MINUTES of 45th ANNUAL MEETING
OF NIHOA DIRECTORS
Albany Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, NY
Saturday - March 25, 2000

CHAPTERS

Berkshire
Central MA
Connecticut
Eastern MA
Eastern NY
Eastern PA-NJ
Maine
Metro NY-NJ
Mid Hudson
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
South Shore MA
Syracuse
Vermont
Westchester
Western MA

ATTENDEES

Tom Sullivan
Joe Jacobs, Jack Doherty, Ron Croteau
Chuck Waimon, Lev Torgerson
James Doyle, Frank Keough, Jeff Bunyon
Brian Bouyea, Paul McGrath, Brian Shea
Mike Ross, Fred Gray, Bill Reiter, Chuck Zielinski
Mike Campbell
Mike Komich
Bob Vietor, William Sidun, Bob Ritchie, Bob Triebie
Pual McInnis, Mike Nardello
Lou Musello, Mark D'Agistino
Dana Lavoie, Dick Theriault
Robert Paquette, Rich Duchume
Bob Powers, Jim McKenzie, Tom Lynch
Vince Christian
Kris Peckham, Brian Collamore
Horton Shaw, Patrick English, Ed Carey
Bill Ryan, Bill Sapelli

Total 16

100% Attendance:
Connecticut, Eastern Massachusetts,
New Hampshire, South Shore MA
Meeting Called to Order
President Mike Ross called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. noting this is the 45th annual meeting of the Association. A moment taken to remember our departed members.

Minutes of the 1999 Annual Meeting
The 1999 Annual Meeting minutes were distributed to those in attendance. A motion by Bill Sidun to accept the minutes as presented passed unanimously.

Secretary’s Report - Jack Doherty
The 1999-2000 Secretary’s Report was distributed to those in attendance. Jack Doherty provided an overview of the report. A motion by Paul McInnis to accept the report unanimously passed.

Report of the Audit Committee
Jim McKenzie reported that he and Bob Powers reviewed the financial records of the Association and found the records to be true and accurate.

Treasurer’s Report - Jack Doherty
The 1999-2000 Treasurer’s Report was distributed to those in attendance. Jack Doherty provided an overview of the report. A motion by Brian Collamore to accept the report unanimously passed.

President’s Comments – Mike Ross
Mike Ross thanked the Executive Committee for all of their work and assistance during the year. He noted that Tom Lynch was the “cornerstone of NIHOA” and that he continues to be a great spokesperson for the Association. Mike reviewed the year noting the growth of NIHOA both in new members and in chapters. He also noted the potential for new chapters in the future. Hockey continues to grow throughout the country on the college level through the ACHA and in the numbers new women’s college teams. Mike also noted some of the difficulties in trying to work with the various ACHA’s teams. He thanked Jim Doyle for his excellent work in developing the NIHOA annual exam.

Second Vice President’s Comments – Jim Doyle
Jim Doyle expressed his thanks to those that assisted in the preparation of the NIHOA exam and the challenges that go along with being the “test maker”. He recognized the commitment to NIHOA of those chapters and individuals that attend NIHOA’s annual meeting each year. Based on the chapter visits he make during the year, Jim noted that he was impressed by how many chapters utilize situations, that may have been handled incorrectly, as teaching tools for all to learn from. He suggest that one way in which to strengthen chapters and NIHOA as a national organization was to encourage chapter members to get directly involved in their chapters.

Past President’s Comments – Tom Lynch
Tom Lynch reviewed the chapter visits he had made during the year. He noted that membership in NIHOA should be a two-way street. Members must give back to the Association. Tom reviewed the survey of NIHOA chapter that he has been working on for the past several years. Eighteen chapters responded to the survey. Based on the feedback he felt that some additional questions might be required to firm up the information received to date. He did note that all chapters appear to have the same basic guidelines. All chapters utilized some means of testing their members on an annual basis. Tom noted that NIHOA’s flexibility allows it to serve all officials.

Correspondence
None was presented to the meeting
NEW BUSINESS

NIHOA Excess Medical and Liability Coverage
Jack Doherty reviewed the coverage provided to NIHOA officials noting several cases where coverage provided significant benefit to members.

Honorary Membership
Eight chapters added past members to the NIHOA role of honorary membership. Following is a listing of those voted by the Directors to this honor (* denotes deceased member):

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Proposed 2000-2001 Budget
Jack Doherty presented the proposed 2000-2001 budget. Motion made by Bill Sidun to amend the Secretary-Treasurer’s stipend to $2,700 and to accept the budget as amended unanimously passed. Dues for 2000-2001 to remain at $21.00 per member. The amended budget passed unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Officers
The following individual presented his name as a candidate for the position of:

2nd Vice President:
Jim Doyle, Eastern Mass. The Secretary-Treasurer cast one ballot for Jim as 2nd Vice President.

Reports of Chapters
Chapters noted that for the most part the past season was a very good one. Hockey continues to grow in the number of teams that must be serviced and the number of new rinks. Chapters are seeing an increase in the number of women joining NIHOA. Also, to assist in meeting the demand of additional officials several chapters have initiated recruitment programs. Chapters continue to utilize the NIHOA exam to test veteran and new officials in the rules and as an instruction tool. Many chapters have developed mentoring and observing programs to assist officials in becoming more proficient. Several chapters noted the lack of sportsmanship as a major concern. The lack of respect by parents for officials and coaches has seen a significant increase. This is evident by the numbers of parental incidents that have been reported in hockey as well as in most amateur sports. Many areas have seen violent acts both on and off the ice involving players, coaches, parents and officials. A number of chapters have initiated sportsmanship recognition awards presented to teams at the end of the season. These awards help to heighten the awareness of the necessity for good sportsmanship between all involved in the sport. It was also noted that there are a number of leagues that require parents and players to sign a sportsmanship pledge.
2001 Annual Meeting
The 2001 NIHOA Annual Meeting will be held at the Worcester Crowne Plaza Hotel, Worcester, MA on Saturday, March 20, 2001.

Motion made and passed to adjourn at 11:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

[Signature]

John J. Doherty, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer