

NLHL League Meeting

5/16/09 Berry Events Center – Marquette, MI

1. **Introductions:** Commissioner Greg Mingay called meeting to order at 11:05AM. Glenn Andrews – Marquette Electricians, Ed Kattelus – Ojibwa Eagles, Dan Giachino – Ojibwa Eagles, Mike Kaunisto – Soo Indians, Rick Corbiere – Soo Indians, Jerry Harwood – Soo Indians, Randy Ritari – NLHL Secretary/ Pointstreak, Mike Daganais – Marquette Electricians, Pat McDonald – Thunder Bay Kings, Rob Metzger – Thunder Bay Kings, Murray Eaves – Shattuck St. Marys, Mike Buchan – Green Bay Jr. Gamblers, Greg Mingay – NLHL

2. **Financial Report:** Attached to Minutes, Motion to Approve Financial Statement and keep League Fees at \$500.00 per team payable by August 1st, 2009. – Rick Corbiere, 2nd by Jerry Harwood, motion passed. Greg said please send your check to Greg Mingay, 122 North Third St., Marquette, MI 49855

3. **League Officers:** Greg Mingay was nominated to be the Commissioner/Treasurer, Jerry Harwood was nominated as Vice Commissioner, and Randy Ritari was nominated to be the Secretary/Pointstreak Coordinator. Motion to Approve – Rick Corbiere, 2nd by Glenn Andrews – motion Passed.

4. **Schedule date for conference call for scheduling dates:** Wednesday June 17th at 8PM EDT will be the conference call for league scheduling. Greg Mingay will contact teams with information pertaining to conference call as the date gets closer. Discussion was held in pertaining to help teams that have to travel long distances for flexible scheduling – 3 to 4 game weekends. Glenn Andrews reported that the Marquette Electricians Fall Classic was Oct 1-4, 2009. All members agreed they wanted a League Playoff weekend and the tournament can be moved around from season to season. Murray Eaves said that Shattuck will host League Playoff Weekend at Shattuck Feb. 19-21, 2010.

5. **Green Bay:** Mike Buchan discussed possibility with Green Bay joining the NAPHL that they might have to pull out of NLHL, with tightening team budget. Members told Green Bay they will help as much as possible to help Green Bay stay in League, possibility with flexible scheduling and such. Mike also reported that the GB USHL Showcase will be Dec. 10-13, 2009.

6. **Review League Rules:** Discussion on League Rules was held.

Members decided to keep games at 18 minute stop time per period and resurface a minimum of after the 2nd period for each game. If available before the game, the home team will make known to the visiting team that they will resurface the ice after every period for the game. Also Thunder Bay stated that they will be playing 20 minute periods with a resurface after every period with games played in Thunder Bay.

Members decided to eliminate Goal Judge Rule – due to lack of help at games.

Members wanted a larger League Patch – Dan Giachino from the Ojibwa Eagles will look into getting a bigger Logo Patch for the League Members. The new patch will be placed on the right chest of the uniform.

Green Bay stated that they can't use Pointstreak Scoresheets for their credentials for their state tournament, so they need Paper Scoresheets that include copies for their games this season.

7. League Website: League members liked the new league website; however they wanted it to be updated more on a timely basis. For example they stated that on the front page of the website – they league standings were not updated very often and the league top scorers below the standings were not updated very fast also. Greg and Randy will talk to Mike Babcock about getting the information updated more on a timely basis.

8. League Player Commitment Document: Randy Ritari presented the League Player Registration Document. Members all received a copy and approved the form. The form is used for recruiting purposes between league teams. The form will be all sent to teams in electronic form and will be placed on the league website in the forms section. Once a player signs the form – they are committed to that team for that playing season and can't be released unless the Head Coach of that team sends a letter of release to another league team. The League secretary needs a copy of that letter also to put in that team file.

9. Reminder that you will need documentation at the border: Once teams are picked, and up and running they have to make sure that all personnel have the proper paperwork to cross the border. With the new laws coming into effect June 1, 2009.

10. League Player Recognition: Discussion was held in regards to player recognition for the league.

Members wanted a Player of the Month – Top Forward /Top Defense/Top Goalie for each month. Members said that the Head Coach of each team will nominate players from their own team for these 3 positions, which due in e-mail to the League Secretary by the 1st of each month, then the Secretary will send out a ballot for Head Coaches to vote on for player of the month positions, which will be placed on the league website.

Members wanted League Awards to be given out at the League Playoffs. Members agreed on Top Forward, Top Defense, and Top Goalie based on league stats and each award winner will receive a plaque that will be presented at League Playoffs

League Regular Season Champion Plaque will be presented at the League Tournament also.

11. Pointstreak: Randy Ritari stated that he will contact every member organization to get a contact and to get them setup on Pointstreak before the season starts. Pointstreak

will be \$5.50/per player based on 20 players per team for this coming season. The League signed a 3 year agreement last season with Pointstreak that lowers the player cost every year.

12. New Topics:

Discussion was held that 2 new teams might want to join the NLHL. Oakland Jr. Grizzlies from Detroit, MI and Capital Center Pride from Lansing, MI. Teams discussed the pros and cons of the teams joining and the scheduling implications. It was agreed that the 2 new teams could be affiliate members of the league this year if they so desire and could come to the league playoffs at Shattuck at the end of the season.

13. Meeting Adjournment: Motion made by Rick Corbiere, 2nd by Ed Kattelus, motion passed. Meeting ended at 1:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted
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Financial Statement May 16, 2009

Northern Lakes Hockey League

Income		
Team Fees		\$2,000.00
Expenses		
Transfer to Saving	5.00	
Harlan Clarke for checks	11.69	
Check 1000 Pointstreak Inc	742.00	
Check 1001 Ojibwa Eagles		
For League Patches	450.00	
Check 1002 American		
Nameplate Championship		
Plaque	55.00	
Check 1003 Vango's		
Pizza	55.00	
Total expenses		1318.69
Balance Forward		\$ 681.31