



NWMHA

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**NEW WESTMINSTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014
MEETING MINUTES**

**1.0 Awards Presentation 7pm
(Presentation: Rob Nasato; History: Chuck Campbell; Photos: Beth McNaughton)**

Dave Dailey Award – Ben Manville
Norma Dailey Award – Matthew Forero
Scott Munro Award – Hailee Piendl
Scott Stacey Award – Martin Osowski
Matthew Smith Award – Jordan Atchison
Juvenile Award – Hunter Onstine
Fred Chapman Award – Ryan Black
3M Coach of the Year Award – Ron Connor
Hockey Canada Safety Program Award – Brad Melenychuk
Al Hughes Award – Beth McNaughton
Silver Whistle Award – Ryan Horton
Referee Development Awards – Colton Simpson-McKenzie & Parker Corbett
Life Time Achievement Award – Ross Young

2.0 Adoption of 2014 Agenda:7:25pm.

3.0 Minutes of April 22, 2013 AGM: Motion: Chuck; Second: Ross. Carried

4.0 Business Arising: update on hockey development situation (see Coach Coordinator Report)

5.0 New Business: Season will end early this coming year (for Rep and C level) – on the 7th or 8th of March. Scheduling related to Rep Hockey: The top 16 seeded teams only will qualify for play-offs, with those ranked 17 and below going directly to the President's Series.

6.0 Reports

5.1 President (Robert Nasato): Thank you to the Executive of NWMHA for helping me in my second 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:

Both Ross Young and Chuck Campbell whose experience I continue to draw on;

Janet Lakusta for stepping up to fill a difficult role as Registrar last summer;
Purn Disanjh, for coordinating 3 very successful tournaments that have put NWMHA in very good stead with other associations, with special thanks to Leanne Piendl and Beth McNaughton for all help running the tournaments.

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.

Special thanks to the Midget C2 team for allowing me to help coach the second part of the season.....I wish I could coach full time.

Season in review:

June:

BC Hockey AGM:

Congratulations to Chuck Campbell recipient of the BC Hockey Life Members' Award.

Chuck has been a dedicated member of the New Westminister Minor Hockey Association since 1995, serving as Treasurer for 14 years, President for three (3) and filling various open positions when called upon. In addition to countless hours of work with New Westminister, he has worked on numerous committees with the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association. Chuck is a lifetime member of New Westminister MHA and is now a recipient of the BC Hockey Life Members' Award.

July:

Coaches' Resources improved:

- Creation of the NWMHA Coaches Guide based on Hockey Canada guidelines and the feedback from the Coaches forum in January 2013, with the help of Pete Birovchak
- Uploaded new resources for coaches to have easy access to training material.

NWMHA Hockey School:

New partnership with RPM running a new program, covering power skating, hockey skills and they handled the billing. We had great feedback all season long. The only negative was that the ice time conflicted with the Atom A team ice slot.

September:

Tryouts: Always a stressful time of year, went well. The Midget Division considered a second rep team as it had enough talent and goaltending but in the end not enough kids wanted to play rep. In the other divisions a second team was considered but talent was deemed insufficient. My goal is to grow the talent so that this becomes easier going forward. The policy we have covers the second team consideration and covers all concerns including kids left in C hockey. See Policy -2.13.3 Second Rep Team selection process

January-February:

On-Line Registration, programmed and set up the NWMHA/Hockey Canada registration process working with Janet Lakusta.

Hockey Say in Canada Tshirts distributed, first time we have done. We had great feedback on the look and idea. This was done to try and drive our brand, to make the NWMHA logo noticeable in the community.

March

-Second time, introduction to rep tryouts for the H4 age group to try and prepare them for the experience in September.

Year end Coach Recognition Gifts (coffee mugs) another first acknowledging our many coaches and the time they give.

NEXT SEASON:

Reminder:

- Policy 3.5 Helmet Colour.....BLACK.....this season!

Goals from last year revolved around Development and will continue into the future.

-Players

-Goalies

-Coach Development continues to be a priority.

-Resources and Support, as much as we can provide.

-Expectations

- i. -expectations of coaches,
- ii. -season plan,
- iii. -Professional support check list,
- iv. -safeguard coaches against unrealistic expectations

Will run again

5.2 1st Vice President (Dave Schweitzer) : This year we had 3 main sponsors -- Tim Hortons; Scotia bank and Lowe's

We hope to continue our partnership with our sponsors and hope to find another for next season.

We had a successful fundraiser at the Vancouver Giants game this year selling 841 tickets profiting \$4205 for 20 of our teams.

The 50-50 pot at the game grossed \$8168, half of that money got split evenly between the 30 volunteers for the teams they represented.

If I do the job for next season I would recommend we do the Giants game in January or February as I feel it came to early in the season and I think we could sell more tickets a little later in the year.

Thank you. Will run again.

5.3 2nd Vice President (Purn Disanjh): Absent. Report submitted via email. This past year we held our annual Herb House Midget A and C tournament over Christmas break. We had 8 teams competing in the A division and 8 teams competing in the C division. We held our Atom Bobby Love and Pee wee Al Hughes tournament over Spring break with 8 teams in each division.

Overall, tournaments went very well and we have received positive feedback from visiting teams. Some of the teams have already inquired into saving a space for them next year.

The success of our tournaments is due to parent volunteers, and the Atom, Pee wee and Midget division managers.

A special thank you to Leanne Piendl, Beth McNaughton, and Kelly Corbett for their endless hours in helping out with the tournaments.

Thank you to the executive for their endless hours in volunteering for the association.

Finally, I will not be seeking re nomination and wish the new executive much success for the following year.

5.4 3rd Vice President (Ron Connor): Absent. Report submitted via email. Portfolio was Safety, photos and the organization of a Parent 'meet & greet' Social. Picture Day went well. We have another year on our contract with AAA. Approximately 70 people attended the Social at Stephano's. Would recommend doing it earlier in the season. It has been both a learning experience and a pleasure to work the executive. I was surprised by how much work goes on behind the scenes and how hard the people on the executive work to make the season a success. Will not run again.

5.5 Treasurer (Chuck Campbell): Motion to approve the financial statements as circulated. Motion: Chuck; Second: Lynda. Carried. Motion to approve the 2014 budget as circulated. Motion: Chuck; Second: Tristan. Carried. Will run again.

5.6 Secretary (Vandy Britton): Thank you to the members of the executive and to the parent volunteers who make NW Minor Hockey such a great association to be part of. We are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers in our midst. Will run again.

5.7 Registrar (Janet Lakusta): On-line registration is working well. 315 current registrants. Roughly 60% have sent in their cheques. **Action:** DMs – please email people to send in their cheques. Have 10 new Hockey 1s; not many new players in the other divisions at this

time. Roughly half of the players who have registered are planning to tryout for Rep. Will run again.

5.7 Coach Coordinator (Pete Birovchak): It's been a great year. Looked at my role as helping the coaches to do their job – put manuals on-line. Expanded the RPM Coach Mentorship program – got good feedback about this. Fewer coach evaluation forms were turned in this year. Looking at standardizing the Rep Tryout Process for the coming year, including tweaking the evaluative process. We have a responsibility to evaluate our vendors – RPM & Veit – and will try to do this in the coming year. We will evaluate their policies and procedures and, if necessary go to a RFP (request for proposals). We need to clarify what we want, what we can afford, and what they may be able to give us. Had some Coaching sessions where the coaches worked with RPM. Would like to see support for the goalies more included into our practice plan. Hockey Canada has changed the requirements for the different coaching levels – a checking requirement for every level; eventually there will be a goalie requirement; and, all coaches with a Rep team (Peewee & up) must have the Development 1 course prior to the start of the season. Will run again.

5.8 Referee-in-Chief (Tristan Gillis): In my inaugural year it was certainly a learning curve. Between some new policies and procedures for clinics, and coupled with a lack of communication from BC Hockey, it was tough getting my bearings in certain respects. Having gone through the set-up process, and hopefully with a more stable clinic system, I hope to be better acclimatized next year if re-elected. We had some excellent refs – in fact, BWC was hiring them. Although we acquired some good referees, we are losing them at the older levels faster than we can replenish. If re-elected, I will put in a strong push to canvas for potential referees, so as to maintain and grow our organization's referee pool. I was very proud of our refs. Shadowed all of the first year refs. Shawn & Mirko helped with shadowing as well. Will run again.

5.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin Woolley): H1-4 goalies appreciated the new equipment. Jersey replacement is now done – now it's just replacing worn and torn. Will run again.

5.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda Callard): Another year has come and gone and it went relatively smoothly – although it did seem like it was New West's year for conflicts; there seemed to be a ton of them this year to resolve. I have already got the 2014/15 Season Warm Up Skate and Try-Out Schedules done and if re-elected will meet with the city in June to start working on the regular season ice.

I would like to thank Ron Booth and his staff for another great year; they were a pleasure to work with.

I would also like to thank Rob Nasato for always being there for support when times got tough. Will run again.

5.11 Referee Allocator (Kelly Corbett): This season I lost a few of the more seasoned officials as they were able to move up to ref the higher levels which left many of our

second year officials with quite a bit more to do this year. I do believe that most of them stepped up to the challenge very well.

Our Association hosted two Final 4 tournaments that we supplied the officials for and again the Al Hughes and Bobby Love tournament and all went really smoothly.

I look forward to seeing and working with the returning referees and the new ones that will be joining us next season. Will look into an on-line assigning program. We will look at putting refs at H2 level to help with their development. Will run again.

5.12 Division Managers

5.12.1 Juvenile (Colleen Ray): Absent. Report submitted via email.

The New West Juvenile team got knocked out of the first round of rep playoffs. We then proceeded to the Presidents' series and placed second. It was a rewarding season. Jeff Ray will not be putting his name forward to coach the Juvenile team next year and Colleen Ray will not be running for Juvenile Division Manager.

5.12.2 Midget (Rick D'Aurizio): I want to thank all the volunteer coaches and parents in making what could have been a tough year an easier one. The C teams I think had a fair year, winning in some tournaments and placing in the top end of their respected tiers. As far as the A team is concerned, they had a good run finishing in the second flight and in the Final Four playoff. Unfortunately, they encountered a string of bad luck with illness and injured players during the play-off run.

I want to thank the New Westminster Minor Association for these past two years, I must say they have been very interesting. I have decided not to return as the Midget Division Manager for the following year.

5.12.3 Bantam (Jennifer Lauener): I'd like to thank all the Bantam C1, C2, C3 & A2 parents, coaches, managers, safety people & practice helpers who supported the kids during the 2013-14 hockey season.

C1 Team:

Thanks very much to Tristan Gillis for coaching the C1 team, along with being the referee in chief & also coaching a Peewee C team.

Thanks to Dean Callard for being an assistant coach, Karen Walmsley for being the team manager & Brad Melenychuk for being the safety person.

In league play the C1 team was in the Blue group going 2-12-2 for 8th place
In playoffs they were in the Gold group going 5-3-2 for 3rd place.

They had a very successful tournament in Bremerton winning silver after losing in double overtime in the finals.

C2 Team:

Thanks very much to Paul Hackett for coaching the C2 team. Marc Mondin & Shawn Hagan for being assistant coaches, Steve Tucsok for being team manager & Richard Seganfreddo for being the safety person.

In league play the C2 team was in the Blue group going 5-10-1 for 7th place.
In playoffs they were in the Gold group going 4-1-5 for 2nd place
In the Championship Banner game they lost 3-2 to Bby.

They attended a tournament in Hope.

C3 Team:

Thanks to Sean McCarthy for coaching the C3 team
Thanks to Rob Celle for being an assistant coach.
Thanks to Kelly Corbett for being the team manager & being the safety person.

In league play the C3 team was in the Gold group going 10-5-1 for 4th place.
In playoffs they were in the Green group going 6-3-3 for 3rd place.

They attended a tournament in Kamloops & Chilliwack. In Chilliwack they didn't complete their 4th game due to a power outage.

Rep Team:

Thanks to Dwight Noda for coaching the Rep team.
Thanks to Brandon Newman & Peyton Lupul for being non-parent assistant coaches, Jody Harris for being the team manager & Vandy Britton for being the safety person.

In league play they were in flight 3 going 13-5-2 for 2nd place.
In the playoffs they beat Coquitlam in the 2nd round & lost to NSWC in the 3rd round.
Going into the President's Series they went 2-2-1

They attended a tournament in Anaheim, California & Richmond.

Additional acknowledgement & congratulations go to the Bantam player award winners:

Ben Manville for receiving the Dave Dailey Award
Hailee Piendl for receiving the Scott Munro Award
Jordan Atchison for receiving the Matthew Smith Award
Ryan Black for receiving the Fred Chapman Memorial Award
Parker Corbett & Colton Simpson-McKenzie for both receiving the Referee Development Award

Congratulations to Tom von Schoenberg who made it through the 1st round of the U 16 Regional Camp to the BC Cup in Salmon Arm.

Brad Melenychuk, Bantam parent, for receiving the Hockey Canada Safety Program Recognition Award

Also many thanks to the following Bantam parents/ brothers who stepped up & volunteered their time:

Vandy Britton for being secretary since 2010 and prior to that as the H3/4 Division Manager.

Lynda Callard for being the Ice Allocator since 2010 to now.

Kelly Corbett for being the Referee Allocator this year & last year.

Tristan Gillis for being the Referee-in- Chief this year.

Leanne Piendl for all her countless hours volunteering as manager & assisting with tournaments over many years.

Not returning as Bantam DM

5.12.4 PeeWee (Greg Sanderson): The 2013 – 14 NWMHA season was my first as a Division Manager, and my first as a member of the board at any level. There were a number of things that surprised me and a few things that fit in with what I had thought about the organization. Overall it was a good experience for me and I have a new found respect for the time, energy, effort, and commitment that the volunteers put in for the kids of New West.

June – July I started the season with early notices on upcoming dates and other landmarks parents needed to be aware of. Information relating to pre-season skates, tryouts, and team creation were the main topics through the summer. I tried to do a monthly update after the regular board meetings as information became available. Summer months were primarily coach selection time. We had a number of candidates for the rep teams and were able to select a strong candidate for the Pee Wee team. House team coaches were filled by some great volunteers, we had to do some scrambling to get all the spots filled, but we were able to get it all in place in time for the season. One area to work on for next season will be the coaching assignment process. NWHHA has guidelines for this and we (I) need to follow these better and ensure that the coaches understand and follow them as well.

Aug- Oct saw a ramp up in communication with the parents as important times and dates were finalized. Throughout the process I tried to keep everyone up to date as best I could with the contact information available. Unfortunately due to some admin issues we had some holes in the info, but this year will be much better. We ran our pre-season skates and had solid turn outs, the rep tryouts were not heavily attended, with only 30 players taking part and a few of those dropping out before the final game stage due to conflicts with field lacrosse tryouts. For the most part I think the tryout process worked, there may have been few misses, but it seemed to work itself out.

One area I tried to hold a consistent message on was the process for C team creation. This was my biggest challenge as many members have very strong feelings on who they want for a coach and when they want to practice. I told everyone that if they had a need for a specific time or date due to circumstances I would make every effort to meet those needs, and for the most part for the people with needs I was able to accommodate. We had some issues with a few members that were specific on coaching wants; I told all members making requests on wants not need that

balancing was the first priority. For the most part the members understood. There were a couple situations that could have been handled differently and going forward I have a clearer picture of what some of those needs are. The balancing process was interesting as it was my first time going through it. Our in-house games produced 2 fairly close teams and one that was a bit behind. With the final rep cuts coming in and a few adjustments we were able to put three fairly even teams together. Our C teams were placed in the top two divisions, one team in the blue division and two in the gold division, and our rep team was placed in flight 4. Once the teams were selected and assigned to league play we had only a few issues, and these were resolved fairly easily. Most of the issues were around interpretations of NWMHA policies and how they impacted the players.

Nov – Mar. All four teams had solid seasons that ran smooth with little controversy. We had one house team in the Gold group, they finished 3rd so out of the banner game. We had 2 teams in the Green group with one team advancing to the banner game where they finished 2nd, and our other Green team finishing in 4th. Our Rep team finished in 7th at 7 – 11 – 2 and played in the Presidents Series playoffs where they finished 2nd in flight 5. All our teams played in tournaments, one team played in the final of one Christmas tourney and another team won a Christmas tourney. One of our house teams played in the final of our New West tourney. We had excellent managers in Pee Wee and they really helped make my job much easier. Our coaches were committed and did a good job working within the new coaching guidelines set out by NWMHA.

I'd like to recognize and thank all our Pee Wee Coaches for a great year:
Rep Team Head Coach, Todd Fletcher, Assistant Trent Murdoch, Shawn Lakusta, Raymond Bedry
Pee Wee C1 Head Coach Tristan Gillis, Assistants, Huss Nessman and Brad Kinnie
Pee Wee C2 Head Coach Jason Bishop, Assistants Ray Porcellato, and Al Alvarez
Pee Wee C3 Head Coach Kurtis Lyons, Assistants Gregg Stocker, and Hugh Shaw

Our end of season tournament was well run with lots of volunteers. As with all events there are a few things to look at for next year but overall it was very well done. A special thanks needs to go out to Beth McNaughton and Kelly Corbett: the tournament could not have been run without them. All teams participating were very happy with lot of positive feedback. In the end the Pee Wee playoff teams had to be determined by a tie breaker so the competition level was great.

Mar – April: The season wrap ups are all done, the managers have sent out all the info and I'm now looking at starting it up again for next year. Hopefully my experience this year will make for a better year next season.

Thank you to everyone for all your help and guidance, any comments or questions? Will run again.

5.12.5 Atom (Bud Sage): The Atom division was made up of about 60 players. After the Atom A team was set, the balance of the remaining players were divided into three even C teams.

The Atom A team ended up in flight Three. They were in first place for much of the season, but ended up in fourth. Three points out of first. They were one goal post away from going to the Final Four. They used every taxi player and some additional players in A games. This was great as all players felt included. They entered two tournaments and were competitive in both. I would like to thank the coaches, managers and safety people for a great season. I would also like to thank the parents who pulled it together when they were informed, very late, that we were to host the Final Four tournament.

All three house teams were very competitive. Each team had great coaching, and learning the game, as well as having fun, was stressed. Please see each team's records below:

Balancing round

C1 8/Wins, 1/Losses 1/Ties

C2 7/Wins 2/Losses 1/Tie

C3 5/Wins 3/Losses 2/Ties (first two games were losses while head coach was out of country)

League play 32 teams, are divided into two groups

Blue group

C1 7/Wins 9/Losses 4/Ties

C2 13/Wins 7/Losses

Gold group

C3 13/Wins 5/losses 2/ties

Playoff round One team was placed into each of the top three tiers.

Blue group C2 5/Wins 3/Losses

Gold group C1 6/Wins 1/Loss

Green group C3 5/Wins 3/losses

The next two parts are important:

Part one

I don't know if this has ever happened before. All three of our team played for a banner. C3 losing a very close game 3-2. C1 losing in the last 6 seconds 6-5 and C2 earning a banner by way of a 4-4 tie.

Part two

In our own Bobby Love tournament, our teams won Gold, Silver and Bronze.

I would like to sincerely thank all the coaches and managers for all the work they put into making this a great year for the kids. I would also like to thank all the parents from both Atom and Pee Wee that worked so hard at running the two tournaments at the same time. There is not a better pair of tournaments available than the Bobby Love and Al Hughes. Special thanks to Beth, Kelly and Purn for spending hours making sure everything went the way it should at the tournaments. Thanks to the executive, I have enjoyed working with each of you.

I enjoyed being part of this year's executive and will stand for Atom Division Manager for the coming season.

5.12.6 and 5.12.7 Hockey 1 - 4 (Barb Drake):

H1: 16 players. Several parents volunteered with good feedback for RPM mentorship and support. Program helped support several new players through H2 to H4 as well.

H2: 2 teams of 12 players each. Parents and Coaches gave feedback that the season went well.

H3: 3 teams of 13 players each. Many new players and 4 players from Burnaby. Some issues with the morning practice time not being as well attended as the 2 afternoon times. Need to have RPM at one weekday practice for the later part of the season as not enough coaches on the ice to support all the players. Most parents and coaches were happy with how the season went. There were a few negative comments about how the teams lost most of their games.

H4: 2 teams of 13 players each. Parents and Coaches provided feedback that the season went well.

Overall, all the teams seemed to have great volunteers that have stepped up and the players all looked like they enjoyed it. There was no one that withdrew during the season. Will run again for H3/4 Division Manager.

6.0 Election of 2014/2015 Executive

President: Rob Nasato

1st VP: Dave Schweitzer

2nd VP: **vacant**

3rd VP: **vacant**

Treasurer: Chuck Campbell

Secretary: Vandy Britton

Registrar: Janet Lakusta

Coach Coordinator: Pete Birovchak

Referee-in-Chief: Tristan Gillis

Equipment Manager: Kevin Woolley

Ice Allocator: Lynda Callard

Referee Allocator: Kelly Corbett

Juvenile DM: **vacant**

Midget DM: Jennifer Lauener

Bantam DM: **vacant**

PeeWee DM: Greg Sanderson

Atom DM: Bud Sage

H 3&4: Barb Drake

H 1&2: Desiree Savoy

7.0 Special Motion: Chuck “I’d like to go on record to recognize and express our appreciation for the work that our retiring Executive members, Purn Disanjh, Ron Connor, Rick D’Azurizio and Colleen Ray, have done for the NWMHA.” Second: Dave. Carried.

8.0 Adjournment at 8:43pm.