

1660 Hockey League

AGM May 6, 2017

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ATTENDEES

24/30 Associations were represented plus 6 directors from the 1660 Executive: Randy Mak, Dody Kluttig, Jim Wood, Nick Taylor, Paul Elun, and Karen Gabel. Missing associations: Calmar, Drayton Valley, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, Pembina, and Wetaskiwin. Note: Thorhild and Wabamun Associations have ceased operation.

AGENDA

No additions, Stony Plain moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Devon, all in favor, carried.

APPROVAL OF AGM MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2016

Motion to accept the minutes from May 7, 2016 made by Devon, seconded by Lamont, all in favor, carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was another successful year and Randy Mak thanked the Executive, Senior Governors, Governors, Tiering and Scheduling Committee, and all member associations for their dedication to the league.

This year we joined with Sturgeon Pembina Minor Hockey League (SPMHL), North Central Minor Hockey Association (NCMHA), and North Eastern Alberta Hockey League (NEAHL) to form the Northern Alberta Interlock (NAI). The 1660 Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget teams participated in interleague play for a portion of their regular season. Tier 1 teams in Peewee, Bantam, and Midget participated in full interlock for the season. In December, the North Eastern Alberta Hockey League and NAI severed their relationship and all NEAHL teams discontinued interleague and interlock play, therefore a full rescheduling of the remainder of the season was necessary. Thank you especially to Nick and Jesse for the rescheduling and to all our associations and teams for doing the extra work necessary to progress with the season. We would like to ask our membership to try this again with some improvements for next year. More in the "New Business" portion of the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Our Year End is April 30th. Thank you to Redwater and Stony Plain for reviewing last year's financials.

Dody Kluttig presented details of the 2016/17 financials.

Starting Balance 2016/17 \$6028.30

Deposits \$60,433.70

Expenses \$60,294.26

Ending Balance \$6,167.94

Motion to accept and review the financial report made by Devon, seconded by Lamont, carried.

RAMP Website

Good year considering we were working with a brand new website. Dody tried to link the 1660 website to the NAI website as much as possible. A few issues may have come up due to the interlock partners not using the website fully. There are still a few things to work out with RAMP's changes however we feel we have a good relationship with them and we can work with them to make improvements for next year.

We need to continue to improve the input of game stats and information onto our website. There were a few penalty input issues. We also need to make sure every team has contact information including name, phone number, and e-mail addresses for all team staff listed on the website.

Please remember to use the guidelines that are on the website. We have Governor Guidelines (password protected and given at the governor meeting), Manager Guidelines (available for all to see) , and President Guidelines (password protected and given out at the beginning of the year). The President guidelines are there to give Presidents an idea of their league commitments and what they need to remind their teams to do.

BANNERS

94 teams received a banner this year. Volunteer governors distributed the banners prior to final games as much as possible. A few banner winners missed receiving their banner that day but got them shortly afterward.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again, it was a pleasure working with all our volunteers. Thanks to Randy Mak for his hard work and dedication. Thanks also to the Discipline Co-ordinators Paul Elun and Geoff Dowson and to all the

referees; we couldn't do this without them. Thanks to the teams for trying the NAI and working through the difficulties. It is never easy doing something for the first time and we learned along the way.

A reminder to please use the proper chain of command (Communication Protocol) when you need to find out something or get something done. This was developed to make things flow much easier and to help prevent key members from being bombarded with questions and comments. The executive tries to ensure proper chain is maintained and we will stress that it is followed this year.

Please also make use of referee compliment and complaint forms, emphasizing that we need to submit more compliments. The compliments and complaints get shared with the North Zone Referee's Association and applicable Referee-In-Chiefs.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

The carryover suspensions have all been sent to associations and will be sent out again at the beginning of next year. Reminder for graduating Midget players if you are playing Junior next year or coaching or whatever, you will still have to serve the suspension. The team registrar can look up the suspensions for a player as it's attached to the Hockey Canada Registry number.

The season went pretty smoothly, however there were a few issues due to the interlock leagues and us not doing the suspensions the same way. Next year we are following HA discipline guidelines so everyone will know better what to expect, especially in regard to repeat offences.

ACTION ITEM - Add a copy of the HA discipline guide to the President Guidelines

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Thank you to our associations and governors.

Novice Senior Governor Randy Gabel

Atom Senior Governor Judy Tollenaar

Peewee Senior Governor Drew Hiltz

Bantam Senior Governor Chad Kellgren

Midget Senior Governor Greg Hicks

TIERING / SCHEDULING REPORT

1660 had 31 Associations and 259 registered teams this year. There were 62 Novice, 72 Atom, 56 PeeWee, 38 Bantam, and 31 Midget teams.

Tiering was about a 95% success rate, with a few teams not being in the right spots after the tiering and re-tiering process. There was a bit of trouble placing some of the interlock teams in the correct places due to them not having a 5 tier system. That was the reason why you sometimes would see a "Tier 2" team playing versus a "Tier 4" team. We hope that will improve next year with HA initiating a standardized tiering system. Overall, our associations did a very good job with their initial team placements and there weren't a lot of changes necessary.

Provincials

We had 3 teams that won Gold in Provincials, 1 team won Silver, and 5 teams made it to the Semi-Finals. We had 24 teams that made it to the Provincial Tournament weekends. We do not know how many teams participated in Provincial Playdowns leading up to the final weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

Regulation Changes

The revisions to our regulations were discussed. There are no significant changes, however, we are simplifying some of the regulations and aligning them to what the Hockey Alberta regulations state. We did not have the most recent version to post so rather than spend time going through the wording one by one, a motion was made by Millet to distribute the changes with the minutes and if there is nothing to question, that the revisions be accepted as presented. Seconded by Westlock. Carried.

New Associations

There are none.

Lisa Francioli Scholarship

There were two applicants for 2016/17. Dylan Wolfe from Westlock and Tanner Stefanik from CNN. We decided to award the scholarship to both the students. So, upon receiving proof of their registration at a Post-secondary Institution this fall, they will each receive \$250 toward their education costs. Congratulations!

Northern Alberta Interlock

President Randy Mak went through the NAI survey results. Some discussion was held and then he presented the proposed changes for next year. Some key things to note are:

- NEAHL is not going to be in the NAI
- NCMHA has changed and some of their associations have no place to play
- SPMHL wants to continue “all in”
- The NAI is the beginning of the Alberta One Concept that is being developed by Hockey Alberta for release in 2018/19. We are getting a jump on it.
- Tier 1 full interlock last year was viewed as very successful
- As learned from the survey we will make improvements:
 - We will all have a 5 or 6 tier system
 - We will have interleague tiering games
 - We will consider the geography (location) of teams when creating the tier groups
 - We will not have any revamping of schedules once the full season schedule has been released
 - TBA's will be limited to reduce the manager workload
 - The schedule will be top heavy, meaning there will be more two game weekends booked in the beginning of the year than in the end so as to allow for more room for January school exams and February Provincials. When schedule is released you will be expected to review it and let the league know if there is an issue. Accommodations will be made for blackout dates.
 - We are working to improve communications between governors, associations, and teams
 - We will all utilize one website so everything is in one place and everyone uses it (including Novice for 1660 and SPMHL - best to have everyone looking in the same place so something doesn't get missed). Managers will need to ensure accurate and complete information is on the website. We will continue to work with RAMP to clear up game count error issue we had last year and any other issues.
 - Discipline will be streamlined by having one or two people doing it all.

- All discipline will follow the HA guidelines and administered through the NAI regulations
- Playoffs will be regionalized. We will have clear playoff formats (best of 2, best of 3) and will continue to release playoff format in January. It will be team and association responsibility to review the formats when they are released and let the league know if there are any issues.
- Upon approval for the NAI to continue a full set of regulations will be drafted and dedicated to the NAI members
- Question about the tiering geographically - if we are not close to any teams in our tier or if the majority of teams in our tier are far away, are we going to be forced to travel to them? Answer - no. We will contact you and discuss your options. Might be able to split the tier or move you up or down or let you have a say in what to do.
- Question when will the schedule be released? Answer Mid-November, the season timeline will be posted once it's finalized. You will know all the dates before the Fall Registration meeting.
- Question - why not just have the upper tiers (tier 1, 2, 3) in interlock and not include the tier 4 or 5 groups? Answer - we believe the more teams we have in interlock, it will equal less travel. If we have teams pulling out at tier 4 or 5, teams will experience more travel to the outskirts of our league boundaries more often.
- Question - Will there be a weekend off for tiering? Answer - no. We found that it was not utilized the way it was intended and associations lost money due to not being able to re-allocate their ice.
- Question - how can you say what (Alberta One Concept) is coming from Hockey Alberta when associations don't know about it yet and you are having this meeting before theirs? Answer - it has been in the works for some time. It was an item at the minor leagues committee meeting, we are not sure what is shared with associations. We do know that HA is going through a lot of changes and we are trying to be proactive and a leader.

MOTION - The 1660 Hockey League will continue participation in the NAI for the 2017/18 hockey season. Moved by Devon, seconded by Lamont. 18 in favor, 6 opposed, motion passed.

Elections

Treasurer election

Dody Kluttig has asked to step down from the Treasurer position. Karen Gabel has volunteered to take it over. Other nominations from the floor were asked for 3 times. No other nominations. Karen Gabel will be treasurer.

Vice-President election

Jim Wood will let his name stand for Vice-President. Other nominations from the floor were asked for 3 times. No other nominations. Jim will remain Vice-President.

Secretary election

Karen has stepped into Treasurer position and Dody volunteered to move into the Secretary position. Other nominations from the floor were asked for 3 times. No other nominations. Dody will be secretary.

Discipline Co-ordinator election

Paul Elun will let his name stand for Discipline Co-ordinator. Other nominations from the floor were asked for 3 times. No other nominations. Paul will remain discipline co-ordinator.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Fall Registration Meeting in September. Stony Plain volunteered to host the meeting. Date and time will be announced.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Millet at 2:04 PM