

NORTHERN INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

SPRING MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2003 @ MARQUETTE, MI.

11:30 AM at NORTHWOODS SUPPER CLUB

260 Northwoods Road, Marquette 906-228-4343

Associations Present: Keweenaw, Green Bay, Marquette, Cheboygan, Soo Ont. Minor, Soo Ont. Major, Char – Em; Escanaba: (8)

Associations Absent: Soo, MI., Traverse City, Gaylord, Northern Travelers, Alpena: (5)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Roll Call; Approved minutes of 08/24/02 & Financial of 04/31/03.
2. Reviewed results of 2001-2002 Season.
 - a. Forfeits: Soo, MI (3; 2 BT A vs Esky & 1 Pee Wee vs Green Bay)
 - b. No Forfeit Fines to be Levied
 - c. Playoff Tourney: Good Job
 - d. Web Page: Good Job, keep it updated.
3. Election of Officers: New VC/Statistician is Mike Hill of Marquette, replacing Mark Darrow of Traverse City. Thanks again, Mark!
4. Scheduling: Allowed weak AA (3 BT AA Esky, Alpena, Soo, MI) to play in A Divisions in 2002 – 2003. Esky finished 1st and Soo, MI 3rd in final standings. Discussed at length. Decision was to leave NIHL policy as is with no changes.
5. Banner issues resolved with selection of black background colors and gold letters.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Team/Association lineup for 2003 – 2004: see attached matrix
 - a. Soo Minor dropped one Pee Wee AA team
 - b. 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 again in 2003- 2004. This policy will be subject to annual review and approval by NIHL.
2. AA Playoff Tourney: Set for weekend of 02/20 to 02/22/ 2004 in Soo, MI. at Big Bear Arena. Division playoff competitors: Possibly change to Two division winners and next Two best records. Decide at scheduling meeting in August.
3. “A” Playoff Tourney for PW and Bantam A divisions. Tentatively set for 02/20 to 02/22/2004 at Petoskey, MI. with two ice sheets available. 4g Fr, 8 g Sat, 4g Su (16g total)
 - a. Banners to be provided for Division and Playoff Champions
 - b. Medallions: Gold, Silver and Bronze for top 3 Playoff or Regular Season Teams plus participation medals for 4th place Tourney Teams.

- c. NIHL to pay for 2004 "A" tourney (same as AA in 2000) as "kickoff."
- 4. Changes to Operating Policy: ALL Game Schedule changes must be reported to both teams, Commissioner and VC of NIHL . See Operating Policies on web page.
- 5. Summer Scheduling Meeting: Saturday, August 23, 2002 @ 11:30am in MQT
Tentative location is Wahlstrom's or Northwoods in Marquette. Location is to be finalized and posted on web page.
- 6. a. NO SCHEDULING PRIOR TO START OF SCHEDULING SESSION,
PLEASE! LEAVE OPEN DATES FOR NIHL GAMES!
- 7. www.nihl.net: NIHL web page is up and operating, but always looking for ideas.
 - a. Provide web page links for NIHL Host Associations: Get your web site addresses to Mike Drewyor or Mike Hill
- 8. Adjourn @ 12:52 pm

Recorded by Mike Drewyor