

Walden Minor Hockey Association
Semi Annual Meeting
January 8th, 2007

Present: J. Barbeau, President, R. Sitko, Vice-President, C. Puro, Secretary, S. Roy, Publicity, G. Rogers, NOHA Convenor, G. Gilbert, Bantam / Midget Convenor, C. Holub, Treasurer, M. Charette, Registrar, B. Thom, Initiation / Tyke / Novice Convenor, C. Bertrand, Technical Director, B. Holub, Equipment Manager, P. Valiquette, Atom / Peewee Convenor, Liisa Huffman, Scheduler,

Regrets: N. Prowse, Referee-in-Chief, D. Rysdale, Executive Assistant,

Jacques Barbeau welcomes people in attendance: T. Watier, W. Montpellier, J. Lagadin, M. Punkari,

Call to order by J. Barbeau, President at 7:05 PM.

Executive Reports:

Treasurer: Craig Holub: Reviewed income statement, very little money coming in there has been changes under revenue for REP Tournaments. We are facing shortfall of \$4,000 that needs to be captured to stay on course. We are running an additional \$29,000 in expenses and have an income of \$12,000. Some revenue will be captured from Walden Old-timers, Clinics, Clothing Sales, Friendship Tournament (\$7,600 profit last year), Card Refund from NOHA. M. Punkari asked about actual numbers for House League costs. C. Holub advised that most years it works out.

Bantam / Midget Convenor: G. Gilbert: Catching up on some remake games before playoffs.

Scheduler: L. Huffman: Not much to report, need to put schedule together for March and am waiting to hear from the REP teams.

Registrar: M. Charette: Registrar: Registrations went fairly well, need to have the registrations early. Asked by Moe if the Early Bird registration will be increased? Ninety percent of the registrations are early.

Clay Bertrand asked for a breakdown in numbers overall in divisions. Moe had not done that yet.

Dave Rysdale: Executive Assistant: No report.

Phil Valiquette: Atom/Peewee Convenor: Walden Leafs are halfway down the pack and the Bruins are down at the bottom. Peewee division out of eight teams the Walden teams are 1st and 2nd.

Clay Bertrand: Technical Director: November 11-12th there was a goalie clinic the numbers were down. The clinic cost \$500 including ice and the clinic generated \$320. These clinics need to be done in September. As well he felt the Initiation program needs help. The last item was he needed to hear from the Convenors to find out if there is a need for more clinics in January.

Craig Holub interjected that the Initiation lost a lot of good coaches from last year that moved up.

Blair Holub: Equipment Manager: Discussed the breakdown of equipment expenses:

<u>NOHA:</u>	
Jerseys + Socks	\$4,569.12
NDMHA Patches	150.00
Pucks	160.00
Jerseys	79.80
Keys	<u>237.43</u>
Total:	\$5,423.95

<u>House League:</u>	
Pucks	\$ 160.00
Water Bottles / Puck Bags	227.43
Jerseys	<u>5,125.00</u>
Total:	\$5,512.43

Blair explained that House League replaced a lot of jerseys; the cost is high this year but will be much reduced next year. House League jerseys last about five to six years.

Bruce Thom: Initiation / Tyke / Novice Convenor: Initiation Program: the coaches lack a bit of confidence. There is not much available in the way of clinics for them to build-up experience. Pre-Novice: Three teams fairly competitive with each other. One weaker team due to promoting one player to Novice. Novice: Pretty competitive with the Walden Teams middle to bottom in the WER standings.

Steve Roy: Publicity: The website has 1900 hits per week. Added a few team pictures, the Major Atoms won the Silver Stick and the Tyke team won a tournament. Brought forward the idea of an on-line tournament registration for next year.

Gary Rogers: NOHA Convenor: See attached report. Put on web site that the Sports Income Tax Break is not valid until September 2007. Also concerns and issues that teams cannot cash their own cheques.

Rob Sitko: Vice-President: House League going well, very few issues so far as well with the WER. There was one complaint about a game not being completed because the Zamboni came onto the ice. Parents complaint about having ice time on week nights in Chelmsford. Friendship Tournament registrations are coming in with an increased entry fee to \$600 from \$550, looking for a \$10,000 profit. Bruce Thom asked if there is a discount for local teams for the Friendship Tournament, answer was half price.

Jacques Barbeau: President: January 22nd at 7:00 PM there will be a public input session at the Kinsmen Hall, people can voice there opinions and concerns about ice time etc..

Open Discussion:

Fundraising: some ideas were thrown around on ways to make money i.e.: golf tournament, charity hockey game. Etc.

TRIPLE AAA :

Recap there is a group out of Valley East (Nickel District League) feels the need to form an AAA team called the Nickel City Sons. Marty Punkari was asked to meet with guys. Sudbury Minor has a strong hold on district 2 and 8, there are not enough kids from outlying areas playing. It was also thought there was a need for more kids younger to play AAA to be ready at a higher level. Major Bantam and Midget are running a program, now they are looking for Minor Pee wee. The big item would be ice time. Where would the ice come from?

Ice allocations there are 3 teams, the Huskies, Sabrecats, and Cobras have 870 hours. This could be adequate to run teams with.

Open discussion around the table and audience about where you would find caliber of kids to play at this level. It could hurt the numbers playing in AA and A.

It was stated if Walden and Rayside both vote no to this proposal the AAA team would not happen. January 20th an application needs to be filled out and then brought to the N.O.H.A level.

Motion: Made by Rob S/ Phil Valiquette

Motion #1 – to accept Nickel City Sons AAA proposal in its entirety from Minor Peewee to Midget.

All in favour/ opposed M/S/N/C

Motion: Made by Rob Sitko/Blair Holub

Motion#2 – to accept Nickel City Sons AAA proposal for Major Bantam and Midget.

All in favour /carried M/S/C

Motion: Made by Clay Bertrand/Gary Rogers

Motion #3 – table the need for a task force at the Nickel District level to address the Nickel District structure as it stands today.

All in favour/carried M/S/C.

Meeting adjourned.

Cheryl Puro Secretary