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EXECUTIVE MEETING January 16, 2017 7 pm Queens Park Board Room MEETING MINUTES

- 1 **Roll call:** Desiree, Rob, Kelly, Jennifer, Tara, Kevin, Bud, Jeff, Kurt, Bernie, Chris, Greg, Lynda, Janet, Daniel
Regrets: Vandy, Pete, Tracy, Ross
- 2 **Adoption of Minutes of:** December 12, 2016. **Motion:** Kevin; **Second:** Jennifer. Carried.
- 3 **Business arising:** nothing of note
- 4 **Correspondence:**
- 5 **New Business:** Arenex collapse – NWMHA response. Rob and Daniel are going to work together on writing a letter to the city (Mayor) to advocate for a third arena with respect to the Arenex collapsing; the hope is for Lacrosse executive and NWMHA can work together that put forward the argument. This would also benefit other user groups too. Rob will plan to get in touch with the President of New West Minor Lacrosse (Rich Catton) and discuss the situation.
- 6 **Reports:**

6.1 President (Rob):

BC Hockey and PCAHA:

- Zone team pilot project. As indicated, BC Hockey has not been communicating with PCAHA or NWMHA or any local association and has been soliciting family feedback directly.
- H4 players will no longer be allowed to AP to Atom hockey.....makes Atom C hockey difficult and extremely challenging in spring tournaments.

Presidents C League:

- H2-4 schedule revisited as BWC was having problems getting games; only NWMHA and NSWC would play them. Decision was to not continue to still not have a schedule.
- Championship Days volunteer needed.....Date and Time TBA (2-3 volunteers)

NWMHA

- Juvenile A team folded in late December. The coach advised that the players indicated that they would not be showing up any longer. Given the last two seasons' number of injuries at Juvenile A, and the fact that now the majority of kids graduate to Juvenile having never played hitting hockey, perhaps NWMHA has a duty to eliminate Juvenile A hockey and offer a Juvenile C team next year.
- Another spectacular Herb House hockey tournament. Congrats to Daniel and his team.
- Aaron Loughhead Memorial game held in early January. Proceeds to go to Aaron Loughhead Scholarship.
- One disciplinary hearing at PCAHA attended in early December; matter referred to the Grievance committee after the PCAHA ruling. The family appealed one clause of the Grievance Committee's decision. The Appeals hearing amended the clause; the player is back playing.



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-Referee Development occurring in February.....small cost involved but should be within budget since we have not had as much referee shadowing as was budgeted for.

6.2 1st Vice President (Bernie):

GIANTS GAME

Confirmed Game Feb 3, 2017 (Friday) vs Calgary Hitmen with 300 tickets to sell. I visited a GIANTS game last Friday to scout the logistics in that venue. I am in possession of the gaming license and will work on getting the volunteers now. Dave Schweitzer promised me his assistance at the head table as this is new to me. I have opened the ticket sales to Atom and Peewee; I have sold 260 tickets, so 40 to go, which I am confident to do.

SPONSORS

Pictures have been distributed to Scotiabank (downtown), Wayfair and Grimm's. Still have to distribute to KalTire and Scotiabank (uptown). Received sponsorship cheque from Scotiabank.

WEBSITE

Newsletter is on the website and team pictures are updated.

I will produce another newsletter after the Giants Game, with a report of the Christmas tournament and focus on Atom and Peewee with the upcoming tournament.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all my colleagues who helped me with the two processes.

6.3 2nd Vice President (Daniel):

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
- New West C3 and Port Coquitlam A1 were awarded Most Sportsmanlike Awards
- Had a much higher rate of parent no-shows for volunteer shifts this year. May be a concern again at next tournament.
- Big thanks to **Beth McNaughton, Leanne Piendle** and **Robyn Doig**...all of whom don't have kids playing in the system, but contributed countless hours to making the tournament a success.
- Some other amazing parent volunteers also stepped up and contributed an incredible amount of time. This includes everyone on the Tournament Committee.



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- Distributed over \$1000 worth of intermission prizes. Gave away a \$250 gift basket to a lucky parent. Also distributed over \$500 worth of prizes to two team officials – names were drawn out of a hat.
- Some amazing feedback from the parents/coaches...and have attached that as a separate document in the report.
- There was one unfortunate bench clearing brawl at the end of a Midget C medal game, but this did not reflect on the overall caliber of play and sportsmanship for the tournament. A few other issues with coaches/players...but nothing out of the ordinary.
- 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.
- No team sold more than the \$500 threshold for advertisements – hence no revenue sharing with the NWMHA.
- There was an issue with the T-shirts; and, due to some miscommunication between myself and the supplier, only the A2 New West players received their t-shirts. The missing t-shirts have now been ordered and will be supplied shortly to them via Jennifer Lauener. Some of the out of town teams did not get the Tshirt sizes they ordered but there were no complaints.

Al Hughes and Bobby Love Memorial Tournament

- 8 teams have registered for Bobby Love – Atom tournament. One team on waitlist.
- Only 7 teams have registered for Al Hughes – PeeWee tournament. 4 teams applied from Vancouver Island but, due to a conflict with their playoff schedule, they all had to withdraw their applications.
- We are struggling to fill the last spot for Al Hughes as there are 5 PeeWee tournaments taking place at the identical time in March. This is despite the fact we are the most cost competitive by at least \$200-500 compared to other tournaments.
- The fact there are so many other competing tournaments and a distinct lack of Bantam tournaments, should we rethink how we approach this? Could we be organizing a 3-day Bantam tournament in conjunction with Family Day in February...and leave spring break alone? Worth a more robust discussion at the Executive.
- Have secured Boston Pizza and Derrick Thornhill as returning intermission and MVPizza sponsors. Will be seeking other sponsors.
- Will use New Westminister's Magenta printing again for the program.
- First committee meeting took place on January 11th at QP Boardroom. Tournament takes place March 11-14th.

6.4 3rd Vice President (Tracy):

1. Picture re-takes, if still required, can be done by contacting the AAA Photography directly. Tentative date for next year is November 14, 2017. *There was an issue with the H3 and 4 teams' photos getting mixed up with other teams.

2. Safety Issues: A recommendation for DMs to share with their team: When a player has gone to emergency for any reason and it is determined they can return to play, injury not serious or no



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concussion, then they should a request a letter right there from the attending physician to say they are safe to return to play. I have done this myself and it has saved a lot of run around after the fact.

3. Awards : Will start to prep notification.

6.5 Treasurer (Kurt):

December 31, 2016 financial report is attached. I've revised the forecast as some costs are lower than expected. Our Scotiabank sponsor gave \$4,000 this year so that line item is well above our budgeted number. We should still be able to include t-shirts for Hockey Day in February.

I have had no luck getting the three outstanding receivables collected: Cap's Tires (\$250), Stefanos (\$250) and Hyack Tire (\$250). I would suggest we do not allow them to participate in future advertising without having settled these receivables. I will be writing them down at yearend March 31, 2016.

Because of an increase of 2% ice costs for ice rental next season we are looking at raising the registration fees for the 2017/18 season. **MOTION:** The financial committee made a motion to increase the fees up to 5% for the 2017/18 season. Motion: Kurt; Second: Desiree. Carried.

HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA T-SHIRTS – Bud will contact team managers for sizing and timeline. Hockey Day in Canada is Feb. 18, 2017.

6.6 Registrar (Janet):

- BC Hockey is checking up on ineligible players and coaches rostered to teams
- Midget division seems to be an issue; one player suspended until the end of the season; There is a Midget goalie that has an issue pending (has a history)
- Juvenile team released from Provincials with no fine; all other A teams have declared for Provincials.

6.7 Secretary (Vandy):

NEW DATE: February 20, 2017

~~March 13, 2017~~

April 10, 2017

AGM : end of April/early May TBC

May 8, 2017

June 12, 2017

July 10, 2017

August 15, 2017

6.8 Coach Coordinator (Pete): nothing to report

6.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin): Chasing Juvenile jerseys. He would like all of them back.



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6.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda): All conflicts are resolved until the new schedules come out and the tournament in March.

6.12 Referee-in-Chief (Chris): We are planning on hosting eight Referee Development sessions in February using our H4 teams and visiting opponents during their regular home game slots. We will be using 3 newer officials, full ice, and regular rules, including off-sides and penalties. To keep things entertaining, we will be enforcing penalties with an immediate penalty shot, with a live puck after a failed shot, and the remaining players chasing the shooter during the shot. Kelly will be assigning 2 shadow officials to mentor the newer officials during these games. This will require an expenditure of \$576, (broken into \$22 per referee, and \$25 per shadow official per game) in addition to the budgeted \$30 per game for the 2 assigned officials. This should be within our budget for Development for the season. We are open to reducing our shadow officials if required for budgetary reasons. I plan on attending all of these games to assist as required, but do not want to remove opportunities for our officials to mentor their younger peers.

6.13 Referee Allocator (Kelly): All new officials have been assigned to games. I have been able to get everyone out there now on many occasions. I have started putting more of the first years into the Atom C games and I have made sure that I put in one first year official with two more experienced officials. It seems to be helping with the confidence level of the new officials. I also send out an email to all the officials of that game to let them know that one of the officials is a first year and to please take that into consideration and help them out as much as possible. Some of our more experienced officials have siblings that are new officials and I have tried to get them working together as well. It's nice to see the siblings stepping up and helping each other. There have been two no-shows this month: one of which I was able to cover with an official that was on the ice for the previous game; the other I didn't find out until 5 minutes before game time so they had to do a two man system. There have been two games so far that I have put out peer shadows and the other officials seem to be very responsive to it. I had Joe Callard shadow a game on December 18th and Parker Corbett on January 15th. I have received great feedback from coaches and parents on this. There was a meeting with Rob, Desiree, Chris and myself this past Thursday with discussion on referee development and peer shadowing. I am hopeful that, with further discussion at the executive level, we will all be in support of our discussion on the peer shadowing so I can then send out an email to my more experienced officials and get the ball rolling to start doing more of it.

6.14 Division Managers:

H1-2 (Tara): H1- We have had one new player added to the team. He's actually an H2 player but has never played so has joined the H1 team. The H1 team will be taking part in the Tim Bits Jamboree. All the on ice volunteers should now be up to date with their requirements. There will not be any Banner games this year according to Jennifer Jiwa.

H2: H2C1- The team has played a couple of games with other associations and so far so good. The players are enjoying themselves and the parents are happy.



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H2C2- This team has played a couple of games with other associations. The first game went really well and I was informed that the teams seemed balanced. The head coach for this team is still the one doing the brunt of the work for the practices and not always are the other coaches following her practices.

Both teams will be taking part in the Vancouver tournament in February.

H3-4 (Desiree):

All of the H3 and H4 teams participated in tournaments and had a great time. All are continuing with their exhibition games, playing a variety of teams mostly from PCAHA and some from other parts of the Lower Mainland. Burnaby Winter Club is having a hard time scheduling games as they are refusing to play at other rinks. PCAHA may make a schedule to try to get more games for their teams.

I listened in on the BC Hockey Webinar on Cross-ice hockey on December 14th 2016. The webinar is available on the BC Hockey website:

- Aaron Hoffman spoke to the benefits of cross-ice hockey highlighting the importance of meta-coaching: coaches must be prepared; coaching requires forethought. Also, players are learning the importance of keeping heads up in traffic and are learning to make better passes in traffic.
- Jeff O'Keefe highlighted what resources are available on the BC Hockey Homepage - Key things include: how cross-ice fits into LTPD, Practice plans, Hockey Canada App
- Lee Richardson spoke about logistics - Things to be added to best practices include: Ice set-up responsibility, No sitting for players during scrimmages (skill development should be happening between the blue lines)
- Atom transition plan - possibly a 2 week hockey school, gymnasium based, before the Atom season starts??? They will have something by the March 15th deadline.

Giants Game

- Ticket sales are lower than expected from all teams.
- Intermission game: 20 Players have been selected to play during the intermission game, 1 player has been selected to be the 7th man (woman in this case), coaches and referees have been selected. Everyone has confirmed. Special event sanctions have been requested and approved. Goalies still TBD.

H4 Full-ice Referee Development Clinics

- All H4 ice for February has been reassigned to provide full-ice referee development opportunities for NWMHA referees.
- H4 teams are currently reaching out to other associations to see if they would be able to have their players attend to assist in these clinics.

Atom (Jeff): Teams are now in their final League portion of the season. The C teams are all doing well in the top tier: C2 is 2nd, C1 is 5th and C3 is 8th. The Atom A team remain competitive



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in Flight two and keeping games close. All teams took part in Christmas Tournaments with the C2 team winning Silver in the Canucks Place tourney.

Pee wee (Bud): The Pee wee division has been running fairly smoothly as this time. C1 After 13 games is 6W-6L and 1-T about 4th of nine teams in the blue group. C2 after 12 games is 2W-10L and are at the bottom of the Gold group... However they won the gold medal in the Semiahmoo Christmas tournament, and then started this year with their only two wins over the top two teams in their group. A1 was moved up one tier to tier 4. They are 2-W- 1-L and 1-T in their first four games so very respectable

Bantam (Greg): Fairly quiet month in Dec and early Jan. Teams are getting through the schedule with little to no issues. There was some concern around goalie call ups from Pee Wee and the response and or the interpretation of the response, but it all seemed to work itself out. Teams are in the same condition as in the last report:

C1 is struggling with goal tending as the major issue. Current record is 2 - 12 with 39 goals for and 98 goals against, currently 10th/10 teams. C1 played in the Richmond Minor hockey Tournament before Christmas.

C2 is holding its own currently at 6 - 8 with 46 goals for and 45 goals against putting them 7th/10 teams; they have won their last 3 in a row. Played in the Vancouver Minor Canuck Place Christmas tournament finishing 4th.

C3 is struggling as well. Team record is 2-11-1 with 35 goals for and 69 goals against; currently 9th/10 teams. C3 played in the Richmond tournament ended with a 1 - 3 record.

A1 - Flight 5 of 7. Sitting in good shape with an 11 - 4 record currently in 3rd place. The team has 56 goals for and 33 goals against. The A1 team has a pretty high number of penalty minutes. No tournament for A1 over Christmas.

Midget (Jennifer): All 3 Midget C teams are struggling winning games & are in the bottom 3 of the Green Division.

Midget C1: After 11 GP 1W 10L for 12 pts for 10th/10 teams. In the last 5 games C1 has lost by 1- 2 goals per game with one game losing by 3 goals.

Midget C2: After 11 GP 5W 5L 1T for 18 pts for 8th/10 teams. In the last 5 games C2 has W2 & lost 2 by 3 & 1 goals. The more concerning fact is that the C2 team has 199 penalty minutes. The next 2 most penalized teams have 88 & 84 minutes in penalties.

Midget C3: After 12 GP 1W 10L 1T for 14th pts for 9th/ 10 teams. In the last 5 games, 4L & 1W, the losses have been very lopsided. C1 has scored 3 goals in 3 games & 0 goals in 2 games. C3 won their last game 3-1 which is encouraging.



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Midget A1: After 16 GP 7W 7L 2T for 29 pts for 7th/12 teams in Flight 2. The A1 team has lost most of their games lately. They have had many injuries over the season & several since the Herb House Tournament. They have also had a hard time scoring goals & inconsistent play.

Midget A2: After 14 GP 9W 1L 4T for 34 pts for 2nd/12 teams 1 point away from 1st place in Flight 5.

Juvenile (vacant): team has folded.

Past President (Ross): Absent. No report submitted.

7 Next Meeting: February 20, 2017

8 Adjournment: – Motion: Lynda; **Second:** Bud. Carried.