

NORTHERN INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

SPRING MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2002 @ MARQUETTE, MI.

11:30 AM at HUDSON'S CLASSIC BAR & GRILL

2241 US 41 West, Marquette 906-225-5119

Associations Present: Keweenaw, Green Bay, Marquette, Northern Travelers (Indep.), Cheboygan, Soo Ont. Minor, Soo Ont. Major, Cheboygan, Char – Em: (9)

Associations Absent: Soo, MI., Escanaba, Gaylord, St. Ignace, Alpena: (5)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Roll Call; Approved minutes of 08/25/01 & Financial of 04/26/02.
2. Reviewed results of 2001-2002 Season.
 - a. Forfeits: Bantam A: Mqt (4; 2 @ Char –Em & 2 @ Gaylord – No Results) Char – Em (2; 2 @ Alpena)
 - b. No Forfeit Fines to be Levied, but operating policy amended. The team canceling the games and failing to reschedule at the time of cancellation will forfeit Entire Association Bond and Team/Association will be billed at the end of January for entire Bond Amount . See Operating Policies.
 - c. Playoff Tourney: Try to schedule teams from same association at different game times for viewing.
 - d. Web Page: Good Job, keep it updated.
3. Election of Officers: Same slate of current officers reapproved unanimously.
4. Scheduling: Allowed weak AA (3 PW & 1 BT) to play in A Divisions in 2001 – 2002. MAHA has a pending rule mandating league teams play with same age divisions as MAHA. NIHL will require teams to play in their age division. Teams may ask to “play up” an age division but must have approval of NIHL .
5. Banner's delayed; No Letters are available for nylon banners. Problem will be resolved soon and banners shipped. More NIHL Patches will be ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Team Lineup for 2002 – 2003: see attached matrix
 - a. Soo Minor to add 2 Atom Teams plus 2 current PeeWees.
 - b. Soo Major: May add an additional Bantam Major Team (1988) to play either in Bantam AA or Midget AA.
 - c. New Association Membership approved: Green Bay/DePere Jr Gamblers All 4 AA Teams for 2002 – 2003 season.
 - d. Budget and fees for next season to remain the same. In light of large discrepancy in the US and Canadian Dollars (\$1.00 vs \$1.60), Canadian

- teams will pay \$450 Canadian (~\$280 US) for AA Team Dues in 2002-2003. This policy will be subject to annual review and approval by NIHL.
2. AA Playoff Tourney: Set for weekend of 02/21 to 02/23/ 2003 in Soo, MI.
 - a. Banners to be provided for Division and Playoff Champions
 - b. Medallions: Gold, Silver and Bronze for top 3 Playoff or Regular Season (No Playoff) Teams plus participation medals for 4th place Tour. Teams
 3. Changes to Operating Policy : Forfeits, Fees, Game Reporting and Age group play . See Operating Policies on web page.
 4. Summer Scheduling Meeting: Saturday, August 24, 2002 @ 11:30am in MQT Location to be determined and posted on web page.
 5. a. NO SCHEDULING PRIOR TO START OF SCHEDULING SESSION, PLEASE! LEAVE OPEN DATES FOR NIHL GAMES!
 6. www.nihl.net NIHL web page is up and operating, but always looking for ideas.
 - a. Provide Tournament Schedule Board link on web?
 - b. Provide web page links for NIHL Host Associations: Get your web site addresses to Mike D. or Mark D.
 - c. Provide Schedules on web page.
 7. Adjourn @ 1:25 pm

Recorded by Mike Drewyor