

NAFHA Executive Meeting

November 30, 2008

In Attendance: Debbie Hansen, Marlies Severyn, Jenn McRory, Vickie Anaka, Denise Gagne, Char Lafleche, Erin Turnell, Marcie Crandall, Elaine Garner, Jessica Hansen, Larissa Zariwny, Leanne Lyons

Call to Order: 11:08

Motion: *Erin:* As per NAFHA bylaw 5.12.1, relieve Alicia Sliwkanich of her current position of Secretary. *Elaine second.* **Motion carried (10 in favour, 1 abstain).**

- Leanne appointed to finish term, accepted.

Treasurer Report:

- 2008 Provincial grant came in → \$7595.00
- ~\$82,700 from last casino
- Remind teams not to pay Hockey Alberta fees. If teams worked the Casino they are covered, if not, Erin will send an invoice.
- Teams have not been billed yet for ice, still waiting on final confirmation of cost from the Ice Box.
 - o Once finalized, invoices will be mailed out. Teams have 30 days to pay, overdue payments will result in \$50 fine every week overdue
- Bingo funds can only be paid out to the team, not to an individual
 - o To transfer funds between teams, send an email to team contact, Erin, and Marcie
- All requests of using Bingo money for ice require the Team Name and Amount to use towards ice. If possible an invoice should be sent.
- Debbie wants all VP's to ask all their teams for final # of players, # of coaches, & # of Master division players (and name) on their roster.
- Alicia was signing officer at bank. **Motion:** *Erin:* Motion to remove Alicia from signing officer of NAFHA account, Leanne to replace. *Char second.* **Motion carried (12 in favour).**
- *Marlies:* How is the casino money being allocated for teams? *Erin:* funds will pay the Hockey Alberta and NAFHA fees for the 2009-2010 season of teams who participate. *Marlies:* Is there another casino coming up? *Debbie:* The draw dates are in the new year.
- *Debbie:* Recreational teams pay \$400 in Hockey Alberta fees yearly, Carded teams pay \$1000 is there a way to make this balance? *Erin:* if we reimburse recreational teams it can only be used towards ice. **Motion:** *Marcie:* Motion to provide a \$500 credit next year to recreational teams to be used towards their ice costs. *Elaine second.* **Motion carried (12 in favour).**
- Accounts: ~\$50,000 (Admin account), ~\$1000 (Casino account – waiting for the deposit), ~\$25,000 (Bingo account)

Registrar Report:

- Nothing

Ref Assignor:

- Not present
- *Debbie*: we lost a lot of officials this year. Will be getting in contact with Karen & Luanna to see what's up and discuss information about referees.

Bingo Report:

- Have a few demerits against the club
- Debbie attended Spruce Grove Bingo AGM November 26, was elected a director of Parkland Bingo.
- **Motion**: *Debbie*: Motion to rotate the position of Director on a yearly basis among participating teams and regular extras. *Jessica second*. **Discussion**: *Dee*: What is involved? *Debbie*: Director attends a meeting a month, ten months of the year. **Motion carried (12 in favour)**.

Tier 1 VP:

- Scheduling: some teams are playing 21 games, others are playing 20 games. May have been a mistake, Leanne will look at.
- Idea for next year: tell teams to start looking for their own ice to help with the scheduling.
- Enoch November 2nd game was shorted 30 minutes and had to be cut short
 - o *Erin*: games that don't go smoothly for matters beyond the executive should have teams email tier VP who will email Debbie for review.
- 3 man ref system: is it feasible? *Debbie*: Tier 1 teams ideally want 3 refs, but we are dealing with a shortage of referees.
- There is a shortage of referees and so we need to put the onus on the coaches for appropriate behaviour towards the referees.

Tier 2 VP:

- There have been complaints of some time slots starting late.
- Missing timekeepers out of town. *Debbie*: need to write a letter towards the refs to write on the game sheet if there are less than 2 timekeepers. **Motion**: Alter Operating Rule 5f)
 - o The Home Team must have two (2) off-ice officials present at the time keepers box a minimum of five (5) minutes prior to the start of the game. Failure to do so shall result in one (or more) of the players being retired from the bench to fill the required position(s) and a \$50 fine per offense.*Jenn second*. **Motion carried (12 in favour)**.

Tier 3 VP:

- Tier has a general concern with the amount of ice.

- There have been concerns about the length of breaks between games. *Leanne*: I still need to make up a few more games for this tier in particular hopefully this will work out.

Tier 4 VP:

- Complaints from teams over the number of games and the lack of ice.
- There have been some concerns with crossover games, especially the number of points that will be awarded, *Debbie*: they will still get 2 points if they win.
- How do teams set up exhibition games? *Debbie*: go through the Tier VP who will get in contact with the Ref Assignor.

Tier 5 VP:

- There have been cases of abuse of affiliation
- Instances where players have made it through our screening process and have been too good for the tier
- There is a bit too much of physical behaviour of some players
- Since there are only 4 teams in this tier, maybe combine tier 4 & 5 together next year.

Scheduler:

- Lack of ice this year, probably only 20 games per team (10 home, 10 away).
- Still working on getting the rest of tier 3/4/5 complete of teams who are missing games.
- Looking at the SAWHA website and noticed that they do their schedule in 2 parts (1st half, 2nd half) and give teams a date to give in blackout dates by or issue fine. Think it will help with all the rearranging of the schedule. **Motion:** *Leanne*: Motion to have the schedule completed in two segments with deadlines for blackout dates, failure to provide will result in a \$100 fine. *Erin second*. **Motion carried (12 favour).**
- Possibly look into computer programs which will do the schedule – it will make it easier on the Scheduler.

Stats:

- Tier VP's to remind teams that once they enter the stats in to mark the game as completed.
- Also ask if timekeepers can write legibly and record times as they are on the clock.
- Beginning in January, late game sheets will be fined.

Misc. & Masters:

- Look at website to find mistakes
- Helmets must be worn by all team officials on ice during practice. Failure to comply will result in an indefinite suspension by Hockey Alberta.
- Hockey Alberta rulebooks for all teams, pick up from Debbie after meeting
- Game sheets to all Master's teams
- Erin wants a list of players off all Master teams
- Capitals and Enoch Masters owe fees
- How to invoice Master teams: regular players \$180 each; spare players are paying monthly \$15/game.

- *Vickie*: It seems that ½ players on many teams are under 33. Recommendation for next year: only players 33+, and mix/match teams for balance.

Governess:

- Few suspensions to date, but there have been some serious ones.
- *Vickie*: there needs to be a crackdown on players rushing the goalie.
- *Larissa*: remind your teams to control your players and coaches.
- VP's are to look at team stats and notify Jessica (Tiers 1, 3-5) or Elaine (Tier 2) of players with substantial penalty minutes.
- Last year winners – tier VPs to find out if money is going towards ice invoice or if a cheque should be issued to the team. (\$100 first place, \$75 second place)
 - o Tier 1: 1st Panda Alumni, 2nd Fusion
 - o Tier 2: 1st Snow Crows, 2nd Bon Accord Raiders
 - o Tier 3: 1st Ice Nomads, 2nd Beaumont Storm
 - o Tier 4: 1st Avalanche, 2nd Cougars
 - o Tier 5: 1st Ice Hawks, 2nd Energizers

Provincials:

- Sr. Female A Provincials hosted by NAFHA March 6-8, 2009
- Debbie, Marcie, Vickie looking for possible sites
- *Vickie*: If you know anyone who may be interested in sponsoring, direct them to me.

Meeting Adjourned: 13:14