



NWMHA

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**NEW WESTMINSTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013
MEETING MINUTES**

**1.0 Awards Presentation (Presentation: Rob Nasato; History: Chuck Campbell;
Photos: Kevin Woolley)**

Dave Dailey Award – Miller Cressman
Norma Dailey Award – Sam Unger
Scott Munro Award – Jaden Oca
Scott Stacey Award – Ryan Spencer
Juvenile Award – Clay Heaven
Fred Chapman Award – Alex Canvin
Coach of the Year Award – Bob Turnbull
Al Hughes Award – Kelly Corbett
Silver Whistle Award – Imran Kheraj
Referee Development Awards – Trenton Cowley & Justin Digby
Lifetime Achievement Award – Bud Sage

2.0 Adoption of Agenda: Ross; Pete

3.0 Minutes of April 30, 2012 AGM: Motion: Ross; Second: Pete

4.0 Business Arising

3.1 Revision to the Constitution and By-Laws : Motion to pass the revised constitution. Motion: Ross; Second: Chuck; Carried. By-Laws: Motion: Ross; Second: Chuck; carried. “Thank you to Ross and Lana for doing this work.”

3.2 Clothing Store Update: went with the same supplier for a second year; mixed reviews; will be going to a tendering process to attract bids.

3.3 Queens Park Master Plan: are able to get a rink as one of the priorities to the master plan

4.0 New Business: nothing to report.

5.0 Reports

5.1 President (Rob Nasato): Thank you to the Executive of NWMHA for helping me in my first year as President. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who make minor hockey function so well, coaches, managers, safety people, score keepers.....etc. There are a few people I would like to single out: Ross Young: our Past President that I leaned on heavily for advice on many issues; Kathryn Matts: our Registrar who worked endless hours on

registration, team reassignments, income tax receipts and a whole host of other things to support our association; Lynda Callard: our Ice allocator for working with me and Ron Booth during the summer to get the schedule figured out and then dealt all year long with all the ice rescheduling needed for game conflicts and teams that travelled. We had an extremely successful season as it relates to ice usage; Purn Disanjh, for coordinating 3 very successful tournaments that have put NWMHA is very good stead with other associations; and, Ron Booth, City Manager of Arenas, thank you for working so well with us in accommodating the needs of NWMHA and being flexible to our desires to improve our development program.

Accomplishments this season

- New Principles of Arena Use, negotiations with the City. Finalized in a deal that assures more ice for NWMHA children based on registration numbers.
- Ice allocation, done using this new POA. However, in the interest of increasing the development of players within NWMHA, negotiated a slight change to the usage of our allocation, by reducing game times in H1-4 by 15 minutes, we were able to continue with a Power Skating program on Wednesday afternoons.
- QP Master plan, with the help of NWMHA members, we were able to get another arena on the plan for QP. This is a long term target to help future members.
- Registration, was a challenge this past season getting all returning members to sign up in a reasonable time frame, the result was negotiations with the City were based on low numbers that caused a wait list in Midget and Bantam. Repeated emails, web postings, mailings were not successful for some. As an association we grew to 4 teams in Midget, 5 in Peewee and 3 in H3. However, in the long weekend in September several players dropped out of PW and H3, so we went down to 4-PW and 3-H3, this allowed us to eliminate the wait lists.
- Press inquiries into personal matters occurred last summer, but we do not discuss matters of personnel in public. My letter to the membership highlighting the actual facts was very well received, with 10 to 1, in support of the position of the executive.
- Development, big goal this season.....and in the future

A-New Policies written this past year:

- 2.13.1 Hockey Canada Development model.....guiding all team training
- 2.13.2 Shared Practices at C team level.....increasing access to ice time
- 2.13.3 Second Rep Team selection process.....clarify how nwmha has always decided the selection of second teams
- 2.13.4 Taxi squad.....allowing access to last cuts, practice time at rep level.
- 3.5 Helmet Colour.....BLACK

B-Goalie Clinics increased, with our partner Veit:

- free Saturday morning for all
- subsidized off-ice training
- subsidized summer programs

C- Coach Forum in January, to take feedback on what we have been doing and how we are going to move forward.....see goals for this coming season.

-Introduction to rep tryouts, just after the end of the season we tried an introduction to tryouts for the H4 age group to try and prepare them for the experience in September.

Goals for next season:

- 1- Ice allocation, same sort of usage to create a development slot

2- Out of the Coaches forum, some goals were developed and I want to move us forward towards those goals.

- a. Coaches manual to be used as a multi-tiered tool.
 - i. -expectations of coaches,
 - ii. -season plan,
 - iii. Professional support check list,
 - iv. -safe guard coaches against unrealistic expectations
- b. Redefine the method we are using outside consultants (RPM)
- c. Better link what RPM is asked to do with the Development time slots

Will run again.

5.2 1st Vice President (Kevin O'Quinn): Absent. Giants game went well; volunteers got \$100 for their team; *Will not be returning.*

5.3 2nd Vice President (Purn Disanjh): tournaments were all full; overall, the tournaments were a success; thanks to atom/peewee/midget DM/team managers and parents; thanks to Ron Booth and his staff for their support during the tournaments. *Undecided.*

5.4 3rd Vice President (Ron Connor): Applied for the VP-3 position when Bud Sage accepted a position as a League Manager with PCAHA; Bud was very helpful with all of his questions. He scheduled and worked the picture day and the retakes. He felt it went quite smoothly. AAA Photography did a good job; We are under contract with them for one more year. He didn't have time to do the social this year, but will look at doing next year in Oct or Nov. Looked after safety issues as they arose. Worked with the Equipment Manager, looking at adding some items to the first aid kits. Thank-you to everyone for their help getting him up to speed. *Will run again.*

5.5 Treasurer (Chuck Campbell): explanation of the 2012-2013 financial statement and the proposed 2013-2014 budget. Discussion financial statements as presented. Motion: Chuck; Second: Barb. Carried. Motion to pass the proposed budget: Motion: Chuck; Second: Mirko. Move that a \$25 tryout fee be instituted be instituted with the 2013-2014 season. Motion: Chuck; Second: Pete. Carried. *Will run again.*

5.6 Registrar (Kathryn Matts): 246 registered today. Will hold two registration dates soon. Will try to do a flyer to the schools; we will look at other advertising ventures as well. *Will run again.*

5.7 Coach Coordinator (Pete Birovchak): Successful first year in this position. Lots to learn. Organized a Coach Forum. Lots of plans in the works for next year. *Will run again.*

5.8 Referee-in-Chief (Mirko Dabic): Thank you to everyone. In particular, thank you to Shawn Hagen who was kind enough to help shadow and evaluate officials. It was a fun and successful season. New Westminster officials performed very well at home and in other municipalities calling fair and safe games. Only a couple of complaints for the entire year. *Will not run again.*

5.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin Woolley): purchased whites so we now have full sets of reds and whites; H1-4 jerseys still supplied by Tim Hortons; issues with white jerseys begin used at home games (when it isn't necessary due to colour conflicts); Thanks to Ron Booth, Mark Stevens and the rest of the arena people, they are always very helpful. *Will run again.*

5.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda Callard): Thank you to Ron Booth and his staff for another great year, but also the team managers who stepped up and made my job easier. She tweaked the way she did things this year and believes it was successful in lowering our amount of unused ice. Also on behalf of the PeeWee C2, she donated \$480.25 to the association for the financial assistance fund. *Will run again.*

5.11 Referee Allocator (Kelly Corbett): This season was a challenge in the beginning as it was her first year in this position but with the patience of most of the young referees and their families she was able to establish a system that made the season continue as smoothly as possible. Thank you to Mirko for all his help. She looks forward to working with the returning referees and the new ones that will be joining us next season. It makes her very proud knowing that other associations would take the time to write letters of praise for our young officials like they did for the Al Hughes and Bobby Love tournament. She is quite confident that this will continue into the next season and seasons to come. *Will run again.*

5.12 Division Managers

5.12.1 Juvenile (Colleen Ray): Juveniles made it to the final four and faced a disappointing loss in the final game of the series. Thank all the members of the Executive and all parents of the Association for contributing their time so that our kids can play hockey. *Will run again.*

5.12.2 Midget (Mike Hrybyk): *tendered his resignation last week; good year.*

5.12.3 Bantam (Rick D'Aurizio): good year; had a few serious injuries this year that have resulted in these kids not being able to play in the coming year. *Not returning to Bantam; interested in running at the Midget level.*

5.12.4 PeeWee (Kerry Lynn): (Report filed in absentia.) Thanks to all the coaches and managers for your efforts this season. Once again the Pee Wee Division was blessed with a group of parents and non-parents that gave generously of their time to ensure our players had a successful and rewarding year. We had success throughout the division with teams playing in banner games, winning tournaments and each and every one of the teams finishing stronger than they started.

C1: Won Gold at Kamloops Xmas tournament; Won Bronze at Seattle Spring Thaw tournament; Won Gold at New West Al Hughes tournament. **C2:** Finished second in Gold group banner game. Lost in OT (a great accomplishment for having the youngest of the 3 C teams)! **C3:** Won Bronze at the Hope Xmas tournament; Finished second in Blue group banner game. Lost by one goal! Won Bronze at New West Al Hughes tournament. **A1:** Placed second in League play Flight 5; Placed second in Presidents Series playoffs Series 4; Won Gold at Ridge Meadows Hometown Heroes tournament. These results are a direct testament to the dedication you all have for our community, the sport and most importantly to the players. This is evident this year in two of our Pee Wee division parents being honoured with association awards.

I would also like to congratulate Bob Turnbull for being awarded the Coach of the Year award. Bob gives tirelessly of his time year after year and many players in our division can attribute their development and success due to Bob's passion for the sport and the time he gives. The same comments can be said about Kelly Corbett and the time she continually gives to our association and the teams her boys play on. We were all the benefactors of the huge amount of time she has given us the last 2 seasons helping organize and work the Al Hughes tournament while at the same time being the Referee Allocator and a team manager. Congratulations Kelly.

Once again thank you and I look forward to seeing you all around the rink next season. *Not returning.*

5.12.5 Atom (Dave Schweitzer): Overall it was a good year in Atom after a bit of a challenging start with the balancing of the 3 'C' Teams as all 4 teams at points in the season had some success. Atom A team started the year in Flight 3 and went 8-2 until being moved up to Flight 2: League record – 3-16-1; Playoff Record – 2-7; They also participated in 3 Tournaments during the year. 2 Tournaments in Surrey and 1 in Victoria. Atom C1: Balancing Record – 2-13-2; League Record – 6-5-1; Playoff Record – 4-6-2. Atom C2: Balancing Record – 5-10-2; League Record – 9-1-2; Playoff Record – 5-2-3; They made it to the Orange Group Banner Final but lost in overtime 2-1. Atom C3: Balancing Record – 6-10; League Record – 3-5-4; Playoff Record – 3-7; Had a great Finish to their season winning a silver medal at the Bobby Love tournament in New Westminster. I want to say a Big Thank You to all the parents in Atom this year, some challenged me more than others but overall it was a good year. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time at the Bobby Love Tournament and to those who donated raffle prizes and snacks for the kids. A special Thank You to Tammy Chessman who worked really hard getting donations for the tournament. Thanks to all the coaches, Managers and safety people for the 4 teams this year, your hard work is truly appreciated. Also a thank you to everyone on the executive this year who put in countless hours for the association. A personal thank you to Lynda, Kelly and especially Rob who I leaned on a lot this year for help and advice. *Will not be returning as Atom or Pee Wee Division Manager for next year.*

5.12.6 Hockey 3 & 4 (Lana Wakelam): (Report filed in absentia.) The H3 had a good season. With the help of great coaches, we were able to balance the two teams. The two teams played well throughout the season. The H4 did well despite some hurdles. We learned a lot and it was challenging. We took on more than we expected and the community parents were fantastic. Thanks to our coaches for making this a good season for the kids. It went well for the rest of the season because of them. *Not returning.*

5.12.7 Hockey 1 & 2 (Barb Drake): Hockey 1 had 14 players. Several parent volunteers, seemed like everyone had a great season. Parent feedback was positive. Hockey 2 had 31 players. The two teams both had very successful seasons. Several coaches took the hybrid coaching course. Parent and coach feedback was very positive in regards to the season. *Not returning for H1 & 2; will run for H3 & 4.*

5.13 Secretary Report (Vandy Britton): It has been a busy year, as usual. Your hockey executive is an incredibly dedicated group of individuals who have worked very hard to support your children this year. Unfortunately, I think that sometimes people forget that we are all volunteers. I encourage you to put your name forward to volunteer. *Will not be returning.*

6.0 Election of 2013/2014 Executive

President: Rob Nasato;

1st VP: Dave Schweitzer

2nd VP: Purn Disanjh

3rd VP: Ron Connor

Treasurer: Chuck Campbell

Registrar: Kathryn Matts

Coach Coordinator: Pete Birovchak

Referee-in-Chief: Vacant

Equipment Manager: Kevin Woolley

Ice Allocator: Lynda Callard
Referee Allocator: Kelly Corbett
Secretary: Vacant
Juvenile DM: Colleen Ray
Midget DM: Rick D'Aurizio
Bantam DM: Jennifer Lauener
PeeWee DM: Greg Sanderson
Atom DM: Bud Sage
H 3&4: Barb Drake
H 1&2: Vacant

7.0 Adjournment: 10:06pm