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NAFHA June AGM Meeting
June 20, 2016 6:45p.m.
Whitemud Library Theatre Room
4211 – 106 Street Edmonton

- 1) **Call to Order @ 645PM**
- 2) **Routine Business**
 - **Introduction of Executive**
 - **Absent:** Marcie Crandall, Carla Johns and Deb Rawluk.
 - **Roll Call of Teams**
 - **Absent:** New Sarepta Hellions, Enoch Blackhawks, Enoch Golden Girls
 - **June 2015 AGM Minutes**
 - Motioned to accept June 2015 AGM Minutes Lorne Jacobsen (Dark Angels), seconded Charmaine Lafleche (Ice Nomads), All in Favor – Motion Passed
 - **Approval of the Agenda**
 - Note that the decision regarding movement of teams from tier to tier occurs in the September meeting.
 - Note that the vote on whether to hold playoffs or not, is held in September.
 - Motioned to approve Agenda Annette Manning - Spinner (UGO), seconded by Sabrina (Fur Traders), All in Favour, Motion Passed
- 3) **President's Report**
 - Season to begin on October 1, 2016. Motioned by Charmaine Lafleche (Ice Nomads) and seconded by Pam Cottrell (Chiefs). All in Favour – Motion Passed.
 - Annette (Spinner) informed everyone that there is ice available at the downtown practice arena which is part of the new Roger's arena.
 - Note that blackout dates will be discussed in September.
 - SAWHA has suggested an elite hockey tournament be held in May. It would be a regional playoff tournament. A vote will be held in September.
 - Hockey Canada is losing women to the adult hockey leagues.
 - MJ introduced the current executive.
 - MJ mentioned a special thanks to Deb and Jessica Hansen.
 - **Questions and Issues Raised at the Meeting**
 - The search criteria on web browsers must be reviewed and updated.
 - Charmaine asked about the potential for a Master's Division. NAFHA will see if there is any interest, perhaps with a poll.
 - Lorne asked if the Edmonton minor hockey league had been approached for players who are aging out.
 - The team Evolution was asked if they wanted to move up a division for next season, and they want to stay in their current division.
- 4) **VP Reports**
 - **Competitive Division (8 teams) - Stephanie**
 - Having a large skill gap between the top two strong teams and the 6 other teams is a problem. The big question is how to deal with this moving forward.
 - Stephanie listed the following ideas:

- Divide into 2 tiers where the top 2 teams are one tier and the other 6 teams are another.
 - Add cross over games to ensure there are enough interesting games for the top tier.
 - Add a draft to mix the teams up to ensure parity of skill. Note that Matt from ESP prefers their team stay together.
 - Find another team that would be willing to be in the Competitive Division.
 - Some of the 6 lower teams have requested to drop from the Competitive Division to Rec A.
 - Matt from ESP suggested that there were some close games and that potentially there could be 2 tiers where in Tier 1 there could be 2-4 teams and in Tier 2, 4-6 teams. There should also be inter-play games between the two tiers.
 - Could have fewer teams in Tier 1 (i.e., 2 teams) and then schedule some exhibition games between the Tier 1 teams and SAWHA teams.
 - Matt from ESP suggested that a NAFHA representative talk to the U of A and Grant MacEwan to see if their teams are available to play against the Tier 1 teams and to educate those organizations about NAFHA.
 - After the AGM, an informal meeting between the interested parties took place.
 - **Recreation A Division (10 teams) - Jessica**
 - The team Rejects have folded. Some of the players have outstanding bills to be paid. Please contact Jessica before signing any of the past Reject players onto your team.
 - **Recreation B Division (11 teams) - Holly**
 - Had a good season.
 - **Recreation C Division (7 teams) - Angela**
 - Thanked her teams for being straightforward to manage.
- 4) Referee Assigner Report**
- Referee fees are increasing next year to \$55 per referee per game if there are two referees present and \$75 if there is only one referee present.
 - The new Ejection rule was only used once through the season. The rule was not abused and will be kept for next year.
 - NAFHA is looking for additional referees.
 - There is a \$120 incentive for referees who have never taken the course and have never refereed before.
- 5) Bingo/Casino Report**
- There are five (5) bingos between August 4 and September 20. We need players to work them.
 - Parkland is selling their existing building and will build another to replace it. NAFHA needs to create a motion in support of Parkland's initiative.
 - Motion: NAFHA gives Parkland Bingo Association the authorization to relocate at anytime if they so choose. Moved by Holly (Captials) and seconded by Cassi Jacobsen (Dark Angels). All in favour, passed.
 - Holly mentioned the bingos are getting strict with who works in the cage; however, they will train people to work the cage.
 - Casino will be held in the second quarter of 2017 (April, May, June).
- 6) Treasurer's Report**
- Financial status of NAFHA is good.
 - The casino account provides \$1100 per casino per team which is \$550 per team per year. The casino takes place every two years and the teams who work the casino receive the funding.
 - The bingo account has \$20,000.
 - Approximately \$16,500 was spent for insurance which is approximately \$8,000 cheaper than what Hockey Alberta used to charge us.
 - Ice costs were \$60,000.
 - Administration costs were about \$13,000.
 - Referee costs were \$4,500.
 - Overall Report:
 - Revenue 145,356

- Expenses 104,737
- Net Income 40,600
- Cash 68K
- Accounts Receivable 13K
- Liabilities 6500
- Retained Earnings 75K
- Liabilities & Equity 82,185

7) Secretary Report

- Spinner asked about increasing NAFHA's social media presence like on twitter, etc.
- Sheleen will assist the secretary with items such as emailing, google search criteria, posters, website and facebook.

8) Elections – (VP's will be assigned their tier to ensure no conflict of interest in tiers)

- President: 2 year term – MJ Sheldon is in her second year.
- Treasurer: new 2 year term – Jadie Tang. Voted in by Acclimation.
- VP Competitive (Tier 1 & 2):
- VP Rec A:
- VP Rec B:
- VP Rec C:
 - Stephanie Bachelet put forward her name to serve as VP, Jessica Hansen put forward her name to serve as VP, Angela Pfeifer put forward her name as VP, and Dar Holden put her name forward to serve as VP.
 - Assignment of VP to a division will be done by MJ Sheldon and other members of the executive at a later date dependent on which divisions the above named will be participating. To eliminate conflict of interests VP's will not be placed in the divisions they play in. Voted in by Acclimation.
- Secretary/Communications: Carolyn Karasiuk put forward her name, Voted in by Acclimation
- Governor(ess): 2 year term - Mike Sharun is in his second year.
- Scheduler: Lisa Tilley (not in attendance) will be the new scheduler.

9) New Business

- **Concussion Protocol:** MJ emphasized the following points.
 - Why does a team let their players who have a potential concussion back on the ice?
 - Players with a head injury cannot and should not drive home alone.
 - Because each of our players are adults, NAFHA cannot stop the players from playing when they shouldn't be however, NAFHA wants all players and managers to be educated on the details of concussions.
 - Carolyn to add a section to the website that outlines the concussion protocols. Use the Healthlink 811 number to obtain details on concussions.
 - MJ check if the CANLAN insurance is still valid even if a player plays a hockey game against their physician's advice.
 - Ensure helmet stickers are up to date.
- Note that United Cycle has board rooms and team rooms that potentially can be used for future meetings.
- Someone in the audience thanked the executive for their volunteer efforts.
- MJ thanked Josee for all her hard work and wished her the best on behalf of NAFHA.

10) Meeting Adjourned – 800PM Motion to adjourn meeting Lorne (Dark Angels), seconded by Cassi (Dark Angels) – All in Favor. Motion Passed.