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NEW WESTMINSTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 2 2017  
Awards 7pm; AGM 7:30pm  
NWSS Library  
Meeting Minutes

**2016/2017 AWARDS CEREMONY** (Presented by Rob Nasato) 7pm

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- 1 **Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion: Kevin; Second: Lynda. Carried
- 2 **Adoption of AGM Minutes** of Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Motion: Jeff; Second: Kelly. Carried.
- 3 **Business arising:** nothing of note
- 4 **New Business:** NWMHA Awards Recipients
  - Dave Dailey Award: Jordan Smith
  - Norma Dailey Award: Dylan Klimchuk
  - Scott Munro Award: Alex Biedka
  - Scott Stacey Award: Josh Cruz
  - Matthew Smith Award: Tysen Nielson
  - Chuck Campbell Juvenile Award: no award recipient
  - Fred Chapman Memorial Award: Colburn Connelly
  - 3M/Hockey Canada Coach of the year: Yvon Beaudin
  - Hockey Canada Safety Program Recognition Award: no award recipient
  - Al Hughes Volunteer of the Year Award: Beth McNaughton
  - Silver Whistle Award: Ethan Donnelly
  - Referee Development Awards:  
Carter Donnelly  
Aleksei Lehmann  
Ethan Fontaine
  - Lifetime Achievement Award: no award recipient
  
  - NWMHA Scholarships (\$500/person)  
Seamus Marcantonio  
Kobe Noda  
Joshua Lafond  
Arshpreet Sidhu  
Conrad Cho  
Benjamin Manville
  
  - Aaron Loughhead Scholarship: Benjamin Manville (\$752)



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## 5 Reports

**5.1 President (Rob Nasato):** Thank you to the Executive of NWMHA for helping me in my fifth 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. Thanks, yet again, to Ron Booth and the rest of the City staff. We are fortunate to have such support.

Season in review:

For the overwhelming majority of players, team officials and parents the year was a success. With the exception of a few players, mostly in the midget division, this was a very quiet year. Disciplinary issues were limited to a few; however, those few take up a significant amount of extra volunteer time.

My report is broken down by hockey hierarchy. In preparing this report it was sad to see that higher levels of hockey created so much extra work for our volunteers. In particular, BC Hockey created a lot of grief this season.

### **Hockey Canada:**

- Hockey Canada is discussing eliminating hitting until midget.
- In March, Hockey Canada announced the support of Cross Ice OR Half Ice hockey for H1-H2 across Canada.

### **BC Hockey:**

- AGM June 10-12, Sun Peaks, NWMHA sent 7 members and via proxy voting carried the largest total number of votes of any minor hockey association. And, with some active participants in the forums, NWMHA was heard loud and clear on many issues.
- Membership changes passed: the end result is the same voting structure where minor hockey has the majority of the votes in BC Hockey Resolutions.
- CRC must be submitted before going on the ice (and frequency increased), and CAT on-line course is now required by all team officials. These were two issues that I voiced concerns on the logistics, but lost the vote. Both passed. Late in the season BC Hockey acknowledged that my logistical concerns were valid and they could not get done what they said when passing the motions.

### **The first and biggest bomb of the season: CROSS ICE HOCKEY announcement**

**-BC Hockey made a board decision in July to force ALL H1-4 games to be cross ice hockey. This is a big change for H4 kids who have never played cross-ice.**

- This issue was the most dominant issue with most of BC this season. BC Hockey has promoted spring hockey to a new level. Kids entering Atom will have to play spring hockey to be prepared for tryouts (icing, off-sides, full ice, etc). Along with many other associations, I was in contact with BC Hockey trying to get the decision modified as it relates to H4.
- Concerns we raised were as follows:
  - referee development
  - transition for H4 to Atom



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-fairness regarding arena size:

-QPA 80 feet wide

-Moody and most rinks 85 feet wide

-Olympic rinks 100 feet wide

-Mini rinks up to 160 feet long (some shorter) and these are approved.

The result is kids in New West and most kids are on a significantly smaller rink than the mini rinks.

**-In the end BC Hockey was a huge road block to both player and official development so I came up with a plan and created a referee development program.** I fully admit that my initial plan was to fly in the face of BC Hockey; but, once a group of the Executive got together (myself, Desiree, Chris and Kelly) we evolved the program into a full development model. We used 8 year olds (H4) in a scrimmage format on full ice and trained our refs in NON-GAMES to learn positioning, whistle blowing, off-side calls, penalty calls (all penalty shots with chasers) and icing calls. We had the players being instructed and the referees were shadowed by two senior officials and one off-ice official. This program was not only appreciated by the players and coaches but was unanimously supported by the parents of the young officials we were training. It was also copied by several associations in the lower mainland.

-After the season BC Hockey announced its transition plan for H4 to Atom and wants us to run programs in August and September to create transition. This is impossible. We don't have the ice.

**-Finally, to try and address the inequities created by BC Hockey, I have submitted a resolution to the BC Hockey AGM** to regulate arena size under the Regulations of BC Hockey. In short, I am trying to regulate the arena size under 'regulations' which are higher than 'policy' and, therefore, force BC Hockey's hand on the issue of "Cross ice". The submission calls for:

-Atom and above full size ice, actual size to be determined by the Districts and their leagues.

-H1-H3, small ice size, 80-130' length, actual size to be determined by the Districts and their leagues.

-H4 -September to December 31, small ice size, 80-130' length, actual size to be determined by the Districts and their leagues.

-January to March, small or full size ice actual size to be determined by the Districts and their leagues.

\*If this makes it to the AGM and passes, then I will make a motion that the Board and Executive or BC Hockey be directed to rename and revise all references to Cross ice hockey to accommodate the changes.

\*One concern is this flies in the face of BC Hockey's cross ice policy so much so that I suspect BC Hockey will try and squash it before it gets to the AGM.

## **The Second Bomb: ZONE TEAMS**

-Zone pilot project in the Okanagan was approved by the board with no discussion.

-Zone team pilot project discussion happened with no leadership from BC Hockey.

-BC Hockey has not been communicating with any local associations and has been soliciting family feedback directly.

-Eventually, PCAHA rejected the BC Hockey model and submitted an AAA model that BC Hockey rejected.



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-The impact of the zone teams at the Bantam level was obvious: the top three teams in Tier 1 provincials were BWC followed by the two zone teams.

-BC Hockey and the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association (PCAHA) are jointly requesting applications from interested individuals to join a Zone Programming work group.

-BC Hockey CEO and Board members held a meeting late in the season.

Areas of discussion:

-Recruitment and Retention of players and volunteers

-Skate Canada instructors program

-Initiation Cross Ice program (the plan is a 2 week transition in September)

-Referee Development: all Presidents in attendance said the BC Hockey model was not working. After the meeting, several associations indicated they were using the NWMHA model of ref development.

-Coach Development: discussion of over-regulation, Sports Canada and Coach NCCP looking at forcing more course requirements; no understanding of how they are driving volunteers away.

-Societies Act Webinar online. This will be useful in amending our Constitution and By-Laws.

-BC Hockey First Aid notice.....not sure where this is going.

## PCAHA:

-AGM May 29. NWMHA led much of the discussion as a large amount of it was policy based.

-Most of the rest of the season was dealing with the two issue created by BC Hockey:

1-Cross ice

2- Zone teams.

Zone Team discussion comes down to two different models: 1-Big teams created within the existing tiering system which has big negative consequences to tier 2 associations; or 2- Zone team outside of tiering, similar to MML.

**-NWMHA hosted PCAHA Final 4 for Midget Tier 2. Thanks to Jennifer Lauener and Steve Tucsok for their work.**

## Presidents' C League:

The season was dominated by three issues this year:

1-Cross ice and the evolving rules and bulletins by BC Hockey

2-Discipline issues at Midget C

3-Growth of Juvenile C league

1-Cross ice: Presidents' C league decided to have no schedules in H1-H4 and, other than BWC, everyone was fine with it within Presidents' C league.

2-Discipline at Midget level: The Arbutus Club automatically doubles BC Hockey, PCAHA or Presidents' C League suspension in Midget and, since doing this, they have seen a significant drop in serious offences. **I propose we consider a new policy to automatically doubles any suspension given by our governing bodies that are of two games or more and make this non appealable. This would cover all Gross, Match and Fighting, as well as accumulated Majors that result in automatic two games or more.** My rationale is we end up dealing with these issues often at hearings that take a lot of extra time to deal with a few individuals. If we internally



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automatically escalate the suspensions handed down, I feel we will quickly have the desired impact on those involved.

3-Juvenile C League is bigger than A now. Looks like the trend will be to C. Looking at having 2 groups – East and West (West includes North Delta, South Delta, Semi (2), Richmond (2), Vancouver and Cloverdale).

## **NWMHA:**

**-Registration Drive is needed.** I am asking the registrar to create lists from last year's registered players in the appropriate age groups and another list of those already registered. We need to get a better idea of numbers as I will be meeting with the City in late May or early June to secure ice. We do not want what happened last year, where so many kids joined in August that we ended with big teams.

**-Gaming Enforcement Branch –** I received a phone call from them. An unnamed person sent emails accusing NWMHA of improper use of funds. The investigator pulled out the file and saw the complete audit done in 2013 and had no concerns but had to call as part of the process. I explained 100% of our gaming money goes to ice costs and is very easy to audit if needed. The accusations went on to say we paid for coach courses, AGM attendance, etc. I advised that those were paid out of general revenue. Last accusation was that we did not advise the AGM. I explained that we emailed members, posted info on the website, advertised in local paper, and forgot to mention that we also used the Leader board as well. The investigator said everything in the complaint was baseless and irrelevant to gaming audits. There will be no impact on our grant. It was just a complete waste of time and energy on the part of this worker (not to mention my own time as well).

**-Nov 4 Presentation to Shanghai Normal University. Pete Birovchak, Ryan Simpson and I presented to approx. 18 students and staff of the University. This was done in partnership with Douglas College.**

**-Juvenile A team folded in late December.** The coach advised me that the players indicated that they would not be showing up any longer. **NWMHA will have a Juvenile C team next year not a Juvenile A team.** A few significant benefits: 1-less penalties as it is no hitting; 2- less commitment as it is only one game a week, alternating home and away, 3-due to alternating schedule on the away week, the ice can be used as a practice time and no practice slot is required (logistics need to confirmed with the City).

**-Another spectacular Herb House hockey tournament. Congrats to Daniel and his team.**

**-Aaron Loughhead memorial game was held in early January. Proceeds went to the Aaron Loughhead Scholarship.**

**-Referee Development occurred in February. A small cost was involved was within budget since we did not have as much referee shadowing as budgeted for.**

**-Processed the required changes to our Constitution and By Laws and filed with the BC Registries of Societies. As a reminder the Executive passed the minimum changes to come into compliance with the new act.**

## **POLICIES PASSED THIS YEAR:**

### **(1) Refund Policy:**



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As a not-for-profit organization, NWMHA enters into contracts based on the number of players registered. Because our costs are fixed after these negotiations, it requires our income to be fixed as well.

That being said, refunds in full will be given to players withdrawing before June 30. After June 30, any request for a refund can be submitted to the Financial Assistance Committee chair (Treasurer of NWMHA); however, there will be no guarantees of any or partial refunds. Each case will be decided on the merits of the request and the financial stability of NWMHA.

Two specific considerations:

- 1- Beginning players (first year in hockey) of any age will be given up to 5 ice times to decide if they want to play the game. If they choose not to continue, a partial refund will be given minus the insurance costs and percentage season remaining.
- 2- Any player in which the player or parent is involved in disciplinary matters will not be granted any refund.

Given that matters of financial assistance are considered confidential, all decisions of the Financial Assistance Committee are final and are not subject to further appeal within NWMHA.

## **(2) Tournament policy addendum:**

Parents/guardians of players who participate in the New Westminister-hosted tournaments will assist in the coordination of the tournament (e.g. volunteering for the tournament committee, running the clock, scoresheet). Players of families who do not assist may not be permitted to play in the tournament or their families will be subject to a fine. The decision will be made by a committee of the Tournament Director, President and Treasurer of NWMHA.

## **NEXT SEASON:**

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

- Players, 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 (Bernie Lehmann):**

### **SPONSORSHIP**

We were able to acquire some new corporate sponsors, which helps our budget and contributes to make us the most affordable minor hockey association in the lower mainland.

Those sponsors included:

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GRIMMS FINE FOODS



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## WAYFAIR KEY WEST FORD

In the end, we had about \$3000.00 in new sponsorship money.

We realigned the accommodation approach to keep all our business in the community. The *Inn at the Quay* hosted two teams during our tournaments and it turned into a win-win situation.

## FUNDRAISING

Our major fundraising event “The Vancouver Giants Game” was a challenge. The smaller venue in Langley did not allow us to include all the teams of our association and it was difficult to recruit enough volunteers.

We still managed to clear around \$2800 from the 50-50 draw and sold nearly 300 tickets.

## COMMUNICATION

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT NEWSLETTER:** The newly introduced newsletter was well-received and we are hoping that it will bring all members of our association even closer together.

### 5.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Daniel Fontaine):

#### SUMMARY

We held two excellent tournaments again this year. Both were oversubscribed as we only planned on taking in 16 teams – but ended up with 18 in Midget and 17 for PeeWee/Atom. There was nothing needed in terms of marketing of the tournaments as all the teams approached us to participate. One great addition to the Bobby Love and Al Hughes tournaments was the use of the free system [www.volunteersignup.org](http://www.volunteersignup.org) to register our volunteers. It was a big hit with both the team managers and families.

It was great to see representatives from the House, Love, and Hughes families participate in the tournaments this year. The Hughes Family donated almost \$500 worth of Boston Pizza for some of the teams who made it to the medal round. Each of our teams made \$350-\$450 participating in the team raffles which took place at Queen’s Park Arena. This was an amazing way to fundraise and support the team’s participation in the tournament.

There were a great number of excellent volunteers who committed countless hours over the last year to put on two amazing tournaments. A big thanks to Key West Ford for providing \$1000 in advertising in our print program again this year; this helped to offset our costs.

#### Herb House Memorial International Tournament

Overall a very successful tournament with 18 teams participating from as far away as Spokane, Washington.

- MIDGET A
  - Gold: Port Coquitlam A1
  - Silver: Langley A2
  - Bronze: Mission A1
- MIDGET C
  - Gold: Langley C9
  - Silver: Surrey C6
  - Bronze: Spokane



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- New West C3 and Port Coquitlam A1 were awarded Most Sportsmanlike Awards
- Big thanks to **Beth McNaughton, Leanne Piendle** and **Robyn Doig**...none of whom have kids playing in the system, but contributed countless hours to making the tournament a success.
- Distributed over \$1000 worth of intermission prizing. Gave away a \$250 gift basket to a lucky parent. Also distributed over \$500 worth of prizing to two team officials – names were drawn out of a hat.
- 400 print programs were produced at a very economical \$900. This was more than offset with \$1,250 worth of advertisements from KeyWest Ford, Judy Darcy MLA & Jas Johal, BC Liberal candidate.

## Al Hughes & Bobby Love Tournaments

- Total of 17 teams participated. 9 played in Atom. 8 played in PeeWee.
- Lots of positive feedback and a number of returning teams + coaches from last year.
- Was at rinkside and announced at all the QPA games except one.
- We gave our two Most Sportsmanlike Awards again this year.
  - New West C2 – Bobby Love
  - Surrey C5 – Al Hughes
- Medal winners were as follows for Atom:
  - Port Moody C2 - GOLD
  - New Westminister C1 - SILVER
  - New Westminister C2 - BRONZE
- Medal winners were as follows for PeeWee:
  - Ridge Meadows C7 – GOLD
  - Aldergrove C3– SILVER
  - Semihamoo C3 – BRONZE
- Two New West PeeWee teams were eliminated from the playoffs even though they were tied with two other teams for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> spot with 4 points. The tie breaker resulted in them being placed in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> spots after round robin.
- Record level of donations this year totalling \$6,250+
  - BuyLow Foods - \$1,250
  - Derrick Thornhill - \$500
  - Hughes Family - \$500
  - Vancouver Canucks - \$500
  - Inn at the Quay - \$250
  - Ippolita Corcione - \$250
  - Boston Pizza - \$1100
  - Dairy Queen - \$1100
  - Fresh Slice Pizza - \$200
  - Burger Heaven - \$100
  - Misc - \$500+
- 400+ print programs distributed and \$1000+ in intermission prizing at 25 QPA games given away.



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- Mayor Jonathan Cote made an appearance for the puck drop at the Al Hughes gold medal game.
- We had two advertisers totalling \$750. Excess funds from advertising sold by parents was \$300. This helped to cover the entire print program costs.
- Had lots of positive feedback regarding the calibre of our on ice officials.
- A small token of our appreciation was provided to **Beth McNaughton** and **Leanne Piendl** for volunteering their time – despite the fact they have no kids in the tournament.
- Royal City Record newspaper had a great story about the tournament with some great action photos.
- **It has been a great three years and six tournaments!** I look forward to supporting my successor and the NWMHA in a volunteer capacity next year!

## 5.4 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Tracy Dunsford):

### Safety Program

I developed a one page on the safety requirements for 2016/2017 and presented at the coaches meeting in September. As well I attended the PCHA Risk Managers Seminar in October. There was a new requirement this year for all junior and minor team officials to take the Concussion Awareness Training (CATT) prior to October 1, 2016. This was provided free of charge and took only 30 minutes to complete. There were few safety incidents reported and all returned to play.

### Criminal Record Checks (CRC)

Janet Lakusta coordinated the intake of the CRC's. Most CRCs had been completed so there were few to be completed this year.

### Team Photos

I coordinated team photo night on November 15, 2016 at Queens Park Arena. The evening ran smoothly and on time. This is thanks to the great cooperation from all teams and team managers. As always there is confusion in competing the forms prior to the evening and as a result there was some mix up in the photos. This can be alleviated by completing forms prior to the night of pictures and ensure the team manager has all the forms. More communication will be provided to managers on completing the forms required.

### Awards

I chaired the 2016/2017 awards committee and coordinated the notification to award winners, the awards themselves and presentation at the award ceremony. There were a few awards not handed out as a result of no nominations. Process will be started sooner to ensure complete nominations.

### Meet and Great Night

This was not coordinated this year due to timing.



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## 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.

I also participated on the Grievance Committee this year as well.

### 5.5 Treasurer (Kurt Bordian):

Motion to approve the financials for the year ending March 31, 2016 as presented. Motion: Kurt; Second: Pete. Carried.

Motion to approve the 2017-2018 season budget as presented. Motion: Kurt; Second: Kevin. Carried.

Motion to raise the tryout fee to \$60, effective for the 2017-2018 season. Motion: Kurt; Second: Jeff. Carried.

### 5.6 Registrar (Janet Lakusta):

Second year using the on-line registration. The system has significantly shrunk the workload, allowing more time to attend to other hockey business. Numbers for the coming year are similar to those of last year at this time, save for Juvenile and Hockey 1 which are very low. Registration push needed.

### 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. I have enjoyed my time serving the NWMHA as Secretary; however, for personal reasons, this is my last season.

### 5.8 Coach Coordinator (Pete Birovchak):

Thank you to all of the coaches. We had a good year, except for one coach suspension. This was truly unfortunate and definitely impacted the team to whom this coach was rostered. Our development programs continue to be a success. I have enjoyed my team as coach coordinator and appreciate the hard work of the executive. This will be my last season.

### 5.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin Woolley):

1. My new rolling jerseys racks have worked out much better than expected. I wish we had gone with these 10 years ago.
2. Based only on one years' worth of wear, the new jersey material seems to have worked out really well. There were minimal signs of wear on the Midget rep sets, with a significant cut being the only real damage. The colour has stood up very well, and there is virtually no pilling. As a result we are buying new jerseys from Bantam down to Atom with this new material. The H1-H4



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jerseys from Tim Hortons are still the ones we received 4 years ago. Their new policy is going to force us to make an identity decision in the next year or so. Tim's is now insisting that their logo is front and center, with our crest being very small on the upper left chest. Colour selections are poor, and none of the selections are even close to what we have received in the past. To me they look like cheap practice jerseys.

3. Goalie Gear - The amount that went out this year seemed down from previous years, like there was less interest in goaltending this year.

Normally my pads racks are significantly depleted, not so much this year. I have no room for any more new gear but fortunately don't seem to need any.

4. Equipment returns went very well again this year. I was done in 3 returns. The new racks allowed us to check the jerseys just outside the equipment room door without fighting lacrosse for dressing room space. The result is that all of the jerseys have been checked in roughly 1/4 the amount of time it has taken in years past.

5. Finally, as it has been for as long as I have done the job, the crew at Queens Park Arena continue to provide exceptional support and assistance. Special thanks to Matt, Mike, Ken, Mark and Ron for all of their help.

## 5.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda Callard):

The 2016/17 season is now over and, as usual, we had our fair share of conflicts to resolve this past season. With the city being so diligent at selling off their ice we had to go to outside arenas a couple of times. These come at a considerably higher cost; so we, as an association, need to be thankful that the City gives us such a great price on our ice rental.

This year along with our usual Bobby Love, Al Hughes and Herb House tournaments we also hosted the Midget A Tier 2 final four.

I had a few comments about the difficulty of parents getting to the 3:45pm practice slots this year; but, other than looking at 4:45am slots instead we don't have much of an option. Perhaps we could get some feedback from the parents.

In closing, I would like to thank Ron Booth, Lori Tumber and Anne Malm for working with me so our children have the opportunity to play hockey in New Westminister. And our association would never get off the ground if it weren't for the countless hours put in by Rob Nasato. Thanks Rob.

## 5.11 Referee-in-Chief (Chris Malcolm):

Thank you to Kelly for all of her work related to referee allocation. Together with other executive members we created a development model that was extremely successful. This will continue next year.

## 5.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly Corbett):

The Season has come to an end on a very positive note for some officials and me, in particular. It was a difficult year with assigning for not only our association but also in becoming the Referee assigner for the President C League Bantam Boys as well. It was a juggle and not without its challenges, but it got managed.



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The Bobby Love / Al Hughes Spring Tournament was successful, with all shifts being filled and all officials showing up for their shifts. The level of competition between some of the teams was very high and I would like to commend the officials on a job well done. In fact, I had a message passed on to me from one of the teams involved in the tournament expressing how courageous our young officials were for reviewing and reversing controversial calls and how much they were appreciated. Although we are unable to take video replay from Toronto the officials took the time to review many calls by consulting as a team and coming up with a decision together. During the tournament I was able to arrange for a Referee Development Committee Member for our Zone to come and observe and speak to some of the officials. He said they made some pretty great calls and he is looking forward to coming back for the 2017/18 hockey season to help out with referee development.

While volunteering at Banner Day on March 5<sup>th</sup> I was approached twice by two individual teams complimenting the New Westminister officials this year. Both individuals happened to be from Vancouver Thunderbirds. The first was a representative from an Atom A team that was very impressed with the officials they had at QPA during one of their games in January and the other was a Bantam C team. They didn't know that the officials they were complimenting were from New West until they saw the two individuals at Banner Day. The whole team cheered when they saw that they were officiating their game that morning. After the game the two coaches approached the League Manager who, in turn, called me over and wanted to let me know that the two officials he was speaking of had done quite a few of their games during the regular season and they were quite happy with them and wanted me to pass on to them that they think they did a great job this season. That's when I let them know that the two they were referring to had come from New Westminister and I would be pleased to pass on the information. I later found out that they had approached both the officials on their own while sitting upstairs in The Grill and let them know themselves. It was a proud moment not only for those two officials but it made me feel good as well.

I am looking forward to continuing on as the Referee Allocator for New Westminister and assigning for Bantam C President League. I think that with the new Referee Development we have in place for our new officials coming up and the communication between me and the Referee Development Committee for our zone we will be able to support and develop many of our officials and, hopefully, keep them interested in continuing on for seasons to come.

## 5.13 Division Managers:

### 5.13.1 H1-2 (Tara):

**H1 Summary:** The season for the H1 team ran smoothly. There was one team that consisted of thirteen players. Eleven of the thirteen were H1's and two were H2's. The two H2's came on to the team very late in the season and so it was more beneficial for these players to start off, as H1's to help develop their skills. The team had a head coach and one assistant coach and both of these coaches will be back to help out for the next season. Many of the Hockey Canada core skills were taught to the players.

The H1 team took part in one special event which was the Annual Tim Bit's Jamboree.

The concerns for the following season are the lack of players.



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**H2 Summary:** There were two H2 teams this season. The season finished well for both teams and all players improved from the start of the season. A big part of this was due to the cross ice hockey format. All the players were able to touch the puck and score goals. Many of the Hockey Canada core skills were taught during the season.

**H2C1:** This team consisted of eleven players. There was one head coach and three assistant coaches.

Over the course of the season, the team played 4 exhibition games and 6 league games. They should have played an additional league game but this was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict with the Burnaby team. The team took part in one tournament, which was the Vancouver Thunderbirds. Within the tournament the team played 4 games. The team took part in two special event games. They played during the intermission of an SFU game and they played during the intermission of a Canucks game.

Both parents and players seemed quite pleased with the season and the coaches.

**H2C2:** This team consisted of ten players. There was one head coach and two assistant coaches. Over the course of the season, the team played two exhibition games in house and a total of 12 games including the tournament and the special event game. The team took part in the Vancouver Thunderbird Tournament and they played during the intermission of an SFU game.

Both parents and players seemed quite pleased with the season and the coaches.

Concerns from both of the teams' head coaches are the lack of players on each team. It was hard to play the games with the cross ice format due to the small number of players. Both the coaches noticed that the other associations they played against had more players and often they were having to play jamboree style games which would incorporate the other association's players onto our teams in order to get enough players for a game. This will continue to be an ongoing issue as the players move forward with hockey.

## 5.13.2 H3-4 (Desiree Savoy):

This season started out with a big change for hockey 3 and 4. BC Hockey mandated that all players in Hockey 1-4 are now required to play cross-ice hockey. Although this was met with some initial resistance from coaches and families, soon many involved realized the benefits of the cross-ice format. In addition to this PCAHA did not put out a league schedule this season which left team managers with more work to schedule all of their own games.

### **HOCKEY 3**

This season we had 38 players registered in hockey 3 so we declared 3 teams.

H3C1, head coach Geram Bautista, played 14 exhibition games and enjoyed one tournament at the North Shore Winter Club over the Christmas Break.

H3C2, head coach Scott Schiebler, played 18 exhibition games and also played in the North Shore Winter Club tournament. In addition to this they played in a second tournament in Langley



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to finish their season in March. A special thanks to Scott Schiebler as he has been part of the coaching staff for 4 teams this season.

H3C3, head coach Nigel Creightney, played 16 exhibition games this season. They took part in the Trail appliances tournament in Richmond over the Christmas Break and their season highlight was participating in the Grouse Mountain pond hockey tournament on the family day long weekend.

## **HOCKEY 4**

We had 2 teams formed with the 25 registered players in Hockey 4 this season.

H4C1, head coach JD Jessome, played 21 exhibition games and participated in the December tournament at the North Shore Winter Club.

H4C2, head coach Stefan Ferris, played 17 exhibition games and enjoyed their tournament at the Sungod Recreation Centre over the winter break.

The hockey 4 teams did not play any exhibition games throughout February. Instead they returned their ice times in order to reallocate it to referee development. During February each team participated in scrimmages with other associations in order to help provide valuable training opportunities to our developing referees.

Overall this has been a very fun season for all teams. Many players will be returning again next season. In light of the new cross-ice format it would be best to have larger teams and if we had known that this was to be implemented, it probably would have been a good idea to have had only 2 Hockey 3 and 2 Hockey 4 teams.

I have really enjoyed this past season as part of the executive and look forward to helping in other capacities going forward. Many thanks to the volunteers throughout the association for the countless hours you put in to keep hockey going in our community.

### **5.13.3 Atom (Jeff Nottingham):**

First I like to thank all the coaches managers and other volunteers for their time and effort this season. I would also like to thank Daniel Fontaine and his team of putting on a great Bobby Love tournament.

This year the Atom A team played in Flight 2, finishing in the bottom half of the Flight. All the C teams played in the Top Presidents' League tier with the Atom C1 team making it to the Banner game.

I would like to thank all the parents for the time and effort ensuring there child had a positive time to and from the rink and keeping the game fun.

### **5.13.4 PeeWee (Bud Sage): (absent – report read by Rob)**

The Pee Wee division had a total of 48 skaters and 6 goalies this season.

We formed three teams; each team had a total of 16 skaters and 2 goalies

The C teams played one in the Royal division and one in the Gold division.

The A team started the season in flight 6, but ended in flight 4.

It was a quiet year with few complaints.



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I would like to thank the three head coaches: Dale Anderson, Yvon Beaudoin and Bruce Turriss and all of their assistant coaches, team managers and other helpers. Without these volunteers these team would not function.

I would like to also say thank you to all the members of the executive for a job well done.

## 5.13.5 Bantam (Greg Sanderson):

This past season was relatively quiet for Bantam. There were only a few incidents that required some level of board involvement, and those seem to have been resolved successfully. The team balancing process was the most difficult I've faced. We had challenges with coaches, ice times, and players' skill level; there were a number of families that simply would not accept the earlier practices times, making balancing very difficult. Throughout this process, I wondered about two specific items that the association might want to look at to help guide the parents and DM at the Bantam level.

- 1) Early morning practices. I know there are a few that find this unacceptable, they feel that at the Bantam level they're entitled to afternoon practice. Unfortunately, as our communities have grown and changed so must our association, and unless there is a new rink in the very near future, I suggest the board consider an early morning option for Bantam. Or at least have all early afternoon practices at Moody, close to the high school where a significant number of players attend.
- 2) NWMHA to look at more explicit guidelines for parents and DM's around refusing to accept a team's practice/game time. What is acceptable and what isn't? This year we had a number of families that simply would not / could not accept any other time than the time that fit for them. More than one family told me they would not play if they had to practice at any time other than a specific day and time. Very difficult.

This year was a tough year for our Bantam C teams. Our skill level was not the same as in the past when compared to our competition. After winning all the in-house balancing games C1 went 6 – 20 and was outscored 91 to 170, finishing 9<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in the blue group. C-2 was 14-12 with 99 goals for and 81 against finishing 7<sup>th</sup> of 10 in the green group. C3 went 4 – 21 and was outscored 68 to 140 finishing 10<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in the blue group. The issues around practice time and player availability certainly played a role in the level of disparity between the three teams. Personally, I have some questions around how the in-house balancing games were played. Hard to have one team sweep the balancing then go 6 – 20 in the weakest grouping. If I'm DM going forward I will talk to all the coaches before the balancing games and ask that they play the games to win...

Our A team had a good season. The team struggled in the placement round going 1-7 but found themselves in league play going 13 -4 to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in flight 5. The boys went 1 – 1 in the first round of playoffs, then went 5 – 1 in the presidents series.

This year's rep team selection process was very different from years past. We had a much smaller pool of players to select from, and in the end needed to bring in a goalie from Richmond to round out the roster. There were a number of different players called up to help with injuries and other missed games, from what I know there were no issues with the Taxi squad and how it was used. The coaching staff was all non-parent volunteers, led by Todd Fletcher. From my conversations with the parents, everyone was quite happy with how things turned out, the boys enjoyed working with them and the parents felt that the team and individuals progressed.



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The feedback I received indicated a good year for most. I did have a couple complaints about the balancing but there was not much I could do once the PCAHA deemed the teams balanced. I want to thank all our coaches and managers for volunteering countless hours to give our kids a chance to play a game they enjoy. Additionally, I want to extend a big thank you to the board for the dedication to the kids of New West. A special mention and thank you to Linda: the ice allocator job is one of the toughest ones around.

## 5.13.6 Midget (Jennifer Lauener):

I'd like to thank all the coaches, managers, safety people & parents of the 5 Midget teams this year. I would especially like to thank the Head Coaches for stepping up, as without the Head Coaches there would be no Midget teams. This is obvious; however, especially in the Midget & Juvenile divisions, getting Head Coaches is more of a challenge.

There were 73 players & 10 goalies in the Midget division this 2016-17 Season.  
43 players & 4 goalies participated in the Rep Tryouts this season.  
For the 2nd straight year there was a Midget A2 team along with the Midget A1 team.

### Midget A1

Head Coach Martin Lesko  
Assistant Coach Dwight Noda  
Manager Steve Tucso  
Safety Dave Raza

They had a very successful year.

During League play they were 3rd in Tier 2.

They attended a tournament in Vernon & attended the New Westminister hosted Herb House Tournament & was 5th out of 8 teams.

During the Playoffs they lost a tie breaker game to Vancouver 4-2 in the Final Four. They were 1 game short of going to the Provincials.

### Midget A2

Head Coach Shawn Hagan  
Assistant Coaches Paul Hackett & Marc Mondin  
Manager Colleen Ray  
Safety Kelly Corbett

They had a very successful year.

During League play they were 1st in Tier 5 & won a Banner for being the first place team during the regular season.

They attended a tournament in Chase & attended the New Westminister hosted Herb House Tournament & was 4th out of 8 teams.

During the playoffs they lost in the second round & had 1 win & 2 losses in the Presidents Series.

### Midget C Teams

All 3 Midget C teams struggled win wise during League play.



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## **Midget C1**

Head Coach Brad Semkew  
Assistant Coaches Bob Turnbull & Duane Searle  
Manager Cindy Semkew  
Safety Brad & Cindy Semkew

During League play they were 9th out of 10 teams in the Green Group.  
They attended a tournament in Bremerton & attended the New Westminister hosted Herb House Tournament & was 5th out of 10 teams.  
During the Playoffs they finished the season on a strong note with 5 wins & 3 losses. They were tied for 2nd after the playoffs & just missed going to the Banner game as the other team advanced having more wins.

## **Midget C2**

Head Coach Hugh Shaw  
Assistant Coach Joseph Gale  
Manager Thien Tran  
Safety Lee Cowley

Thanks to Shawn Hagan, Dwight Noda & Janet Lakusta who helped out behind the bench when no coaches were available towards the end of the season.  
During League play they were 8th out of 10 teams in the Green Group.  
The team had excessive penalty minutes & subsequent suspensions over the season. It made the games challenging with players being called up to have adequate players for games as the season progressed.  
They attended the New Westminister hosted Herb House Tournament.  
During the Playoffs they had 2 wins & 6 losses.

## **Midget C3**

Head Coaches Tony Black & Hugh Ellis  
Manager Karen Walmsley  
Safety Brad Melenychuk  
Special thanks to Tony Black & Hugh Ellis who agreed to co Coach so there would be a 3rd Midget C team.

During League play they were 10th out of 10 teams in the Green Group.  
They attended the New Westminister hosted Herb House Tournament & received the Most Sportsmanship Award.  
During the Playoffs they went winless over the 8 games played.

I'd like to thank the parents who volunteered when we hosted the Herb House Tournament & the Midget Tier 2 Final Four.

A special thank to Daniel Fontaine, our Tournament Coordinator, who gave countless hours to make the Herb House Memorial Tournament such a fantastic tournament. It is one of the best, if not the best, Midget Tournaments through BC Hockey.



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I want to thank the executive for all their hard work & dedication to NWMHA, this year & in previous years. I would especially like to thank the Midget parents on the executive for their support & dedication over the years.

Vandy Britton: Secretary since 2010 & H 3/4 DM (2008-10) & safety person over the years  
Lynda Callard: Ice Allocator since 2010.

Kelly Corbett: Referee Allocator since 2012 & Bantam C Referee Allocator for PCAHA this past season & team manager for many years.

Tracy Dunsford: VP 3, Safety, since 2015 & Bantam DM.

Janet Lakusta: Registrar since 2014 & H 1/2 H 3/4 prior to that.

I would especially like to thank Rob Nasato for his support over the years & for his dedication & countless hours he has given to NWMHA.

5.13.7 Juvenile (vacant): team dissolved.

5.14 **Past President (Ross Young):** no report

6 Election of 2017/2018 Executive:

6.1 President: Rob Nasato

6.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Bernie Lehmann

6.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Desiree Savoy

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

6.5 Treasurer: Kurt Bordian

6.6 Registrar: Janet Lakusta

6.7 Secretary: vacant

6.8 Coach Coordinator: Jeff Nottingham

6.9 Equipment Manager: Kevin Woolley

6.10 Ice Allocator: Lynda Callard

6.11 Referee-in-Chief: Bill Corbett

6.12 Referee Allocator: Kelly Corbett

6.13 Division Managers:

6.13.1 Hockey 1-2: Eric Swanson

6.13.2 Hockey 3-4: Tara Creightney

6.13.3 Atom: Lara Duke

6.13.4 PeeWee: Nancy Graham

6.13.5 Bantam: Danielle Connolly

6.13.6 Midget: Greg Sanderson

6.13.7 Juvenile: Jennifer Lauener

7. Motion to adjourn at 9:02pm. Motion: Pete; Second: Kevin. Carried