hurricanes to move to Tier 5. 2nd by Debbie. Carried.

Motion: Pam that Tier 2 contain all teams as per the attached tiering option sheet, in addition to the Renegades. 2nd by Debbie. Carried.

Motion: Pam that Tier 3 be accepted as per option sheet. 2nd by Debbie. Carried.

Motion: Pam that Tier 4 be accepted as per option sheet. 2nd by Debbie. Carried.

Motion: Pam that Tier 5 be accepted as per the option sheet. 2nd by Debbie. Carried.

6. Scheduling (critical dates, tournament conflicts, league schedule, hosting prov's) – **see above**
7. **Referee Assigner – rule changes, advise fees preferred in cash but can be cheque (if NSF, NAFHA will assess fine against team)**

Carla – representing our referees presented the rule changes

#21 – no curve limit on blade

#23 – 48" trapper – max size.

#24 – Ref will not make a call regarding stickers on helmets but HA will not insure.

#45 – Goalies cannot freeze puck outside of their crease. Penalty will be assessed. This includes but is not limited to holding the puck on the net behind the net.

#64 – "butt end hooking" is now considered a hooking infraction, not a stick infraction.

#86 – checking to the head penalty will be 2min - 10min. Depending on severity.

Question posed: If "major rcvd in game, automatic suspension? Major = major + game

Fees: \$70 total. If 1 ref and 2 linesmen, fees are \$32/\$19/\$19. If one ref \$56.

If no refs show-up, call VP only. Captains to referee or go on the honour system. Play shinny and both teams get 1 point. Procedure dependent on ability/tier.

8. Other Business
 - (a) **Casino – Yellowhead has been granted to NAFHA for 2005.**
 - (b) **Women at Centre Ice – Charity function by Oilers in Feb 2004.**
 - (c) **Coaches clinics – refer to website.**
 - (d) **Worlds Masters 2005 July 22/05 start. Minimum age 30. Passes will be \$186/person. Nafha should submit 4 teams.**
 - (e) **Booster Juice Fundraisers – refer to Lisa Tilley**

Motion to adjourn – Pam, 2nd by Debbie.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:32pm