



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

## NEW WESTMINSTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, April 13, 2016

**2015/2016 AWARDS CEREMONY** (Presented by Rob Nasato; history by Chuck Campbell.)

\*\*\*\*\*

- 1 **Adoption of the Agenda: Motion:** Beth; Second: Pete. Carried.
- 2 **Adoption of AGM Minutes of Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Motion:** Kevin; Second: Kelly. Carried.
- 3 **Business arising:** nothing of note.
- 4 **New Business:** NWMHA Awards Recipients
  - Dave Dailey Award: Jacob Chiu
  - Norma Dailey Award: Mathew Forero
  - Scott Munro Award: Conrad Cho
  - Scott Stacey Award: Brian Hagerty
  - Matthew Smith Award: Jacob Binns
  - Chuck Campbell Juvenile Award: Brandon Del Grasso
  - Fred Chapman Memorial Award: Ben Karwicki
  - 3M/Hockey Canada Coach of the year: Bruce Turris
  - Hockey Canada Safety Program Recognition Award: Calvin Osborne
  - Al Hughes Volunteer of the Year Award: Daniel Fontaine
  - Silver Whistle Award: Parker Corbett
  - Referee Development Awards:
    - Igor Lehmann
    - Trevor Schweitzer
    - Ethan Donnelly
  - Lifetime Achievement Award: no award recipient
  - NWMHA Scholarships
    - Scott Woolley
    - Jacob Chiu
    - Ben Haberl
    - Thomas Prigl
    - Liam D'Aurizio
  - Aaron Loughhead Scholarship: Philip Tashin

## 5 Reports

**5.1 President (Rob Nasato):** Thank you to the Executive of NWMHA for helping me in my fourth 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.



# **N.W.M.H.A.**

**New Westminister Minor Hockey Association**  
**P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8**  
**nwmha.ca**

Thanks yet again to Ron Booth and the rest of the City staff that we work closely with.

## Season in review:

For the overwhelming majority of players, team officials and parents the year was yet another success. Unfortunately, there were a larger number of disciplinary issues to attend to this year than has occurred in the past. Some parents seems to forget that minor hockey is organized and run by volunteers

## May 2015:

- Nominated Chuck Campbell for the board of directors of BC Hockey
- PCAHA AGM: resolutions for BC Hockey AGM were discussed and I took a leading role in the discussions. The big issue was membership and the proposal as presented would have resulted in minor hockey having a much smaller voting power at the BC Hockey AGM.

## June:

### BC Hockey AGM:

- Attended by 7 Executive members.
- Many seminars attended and important information brought back from meeting.
- Took a leading role in the resolutions which were the biggest restructuring of BC Hockey ever. Many of the resolutions were amended, with the controversial three issues being tabled.
- Chuck Campbell was elected to the BC Hockey board.

## July:

- Chuck resigned as Treasurer as required by his election to the BC Hockey board. I would like to extend the thanks of NWMHA for Chuck's years of service.
- Kurt was recruited to be his replacement.

## August:

- I was recruited to be on the Governance committee for BC Hockey.
- New non-parent coach applied to coach in NWMHA. Martin Lesko was given the Juvenile A1 team and had a great year.

## September:

- Team declaration was difficult – in particular, in Peewee. Due to the numbers, we had a choice of three big teams or four small teams. We decided on four small teams which eventually created problems as all teams needed call-ups on a regular basis.

## Tryouts:

- Always a stressful time of year; but, overall, they went well.
- Decided to do more "A" teams than any other year with A2 teams at Atom, Peewee, and Midget.

## Balancing:

- Always a tough process that needs to be completed in a short amount of time but, through the hard work of the DM's and the coaches, we were able to get our team balanced with only a few late moves.
- "Sportsmanship Starts in the Stands" program introduced by BC Hockey; two meeting held.



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

-NWMHA Coach and Manager meetings were held; the need to stress the use of ice is critical.

\*\*\*\*\*New Westminister chosen for Rogers Hometown Hockey, Feb 13-14, 2016.\*\*\*\*\*

October:

-RIC resigned. Unfortunately, recruitment for a replacement unsuccessful.

-Hometown Hockey planning began.....and continued all year.

-Hockey Academy presentation made to Exec.

-Cross ice hockey for H2 this season and H3 next season introduced.

November:

-BC Hockey Governance meetings – trying to come to resolution on the primary issues from the last AGM

-Guest speaker, Nigel Shakles, President Seafair attended our executive meeting. Presidents are working together to learn ‘best practices’ from each other.

December:

-Aaron Loughead, former player and coach in NWMHA died in a motor vehicle accident while going to visit his mother on Vancouver Island. Many NWMHA families attended his funeral just after Christmas. The family has set up a scholarship fund in Aaron’s memory, we will award the first winner tonight.

-Another very successful Herb House tournament. The family of the late Herb House were involved in the closing ceremonies.

January:

-Hometown Hockey planning continued.

-Introduced written reports for exec meetings to speed up meetings.

February:

- **Hometown Hockey FEB 12, 13, 14.**

- The lead-up to the event required a lot of time and planning. I would like to extend a huge thanks to Daniel Fontaine for his many hours of planning. NWMHA did something no other town has done by running a pep rally of our own: approx. 300 kids on the ice for a skate, followed by approx. 1000 people attending a Bantam A1 game, where approx. 20 free prizes were handed out.

-BC Hockey Governance Committee came to consensus on the controversial issue of membership.

-One team NWMHA was fined for no showing at a game.

March:

-Executive decided to name the Juvenile Award after long time NWMHA Exec member, Chuck Campbell.

-Bobby Love and Al Hughes tournaments were both huge successes.

NEXT SEASON:



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

My goals going forward are similar to the past few seasons:

- Player, Goalie and Coach Development
- Continue to evolve our governance and address matters that may need to be addressed with the new Societies Act.
- Providing the best possible minor hockey program we can, while stay fiscally responsible.
- Recruit my replacement!!!!!!

**5.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Dave Schweitzer):** First off I would like to thank everyone on the executive for all of their time and effort this season – it has had its ups and downs, for sure.

(1) I would also like to thank all of the coaches, managers and other parents for volunteering so much of your time this season to make it so successful for the kids who play hockey in New Westminister.

(2) Our Vancouver Giants Fundraiser was held January 22, 2016. A huge “thank you” to all of the volunteers and managers who helped to make the night such a success. As an association we sold 659 tickets. We had 32 volunteers selling 50/50 tickets at the game and our 50/50 sales were \$6841. \$302 was raised for our financial assistance fund and each volunteer made a profit of \$85 for their respective teams.

(3) Hometown Hockey was a huge success. Thank you to all the sponsors who donated prizes for this special event including Bruce and Kyle Turris.

(4) Thank you to Scotiabank for their very generous \$5000 sponsorship for this season.

(5) As chair of the Grievance Committee I've been involved in 5 suspensions this season, 3 players and 2 parents. Let's just say that this has been the lowlight of the season for me.

It's been a very difficult decision but, for many reasons, I have decided not to run for VP1 next season.

Thank you.

**5.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Daniel Fontaine):** The NWMHA successfully held four tournaments over the course of the last year. They include:

- Herb House Midget A
- Herb House Midget C
- Al Hughes PeeWee C
- Bobby Love Atom C

We initially set aside 8 spots per tournament. But due to overwhelming interest, we increased both the Herb House Midget C and Bobby Love Atom tournaments to 10 teams.



# N.W.M.H.A.

**New Westminister Minor Hockey Association**  
**P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8**  
**nwmha.ca**

There has been tremendous interest in all of our tournaments this year with a waitlist established for each of them. We also did very little to pro-actively market our tournament this year compared to 2014/15...yet had more applications due to word-of-mouth recommendations.

Some of the new initiatives we introduced over last two years include:

- Brought the printing of tournament program in-house. Designed a new electronic template which allows for more control of quality and content.
- Live announcer & music at most Queen's Park games & all medal games.
- *Most Sportsmanlike Team* awarded and presented.
- Invited dignitaries and hockey personalities to participate in gold medal game ceremonies.
- Secured sponsors for intermission prizing at Queen's Park.
- Updated raffle table prizing strategy & guidelines resulting in significant increase in revenue per team.
- Invited the House & Hughes families to participate in gold medal ceremony activities.
- Each player registered for spring tournaments provided with approx \$50 in gift coupons and swag. Most coupons were from local merchants in New Westminister.
- Swiss Chalet set up a new hockey fun zone in foyer of Queen's Park Arena.
- Increased audience and family participation through the use of our new intermission trivia game.
- New profile in print program of local hockey player Brent Hughes + section on tribute to hockey history in New Westminister.
- Promoted the Bobby Love and Al Hughes tournaments in the Hometown Hockey promotion in the New Westminister Record newspaper.
- Made our print program available by PDF download on our NWMHA website.
- Communicated more regularly to potential teams interested in registering by providing regular updates on our website on the status of available slots.
- Acknowledged the hard work of team managers by offering them a chance to win one of two special door prizes.
- Conducted online surveys of team managers to obtain feedback.

## **Communications | Ongoing and Regular Activities**

- Attended and spoke at the September team managers meeting at Queen's Park Arena.
- Managed supplies and materials.
- Liaised with Park and Recreation staff to facilitate better on-site communication.
- Liaised with Mayor Cote's office in order to secure his participation during gold medal game official puck drop.
- Attended over 90% of NWMHA Board meetings.
- Drafted a weekly "Tournament Update" which was emailed to each team manager registered in the tournament. Approximately 8-10 weekly updates are developed and distributed per tournament. They included vital information about the tournament and what NWMHA required from each team.
- Sent a personal thank you letter to each sponsor, advertiser and committee volunteer.



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

## A review of last year by the numbers:

- 36 teams participated in our tournaments over the last year
- 3 teams were from Vancouver Island
- 4 New West teams hosted & played
- \$470 dollars raised per team during the spring tournament raffle
- \$1,900 raised during spring tournament to pay for 400 new print programs we distributed for free as well as intermission prizing
- 0 issues required to be dealt with by our Tournament Dispute Committee
- 0 formal complaints from any team
- 5 meetings of the Tournament Committee between September 2015 and February 2016

## Tournament Fees

After having slightly increased fees last year to address the elimination of the 50|50 draw, there were no increase in fees this year.

## Tournament Materials

What follows are some of the items players are eligible to receive as part of their registration fees:

- Terry cloth towel for MVP
- T-shirt
- Most Sportsmanlike Team Award – Framed Certificate
- Specially designed bronze, silver and gold medals
- Post-game snack & drinks [Herb House players do not receive snack]

NOTE: Referees participating in the spring tournament received a free hot dog/snack & drink after completion of game.

Although it is anecdotal, it would appear the attendance at this year's tournaments was slightly higher than last year. In part this could be attributed to the additional media coverage we secured as well as the promotion of the tournament during the *Rogers Hometown Hockey* Event in February.

## Volunteer Recognition | Participation

We continue to attract some amazing volunteers. With the exception of a few slots this spring, all of our volunteer time slots were filled well in advance of the games.

While it is difficult to recognize everyone who contributed so much to make our tournaments a success, it is worth making note of a few special individuals. This is due to the fact that they provided exceptional contributions to a tournament despite the fact they did not have children playing in it:



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
[nwmha.ca](http://nwmha.ca)

- **Leanne Piendl** developed our tournament schedules and spreadsheets
- **Beth McNaughton** helped coordinate our head table for Herb House, Al Hughes and Bobby Love Tournaments.
- **Martine Lehmann** supported the Herb House Tournament and put in countless hours at the head table during Al Hughes and Bobby Love.
- **Robyn Doig**, volunteer referee coordinator for PCAHA assisted us during the Herb House Tournament.
- **Bernie Lehmann** assisted in securing a significant amount of sponsorships for the Herb House Tournament.

A small gift of recognition was provided to Leanne, Robyn and Beth to recognize their extraordinary contribution over the years.

A well-deserved recognition also goes out to **President Rob Nasato** for the numerous hours he spends in advance and on-site during the actual tournaments. It is most appreciated by the parents, players and all those who participate.

## Tournament Committees

This year brought a set of new faces to our tournament committees who did a stellar job. They included:

**Herb House Tournament** - Cindy Semkew; Arlene Carey; Shelly Klimchuk; Sherina/David Raza; Mike Haberl; Nikki Binns; Samantha Balfour; Bernie Lehmann; Beth McNaughton; Andrea Fontaine; Rob Nasato; Jennifer Lauener

**Al Hughes & Bobby Love Tournament** - Tiffany McMullen; Barb Drake; Bud Sage; Barb Anderson; Rick Noniewicz; Beth McNaughton; Rob Nasato; Lorie Murraine; Andrea Fontaine

## Referees

The feedback we received regarding officiating this year was very positive. The referees were professional, showed up on time and we had a limited number of unexpected cancellations. A big thanks to Kelly Corbett & Robyn Doig for all their support in managing this for us.

## Tournament Sponsors & Advertisers

What follows is a record list of tournament sponsors/advertisers we secured this year.

Key West Ford ; Ippolita Corcione – Park Georgia Realty; Dairy Queen; Judy Darcy MLA & Peter Julian MP; Swiss Chalet; Textile Innovations; Hyack Excel Tire; Minit-Tune; Fraserway RV; Boston Pizza; Subway Restaurants; BCAA; Freshslice Pizza; Boston Pizza; Buy-Low Foods; Hughes Family; Landmark Cinemas; Subway Restaurants; Douglas College; Rogers Hometown Hockey; The Record; Save-on-Foods; City of New Westminister; BC Care Providers Association; SafeCare BC; Kal Tire; KidsSport; Safeway; Lowe's; Sanderson Concrete



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

## Feedback from Participants:

*“Thank you!!! You and your team put on an amazing tournament!! I don’t say that lightly, I have been a tournament director 4 or 5 times and am super critical about how some tournaments are run. Your team did a great job making everyone feel welcome, the kids had tons of fun and the swag was great. The siblings and parents loved the intermission trivia!”*

*“I will definitely make an effort to bring a team to one of your tournaments again and will recommend them to other teams in our association.” – **Kerry Park Atom Team Manager***

+++

*“What a great time we had participating in your Atom Spring Tournament. Now that the season is over and the dust has settled I am now preparing for next year. Can you sign us up now for Spring tournament 2017?” – **Ridge Meadows Team Manager***

+++

*“On behalf of the parents, players, coaches and myself we would like to thank you and your staff for your hospitality and a job well done. We’ve been a participant at the Herb House Tournament for several years now and each year we look forward to this event. Hopefully we’ll see you again next year at the Herb House Tournament once again. I would like to wish you and your association a Happy New Year!!” – **PoCo Team Manager***

+++

*“Can you please pass along to the Herb House Tournament Committee a big WELL DONE for the successful tournament you just hosted. Really a first class organization putting details into the little things that make all the difference. (I especially loved the trivia and prizes.....what a great way for visitors to learn about your association, sponsors and city.)*

*Your volunteers were friendly from the first game to the last. It was a real pleasure to see, especially at the Midget level when so many volunteers have already dedicated years and years to hockey. The boys had a great weekend! The dedication and effort of your volunteers gave my son (and team) a positive experience and memory—thank you!” – **Parent***

+++



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

*“Just one more quick note to thank you and your team for another great tourney. Always fun coming to New West and always fun playing at Queens Park. Awesome job!” – Aldergrove Team Manager*

+++

*“Thanks Daniel for your hard work. You and your team did an awesome job. Hope you can relax now!” - PoCo Team Manager*

+++

*“With two boys now in the final stages of minor hockey in New West we've attended countless tournaments over the years. I can say without hesitation (or even homer bias) that this was the most organized and enjoyable one we've ever attended; boy that PA guy was amazing; was expecting him to say at any moment... "and now on the out-of-town scoreboard!!" ...Anyways, job well done and appreciate countless hours you've put in to make the Herb House a big success this year!” – New Westminister Parents*

## **Opportunities for Improvement and Innovation in 2016/17**

- Next year I would recommend that the VP, Tournaments take a more pro-active role in dialoguing with the Atom team managers who have never participated in a local tournament. This should be done early on in the fall. Perhaps a special orientation session and new print materials outlining what is expected of them by way of coordinating parent volunteers, raising funds etc...should be developed.
- Given the significant level of interest...NWMHA could develop a new strategy to increase overall sponsorship opportunities moving forward – in particular as it pertains to our tournaments.

**5.4 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Tracy Dunsford):** This was my first year as the Vice President 3 responsible for Safety for NWMHA. This position involved a number of responsibilities such as coordination of the safety program, criminal record checks, team photo night, awards and a meet and greet and night.

### **Safety Program**

I developed a one page on the safety requirements for 2015/2016 and presented at the coaches meeting in September. As well attended the PCHA Risk Managers Seminar on October 6, 2015. There were 2 injury reports submitted to me and both were a successful return to hockey. Given this was my first year as safety, there is a lot that can be done in our association. It was my hope to look at base line testing for concussions but time and limited experience did not allow for it. This should be a priority for 2016/2017.

### **Criminal Record Checks**

I coordinated the requests for criminal record checks with a huge amount of assistance from the registrar, Janet Lakusta. As they are done on line, there is minimal work that needs to be done except to ensure they are completed by November 30 so that team officials can participate on and off the ice. A huge success, as all were completed by the time line thanks to Janet and all her



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

follow up. As criminal record checks are valid for 5 years, the work load moving forward will be to monitor those that expire and any new requests.

## Team Photos

I coordinated team photo night on November 19, 2015 at Queens Park Arena. The evening ran smoothly and for the most part on time. This is thanks to the great cooperation from all teams and team managers. As there was a lot of requests for electronic copies of team photos for tournaments, team photo night is being bumped up a week for 2016 to alleviate this pressure.

## Awards

I chaired the 2015/2016 awards committee and coordinated the notification to award winners, the awards themselves and presentation at the award ceremony.

## Meet and Great Night

This was not coordinated this year. It is being planned for October 2016.

## Procedures Manual

I am in the process of developing a manual that outlines the procedures for the above responsibilities expected of the Vice President 3. It will be ready for September 2016. I also participated on the Grievance Committee this year as well. I enjoyed the step up from a division manager the year before and prior to that a hockey mom. Lots more to do and I would welcome the opportunity to be Vice President 3 responsible for Safety for NWMHA for a second term to be able to accomplish more.

**5.5 Treasurer (Kurt Bordian): Motion** to approve the financial statements as presented for the year ending March 31, 2016. Motion: Kurt; Second: Lynda. Carried.

**Motion** to approve the proposed Budget for 2016-2017 Season as presented. Motion: Kurt; Second: Jeff. Carried.

**5.6 Registrar (Janet Lakusta):** This is our second year of on-line registration; overall, things are working well with it. Total registered on line as of April 11, 2016 is 282.

- On-line EARLY Registration was open until **March 31, 2016 at 2359hr**
- *LATE Registrations (after May 31st) **may be** subject to a waitlist.* NO exceptions or allowances after this date.
- *Payment received **on or before May 31st** will guarantee your player/goalie a spot on the pre-registration team list.*
  - To make other payment arrangements, please contact the Treasurer as soon as possible.
  - Rep Tryout fee is \$25 and non-refundable. Refunds will only be approved if player is unable to participate due to injury/illness prior to tryouts **AND** concurrently decides that he/she no longer wish to tryout for a rep team.
  - If player/goalie is undecided about tryouts at the time of registration, deadline to inform the registrar of his/her intent to tryout (with payment arrangement) is **June 30th, 2016** to add to the Rep tryout list. NO Drop-ins.



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

Kurt and I are going to streamline the registration and payment process so we don't run into late or no payment throughout the season.

Kurt and I did a thorough audit this weekend (Atom to Juvenile) and we have a few non-payment still to "chase" down...only 7 so far... We will complete the audit for the H1-H4 this week.

## **CHALLENGES PREDICTED NEXT SEASON:**

I think that the challenge for me/us this year will be the goalie situation...this will be dependent on how many are returning, moving to next division and it will be a first registered AND paid to secure a spot however this will be depended on how many teams we create and coaches available.

***\*\*\*Placement of goalies if we do not have enough teams to accommodate in midget division\*\*\****

Estimated Number of NWMHA goalies in each division for 2016-17:

- Atom -- 3 + 5?(unknown how many from H4 will be declared goalies)
- PeeWee -- 4 + 1?(if he decides to stay in house to be a player/goalie)
- Bantam -- 4 + 1?(player movement from Surrey)
- Midget -- 10 (this does not include the 3 goalies from out of district we acquired 2015-16 season)
- Juvenile -- 3 (1 moving up from Midget next season)

**5.7 Secretary (Vandy Britton):** Thank you to all of the executive and volunteers who work so hard for our association. We thrive because of your dedication. We are always in need of assistance so, please, if you are interested, get involved.

**5.8 Coach Coordinator (Pete Birovchak):** I want to thank all of the volunteers, team managers, safety people, coaches that put their personal time into helping our Association and kids play hockey. I would like to especially thank all of the coaches that volunteered to help run rep tryouts. I also want to thank my colleagues on the executive for their dedication working week in and week out to make our Association run well.

## **YEAR IN REVIEW**

I attended the BC Hockey AGM in June 2015. I attended some excellent workshops that covered Coach Mentorship / Tools and Resources / BC Hockey Standardization and player development. I also had the opportunity to network with many other coach coordinators from around the province from both small and large associations and private clubs. After networking with so many other coaches and learning how other Associations operate, I must express how proud I am of our development and coach mentorship program and how far it has come over the past few years.

Coaches meeting on Sep 23 – Had about 30 / 75 Coaches attend the meeting in September. Better turn out than in years past but would like to see attendance improve as important information is released at these meetings. More importantly it is a forum for coaches to connect and network with each other.



# **N.W.M.H.A.**

**New Westminister Minor Hockey Association**  
**P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8**  
**nwmha.ca**

Coach Mentorship Program – Feedback from Coaches and RPM is that the program is positive and working well. This feedback was shared openly amongst RPM, as well as our entire Coaches roster, and our Executive.

One of my projects over the next couple months is to complete a “market sound” and engage other hockey companies to understand more about the services and programs they offer and compare to our current program to determine value. When the project is completed we will decide if we will stay with RPM or go in a different direction.

Power Skating / Hockey Skills Program – I am awaiting the final numbers on the program, but assume they were very close to last years’. Numbers are expected after April 17th. This program has been extremely well run this year. The curriculum was planned by RPM with the messaging from me that the kids need to be pushed out of their comfort zone to become better players, and correction is required. For the most part, there was 1 instructor for every 7 skaters. This is an excellent coach : player ratio. Most programs will have 20-25 skaters to 1 instructor. I want to thank Rory McDade for all of his hard work and owning this program.

Goaltending Program – I am extremely happy with the Veit Goaltending Program. Parent feedback has been very positive, especially regarding the 1 on 1 training at the Veit Training Ctr in New West.

Coach Suspensions – This year we had an extraordinary number of our Coaches suspended for one game or more during the season. While reasons for the suspensions varied, the over-arching theme of the suspensions related to verbal altercations with Officials. Our expectation is that whatever interaction Coaches have with an Official, regardless of the situation, is handled appropriately and in a manner respectful of the dignity of “all” participants. We want our Coaches to project a favourable image of hockey and of coaching to our players, other Coaches, Officials, spectators, families and the general public. We have to remember that most of the time, especially in the younger divisions, the Officials are just kids learning a new aspect of the game in a fluid environment and with a lot happening at once. We need to support them so they get better and continue officiating. But regardless of age, the refs will almost always make mistakes and miss calls...they do all the way up to the NHL.

Also a disappointment this season was not being able to host a clinic. There were no ice slots available. This needs to improve next year and I will work to ensure there are clinics hosted by NWMHA at the beginning of the season.

Next season, if I am re-elected, I would like to host a BC Hockey Dev 1 Clinic and a goaltending clinic for NW Coaches to teach them how to plan practices for their goaltenders. If we cannot obtain ice in New West we will host it at another facility. It is important we provide our coaches with development opportunities and clinics.

Coach Feedback from parents has been positive but few and far between. I encourage all parents to fill out these evaluation forms. The Coaches appreciate the feedback and it helps them work on their coaching skills. It also helps me recognize situations that may require attention.



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

I want to thank Rob Nasato for improving our Coach's resources on the NWMHA website. The information has many videos, practice plans and coaching manuals for all divisions to help Coaches plan their practices and assist them throughout their season.

I also want to thank Rob for his support throughout the season and for the number of hours he dedicates to all of us on the Board.

Circling back to the AGM, I was made aware very quickly of NWMHA's voice in the hockey community. We are a very respected organization and held in high regard among other Associations. The challenges we face as a small Association are very similar to other Associations of all sizes. I am extremely proud to be part of NWMHA and look forward to our future.

**5.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin Woolley):** Thanks to QPA staff: Ron Booth, Mark Stevens, Matt, Mike, Ken, Rob, Jeff, Steve and John. These folk make my job a whole lot easier. Return day 2 of 4 has happened: Bantam is complete, as is Juvenile. Still missing jerseys from Atom, PeeWee and Midget.

New jerseys were tendered, The Hockey Shop was the successful bidder. We are trying a new manufacturer, SP, for the Red jerseys.

The jersey fabric was the main reason for trying a new vendor. Midget and Juvenile are getting new sets for next year.

We are correcting the red color to what was originally intended, Calgary Flames, as well as a minor change to the shoulder.

I am waiting on one piece of artwork to finalize the order.

Purchasing of new gear has stabilized with very little new required this year. The change next season to cross ice for H1 to H3 will mean doubling up on goalie equipment for these groups. Some has been purchased from this years' budget, the rest will come out of next years' budget. A few coaches have continued to view their whites as home jerseys instead of conflict jerseys. This is problematic in that a few replacements are expensive due to minimum order sizes and setup fees. I am considering not handing them out next season, at least to 2 or 3 coaches.

I have considered changing the type of socks we use, fabric instead of wool, however, have rejected the idea for now. The wool socks stretch to fit kids over a wide size range, the fabric does not. I don't want to be fitting socks to each player in the association, so we will continue with wool for now.

Last year was the first summer that I have been able to do a complete inventory. It was nice to see that the list and the gear on hand were virtually identical.

**5.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda Callard):** The past season was somewhat of a struggle with ice. We will need to look at ice more closely in the future as with the city doing such a good job of selling off their empty ice it makes it challenging to reschedule conflicts. Also with the loss of one entire weekend of ice for the Ringette tournament in November with no ice given back in return, plus the various other activities such as the Hometown Hockey, Midget Scholarship ice and tournaments it is getting harder and harder to resolve the conflicts.



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
[nwmha.ca](http://nwmha.ca)

Also if re-elected I am looking at changing up the communication with the Team Managers. With an average of 25 emails per day pertaining to hockey and many with the same subject line it makes it not only time consuming but confusing as well, so I have some new ideas for next year on how to solve this issue.

In closing I would like to thank the city staff, Ron Booth, Lori Tumber and Anne Malm for the many hours and emails over the past season, without these people hockey wouldn't happen. I would also like to thank Rob Nasato for always standing behind me.

## **5.11 Referee-in-Chief (Vacant):** no report

**5.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly Corbett):** This season started out quite stressful with the RIC stepping down during the first few months of our season starting and leaving our 12 new officials without potential mentoring on the ice. Since we had no RIC I asked a few of our more experienced officials to step up and help with the new officials. I would like to thank Seamus Marcantonio, Parker Corbett, Jaxon Corbett and Shawn Hagan. I also, during the season, tried to make sure that all officials were teamed up with strong officials and kept them informed that either it was an official's first time reffing or one of their partners needed a bit of support on the ice. I do believe that this helped to teach the officials to work and communicate together as a team.

With no RIC on hand I received a lot of communications from coaches, managers and parents with questions, observations and concerns. I did the best I could to be on top of most of this and tried to respond to everything that was brought to my attention.

We started the season with 12 new officials and ended up with 9 continuing through the season. We started the season with approximately 56 returning officials and by the time December 2015 came around we ended up with 32 officials that finished off the season. I managed to move 7 of the 32 officials into zone 6 so that they were able to officiate Bantam games and worked quite closely with the Bantam Referee Allocator helping him when he needed it.

In December, two of our officials were called upon and used during the Pat Quinn tournament that hosted Bantam AAA and Peewee AAA level hockey from all over Canada and did quite well. They were even offered spots in the playoff games.

In February we had 4 officials that met the criteria to be evaluated by BC Hockey to possibly officiate in the 2016 BC Hockey Minor Championships hosted in the Lower Mainland. Out of the 4 we had 1 that was chosen to do so – Ryan Horton.

Although this season started out rather stressfully, I believe that it was a very successful year. It was hard work, but our officials did the best they could under the circumstances, worked together and prevailed. I look forward to everyone returning next season and working with the new officials that are eager to begin.

I would like to say thank you to all the coaches, parents and managers that took into consideration the situation this year and were very patient with the officials on the ice. There were only one or



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
[nwmha.ca](http://nwmha.ca)

two incidents involving coached and officials this season and I am pleased to say that, although it involved a few of our officials, it was not at the PeeWee A level or below.

I plan to run again.

## 5.13 Division Managers:

### 5.13.1 H1-2 (Desiree Savoy):

H1

2 small teams this season. They had a good season participating in an SFU mini intermission game, the Timbits jamboree and their H1 Banner game. This group basically practiced as one group, however attended their jamboree and banner game as two teams. There were many non-skaters starting out this season, but the group has made great progress and they have covered the requirements for the season.

H2

2 large teams. Both teams maxed out their games at 25 a piece, playing 2 tournaments each. The team managers and coaches did a very good job of working together and, although there are two teams, this is a very cohesive group as a whole. The players are all progressing well and seem to be developmentally on track.

The cross-ice format was very well received by parents, coaches and players after the initial scepticism. Most of the teams we encountered preferred to split their teams by skill level. 3 on 3 seemed to be the preferred number of players for these games as well. Teams smaller than 14 players would not be ideal for this format. Smaller nets are also preferred for this format.

**5.13.2 H3-4 (Jeff Nottingham):** First, I want to thank the NWMHA Exec. and Parents for allowing me to be a Division Manager. I have spent a large portion of my life involved in sports from competing for Hockey Championships across Canada and the US. The past year for me has given me a chance to give back to our community and to NWMHA, one place I thought I would never call home for hockey.

This year Hockey 3 and Hockey 4 had great seasons; they all competed in multi Tournaments from Squamish to Chilliwack. I would like to thank all the coaches, volunteers and parents for helping your child get to and from the rink and for being their biggest supporter.

I hope to see you all back next Fall for another fun hockey season.

**5.13.3 Atom (Barb Drake):** I would like to thank all the volunteers for helping this season. This was a great group of parents who dedicated their time to ensuring everyone had an enjoyable season. It has been a pleasure working with the Atom parents this season. As always, the number of parents that step up and volunteer is almost the entire team. This year, the Atom group had 10 new players that joined. Any feedback received was positive.

Atom A1: Coach Bruce Turriss and Manager Pete Birovchak



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
[nwmha.ca](http://nwmha.ca)

Atom A1 was very strong at the start of the season in flight 2. They were subsequently moved up to flight 1. This proved to be a very competitive flight. Despite this, the boys improved during the season. Despite a poor win/loss record, the scores were generally close. The parents were very supportive of the players and coaches throughout the year, which made it an extremely memorable season for all involved. Highlights of the season were winning their Christmas Tournament.

Atom A2: Coach Ryan Simpson and Manager Nancy Graham

The A2 team had a successful season in flight 4 where the competition was very evenly matched. The team make-up was 60% first year / 40% second year players. The coaches worked extensively on skating & skill development with an introduction to team concepts for the second half of the season. The team started slow but as the season progressed the boys improved, beating every team in flight 4 at least once. The team ended the season beating Vancouver Minor A2 to win the president series banner.

Atom C1: Coach Frank Topol and Scott Schiebler Manager Rick Noniewicz

Both teams had a fairly equal record at the start of the season. C1 improved as the season went on to finish in the green group with 10 wins and 7 loses and 1 tie. The highlights were the Bobby Love Tournament and the Coquitlam tournament. The team ended the season with a bronze medal win.

Atom C2: Coach Peter Forai and Manager Tiffany McMullen

Despite having a challenging win loss record, this team was able to enjoy the season. Players and families seemed to enjoy the season and appreciated the efforts of the volunteers. The few wins were celebrated. The highlights were the Bobby Love Tournament at the end of the season.

**5.13.4 PeeWee (Bud Sage):** This season saw the Pee Wee div have 49 skaters and 6 goalies. Because of the low numbers, each team had less than perfect numbers. three teams had 12 skaters and one team had 13 skaters.

Our options at the start of the year, were to go with three team with very high numbers , or four teams with lower numbers; the decision was made to go with four teams.

Of the 54 players 43 registered for tryouts. After the final A1 re-assignments were made there was still a group of about 20 players interested in an A2 team. The question whether or not to have an A2 team was vigorously debated and in the end the choice was made to offer an A2 team. Four or five families made the choice to move to house teams for different reasons. With the small number of players remaining the A2 team was one player less than the number needed. The offer was made to all those players who have voluntarily left and none wished to come up to the A2. So one player from the C ranks was offered a spot and was happy to move to the A2 team.

Both A teams struggled with player numbers and in the win/loss column. However when speaking with most of the parents, they felt the year was a positive growing year for their kids.



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

The two C teams started the year in the same middle (gold) group. Their records were very close heading into the end of league. C2 was placed in the gold second group, and C1 was placed in the green third group. Both teams ended up near the bottom of their groups and needed to call up players for many games.

In summary:

I would recommend teams be no smaller than 14 skaters per team.

It appears that as many families are interested in playing rep as there are for C leagues. In my opinion this decision must be made on a year to year basis.

**5.13.5 Bantam (Greg Sanderson):** C1 Coach Kevin Grey – Manager Mark Lewis  
C2 Coach James Musgrave – Manager Cindy Semkew  
C3 Coach Kurtis Lyons – Manager Donna Baron  
A1 Coach Rob Nasato – Manager Dave Schiewtzer

This year was a pretty good year for the Bantam division, with few serious behavioral or discipline issues. The team all attended at least one tournament, with C1 winning the Coquitlam Christmas tournament. Unfortunately, we had one player leave hockey for personal reasons. I touched base with both the coach and the family on the subject. At this point he is intending to return next year.

The Bantam teams were active in Hometown Hockey events. The Rep team played in front of 500 or so people on Friday and C1 goalie Alicia Narin was featured on the Sunday night broadcast with Ron McLean and Tara Sloan. One pretty cool moment was when Alicia took time to thank her mentor Kegan Melenychuk for all his support in her journey. All the players from C1 stuck around after the game to cheer Alicia on. They could be seen in the back ground jumping up and down, carrying on like 13&14 yr. old boys do, and the selfie shots prove that many of them are still very captivated by big time hockey, even if it's just former Red Deer weather man Ron Mclean

For balancing we decided to have the coaches take a larger role in the process, and draft their own teams as opposed to having the players assigned. We did the draft after the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Rep releases, so most of the players were available, this also allowed us to use the final rep releases to balance the teams. Coaches' sons were assigned ahead of time and there were 4 lacrosse players that requested specific practice times that we worked into that team's draft cycle. We still needed to do some moving of players after the first few games, and goalies were a bit of a struggle due to the varying degrees of ability and experience. Overall I was happy with the draft and I think most coaches were happy as well. There were some concerns from one team manager about the lacrosse players but the coaches all agreed at the start and had no problem with it. If I return as Bantam DM we will work on some changes for the draft to improve the process, possibly including all team managers as well so they can better understand the process.

The common thread amongst all Bantam teams was penalty trouble. Each team had either the lowest or 2nd lowest sportsmanship points in their group. If C1 and C3 had just 3 more Spt



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
[nwmha.ca](http://nwmha.ca)

points they would have moved up a group, while C2 had enough wins to overcome their sportsmanship short fall.

Team records and stats, some of the coaches provided reports for, see below.

C1 10 - 8 - 3 Finished 5th in the Gold group played in the Green playoff bracket, making it to the banner game where they lost in overtime on an amazing shot. Finished with the lowest SPT in their group.

Bantam C1 – Kevin Grey. Goods and bads. My season has been great. I've learned a tonne. See below:

Good:

- Setting a goal at the beginning of the season to make the banner game and we did! Lost in OT
- We went 5-1-1 in the playoffs to be the first team to make it to the Banner game, almost a week earlier than the other team
- We won the Coquitlam Bantam Chill Tournament quite convincingly in December just before Christmas
- Alicia Narain had a stellar 2nd season capped off by a Hometown Hockey visit from Ron Maclean and Tara Sloan. She was interviewed on Sportsnet during an NHL game.
- Ash Rutherford scored 50 goals in our first 30 games this season... Finished with 74 G 43 A
- Losing to NEW West C2 6-0 in a playoff game and then bouncing back to beat them 6-3 in the next playoff game

Bad:

- Ongoing behaviour and disciplinary issues. Team used progressive discipline starting shift benching moving to period benching, up to 3, followed by elevating it to the board for further action.
- Penalty issues for 3 players- ejections, misconducts, and numerous penalties.
- Referee concerns including one official calling one of our players a name during a game where he was down injured
- One of our players missed at least 10 games at the end of the year after taking a late hit to the head suffering a concussion. The hit was after the 3<sup>rd</sup> period horn and it cost our player the rest of the season and playoffs.

Overall, I have enjoyed every minute of this season and I will be back next year, should I be invited. I am so proud of the team and where we have come from. Winning the Banner game would be the icing on the cake, to what I feel was an awesome season.

Coach Kevin Grey

C2 14 - 5 - 2 Finished 3rd in the Green group playing in the Green playoff bracket. 2nd fewest SPT points in their group



# N.W.M.H.A.

**New Westminster Minor Hockey Association**  
**P.O. Box 456 New Westminster, B.C. V3L 4Y8**  
**nwmha.ca**

Coach James Musgrave: Season was great! An excellent group of young men. Participated in 2 tournaments Richmond and Bremerton.

Finished 2nd in our division and then just out of the banner game after being moved up for the playoffs.

Presidents C League Playoffs – Green Division: 8 games played 3-4-1 3rd place.

Our last game was hands down our best team effort and most complete game of the year which was rewarding for players, coaches and parents alike to see the full extent of their progress on display.

Coach James Musgrave

C3 11 - 5 - 2 Finished 3rd in the Orange group, playing in the Orange Playoff bracket. Finished with lowest SPT total in Bantam presidents league. Played in Mission Tournament and lost in semi-final game.

A Team 1 - 14 - 5 finished 10<sup>th</sup> in flight 3 below average in SPT points. Won first round playoff game vs Surrey.

Rob Nasato Bantam A:

The year has been an interesting ride. With the exception of one player and one goalie, the rest of the team had never played hitting rep hockey, several have never played rep hockey and it has been a very challenging learning curve for many of the kids. Although the results are not there from a win loss perspective, the compete level improved as did the skill. The next step for most is to take the skills these kids show in practice and translating it to game play.

As for the highs and lows of the season.

The low:

1 the lack of commitment to practice with many on the team missing multiple practices resulting in very few practices having the entire team.

The highs:

1- Our play in the placement round was so beyond expectations that we ended up in flight 3 but likely should have been in flight 4.

2- The play of our two goalies who have been by far our best players all year.

As a whole, the kids skills improved, their effort improved, their game play improved and their behaviors matured and most of the kids had fun this year and these things have made the year a success.

To wrap up I would say that overall a good year. I want to thank all the coaches, managers and team officials for their time and dedication to the kids of New West. Without your support our kids would not have the opportunity to play hockey in our city. I would also like to thank the board for their ongoing support and dedication to the kids in New West, a truly great group.



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

**5.13.6 Midget (Jennifer Lauener):** I would like to thank all the coaches, managers, safety people & parents of the 5 Midget teams this year.

During the Rep Tryouts it was determined that there would be a Midget A2 team this year – the first Midget A2 team in years.

There were 5 Midget teams, A1, A2, C1, C2 & C3

## Midget A1

Thanks very much to Head Coach Dwight Noda & Assistant Coaches: Brandon Newman, Garrett Hoffard & Josh Lauener & Manager Shelly Klimchuk.

Placement: 3- 4- 1 5th/ 9 teams in group 2

League: 5- 11- 2 9th 12 teams in flight 2

Playoffs: Lost to Semiahmoo in round 1. Went 6- 0- 2 for 1st place & won the President Series 3 Banner.

Tournaments: Went to San Jose, California & came in 1st place & won the tournament. Came in 2nd place in the New West hosted tournament.

Special thanks to Dwight Noda who has coached for at least 9 years with NWMHA.

## Midget A2

Thanks very much to Head Coach Kerry Lynn & Assistant Coaches: Shawn Hagan, Paul Hackett & Marc Mondin & Manager Steve Tucok.

As mentioned it was the first Midget A2 team in years. 16 skaters & 2 goalies started with one of the two 3rd year players dropping out in the first 1/3 of the season. There was a mix of players with 8-9 players having played Rep previously, with neither of the goalies having played Rep before.

Placement: 3- 4- 1 6th/ 9 teams in Series 6

League: 10- 6- 2 Tied 2nd/ 12 teams in Flight 5

Playoffs: Beat Semiahmoo in the 1st round. Lost to Whistler in a 4 point series. Whistler was the Midget Tier 3 BC Champion.

Went 0- 5- 1 in the President's Series.

Tournament: Went to Osoyoos & placed 6th in a Tier 3 tournament.

Overall the coaching & management team had an enjoyable season with all the players improving their skills.

Kerry Lynn wants to recommend the following:

1. Wants the executive to make a better effort to inform players & parents that an A2 team is always a possibility in any given season.
2. Regarding development it was disappointing that of the 4 taxi squad players only 2 were called up on a regular basis & 1 Bantam player. Thus the A1 team chose to play with a short bench at times, not developing the A2 players as much as they could have been.

## Midget C1



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

Thanks very much to Head Coach Wayne McCarthy & Assistant Coaches: Rob Celle & Tony Black & Manager Mike Haberl.

Balancing: 4- 3- 3 6th/ 15 teams in the Blue Group

League: 5- 10- 3 9th/ 10 teams in the Gold Group

Playoffs: 0- 7- 1 5th/ 5 teams in the Red Group

Tournaments: Came in 1st place in the New West hosted Herb House Tournament.

Started off strong & tailed off during the second half of the season.

## Midget C2

Thanks very much to Head Coach Brian Tuccori & Assistant Coaches: Lee Bond, Peter Cho, Neil van Laare & Kane van Laare & Manager Nikki Binns.

Balancing: 2- 6- 2 Tied 11th/ 15 teams in the Blue Group

League: 4- 11- 3 10th/ 10 teams in the Gold Group

Playoffs: 2- 5- 1 4th/ 5 teams in the Red Group

The C2 team had the most 3rd year players with at least 1/2 the players having part time jobs.

Thus they weren't able to make many practices & games. The team played with a short bench for most of the season. In addition Brian was sick for almost 2 months & missed a lot of practices & games.

Brian Tuccori has given countless hours encouraging his players & other NWMHA players to volunteer for the Province Empty Stocking Fund, organizing a skills competition every year & getting his team to serve meals to the less fortunate. Brian has coached for close to 10 years with NWMHA as a non parent coach which is truly amazing & very appreciated.

## Midget C3

Thanks very much to Head Coach Brad Semkew & Assistant Coaches: Bob Turnbull & Duane Searle & Manager Samantha Balfour.

Balancing: 3- 3- 4 Tied for 5th/ 14 teams in the Gold Group

League: 10- 7- 1 3rd/ 9 teams in the Green Group

Playoffs: 4- 2- 2 3rd / 5 teams in the Red Group

The first part of the season was challenging as the attendance , especially with the 3rd year players was inconsistent. In the 2nd half of of the season attendance improved for games & practices, getting 12 players out regularly. Brad made a point to emphasize good sportsmanship throughout the season.

Tournaments: Played in the Herb House Tournament. Played in a tournament in Bremerton & had fun.

**5.13.7 Juvenile (Christel Nouwt):** Juvenile A1 played their regular season in flight 2 of tier 1. There were hard fought games against Vancouver, PoCo, Cloverdale and the team ended in second place behind Vancouver.

Playoffs started with an exciting comeback win but they could not win the next 2 and dropped down to the Presidents Series playoffs. Highlight of this series was the final game against Seafair which resulted in the title.



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
P.O. Box 456 New Westminister, B.C. V3L 4Y8  
nwmha.ca

I want to thank coaches Martin Lesko and Ryland Davidson for their time, patience and dedication to the team. Thanks to Beth McNaughton for helping me to manage and to Rob Nasato for his support and advice on some typical Juvenile issues.

I also want to thank the team for an entertaining and successful season. It has been great to see this group of 18-20 year olds develop into (somewhat) responsible, hardworking young men; some of their maturity and character can for sure be attributed to the years they played hockey together in this association.

**5.14 Past President (Ross Young):** Thank you to the executive.

## **6 Election of 2016/2017 Executive:**

6.1 President: Rob Nasato

6.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: **vacant**

6.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Daniel Fontaine

6.4 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Tracy Dunsford

6.5 Treasurer: Kurt Bordian

6.6 Registrar: Janet Lakusta

6.7 Secretary: Vandy Britton

6.8 Coach Coordinator: Pete Birovchak

6.9 Equipment Manager: Kevin Woolley

6.10 Ice Allocator: Lynda Callard

6.11 Referee-in-Chief: Chris Malcolm

6.12 Referee Allocator: Kelly Corbett

6.13 Division Managers:

6.13.1 Hockey 1-2: **vacant**

6.13.2 Hockey 3-4: Desiree Savoy

6.13.3 Atom: Jeff Nottingham

6.13.4 PeeWee: Bud Sage. **Motion** to destroy the ballots. Motion: Chuck;

Second: Pete. Carried.

6.13.5 Bantam: Greg Sanderson

6.13.6 Midget: Jennifer Lauener

6.13.7 Juvenile: **vacant**

7 **Motion** to adjourn at 9:13pm. Motion: Ross; Second: Pete. Carried.