



Northern Alberta Female Hockey Association
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NAFHA FALL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 7:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call to order – 19:10
2. ROLL CALL of Executive - MJ, Jadie, Angela, Darlene, Laurie, Tina, Myrna
Absent: Monique, Mike
3. TEAM ATTENDANCE
 - a. Division 1 - Saints, The Wild, Warrior Wolves, Fort Saskatchewan Fury, Not present: Ooks Alumni (withdrew from league)
 - b. Division 2 - Blackhawks, Dark Angels, Evolution, Hellions, Khaos, Oil Queens, Royals, Stars, Not present: Team UGO (withdrew from league)
 - c. Division 3 - Baby Birds, Chiefs, Fort Bang, GGs, Gladiators, Hurricanes, Ice Hawks, Scared Hitless, Bon Accord Raiders, Westlock Bandits, Absent: Stingers
 - d. Division 4 - Avalanche, Boomerangs, Capitals, Energizers, Fur Traders, Hot Shots, Ice Cubes, Stomp, Thunder
3. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2020 MEETING MINUTES - Motion by: Tina - Ice Cubes, Seconded: Pam - Chiefs
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 - Motion by: Kelsey - Dark Angels, Seconded by: Myrna - Capitals
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. COVID guidelines: Face masks must be work in and out of arenas, Players must supply own water bottle & water, Arrive at arena dressed, 15 minute arrival before game & exit 15 minutes after ice slot is over, no spitting, clean up dressing room, cohorts of 50 people, subs from within cohort, game sheets must have first and last names of players
 - b. Fees & insurance costs will remain the same for 2020-2021 season.
 - c. Casino credits will be held over for all teams.

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6. NEW TEAMS - Lauren Soltys hopes to enter a new team, the Dirty Dawgs, into Division 2 or 3. Welcome to NAFHA.

7. LEAGUE VOTE - Season Scenarios

Scenario 1:

Will be a 4 team format. Each team will have a maximum of 12 skaters and 1 goalie per roster. In December the teams will be rotated for the second half of the season, but will maintain the 4 team model for the whole year.

This scenario will require a majority vote from all league teams. If there is a majority, all teams that voted yes will be required to play in this format for the 2020/2021 season.

Scenario 2:

NAFHA will not operate for the 2020/2021 season due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The league will restart for the 2021/2022 season.

Motion is to vote for Scenario 2. Motion by: Rachelle - Ice Cubes,
Seconded by: Heather - Fur traders

Motion passed for Scenario 2. Therefore, NAFHA will not operate for the 2020/2021 season. The league will restart for the 2021/2022 season.

Eighteen (18) teams voted Yes, in favor for, Scenario 2: Saints, The Wild, Warrior Wolves, Fort Saskatchewan Fury, Dark Angels, Khaos, Royals, Baby Birds, Chiefs, Gladiators, Hurricanes, Bon Accord Raiders, Avalanche, Boomerangs, Capitals, Energizers, Ice Cubes, Thunder.

Thirteen (13) teams voted No, against, Scenario 2: Blackhawks, Evolution, Hellions, Oil Queens, Stars, Fort Bang, GG's, Ice Hawks, Scared Hitless, Westlock Raiders, Fur Traders, Hot Shots, Stomp.

8. CASINO – Dar reported that AGLC opened casino tables on September 2. There has been no communication to the charities regarding scheduling or how they plan to proceed. NAFHA will be notified as soon as AGLC has something in place.

9. UPDATED BYLAWS - Motion to move to Spring 2021 AGM for changes. Bylaws require more time for teams to review. Motion by: Angela – Communications, Seconded by: Dar – VP Division 4. Passed.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Bingos – Myrna explained that since the league is not playing this year, there will not be enough people to run bingos. Eleven (11) people are needed to work each bingo. Earnings for a bingo worker result in a credit ranging from \$50 to \$100 toward hockey fees. A call for bingo workers will be posted on the Facebook page.
- b. The NAFHA Executive is willing to organize an option for individual hockey players this season. As per Alberta Health Services, cohorts of 50 players must be organized. The following issues were discussed:

Questions & Answers:

How many games? Twelve (12) city slots must be used to fulfill contracts. Therefore, a minimum of 6 games to be played between October and December and then the other 6 games to be played January to March.

Why not 3 tier system for games? We don't have enough referees for these games.

If scenario 1 is voted when will it start? Third week of October

What about new refs? Deb Rawluk reported that there are no clinics being held to certify new referees at this time.

How will players be divided? Each week NAFHA hopes to offer one ice slot for Division 1, two ice slots each for Divisions 2 & 3, and 1 ice slot for Division 4.

How many players will be able to sign up? If we have 6 cohorts of 35 players, this allows for registration of up to 210 players.

What will be game format? 3-on-3 OR 4-on-4 OR 5-on-5. Depends on what players agree to.

How will there be even opportunities for goalies to play? This can be determined once registration numbers are in.

If cohorts are expanded before December, can we add people? Yes.

- c. Motion by: Pam - Chiefs that once registration is open for the optional NAFHA ice for 2020/2021 season, priority should be given to players previously registered in the 2019/2020 season for the first 72 hours.
Seconded by: Courtney – Avalanche.
Vote Results: Not in favor – 15; In favor – 8; Abstain – 4. Motion defeated.

Discussion: Approval of this vote would not promote female participation into NAFAH, new teams may be discouraged and the vote is unfair for players aging out of league hockey.

- d. New Business Item #1 to be moved to Fall 2021/2022 season – Idea for Division 3 and 4 teams to consider limiting players to a THREE (3) goal limit per game.
- e. New Business Item #2 to be moved to Fall 2021/2022 season – Is there a chance to change the cost to file an Appeal?

Meeting Adjourned at 21:37. Motion by: Marcie – Saints, Seconded by: Kelsey - Dark Angels.