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**EXECUTIVE MEETING September 13, 2016**  
**7 pm Queens Park Board Room**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

- 1 **Roll call:** Rob, Desiree, Jennifer, Bernie, Kurt, Pete, Vandy, Kevin, Daniel, Chris, Greg, Janet, Kelly, Lynda, Bud, Tara, Jeff  
**Regrets:** Ross
- 2 Adoption of Minutes of: August 22, 2016. **Motion:** Kevin; **Second:** Desiree. Carried.
- 3 Business arising: nothing
- 4 Correspondence: anything of import has been forwarded already
- 5 New Business: nothing
  
- 6 **Reports:**

**6.1 President (Rob):**

**BC Hockey:** Cross ice hockey discussions have been on-going. The meeting between PCAHA and BC Hockey is on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The President and CEO of BC Hockey are coming to the next PCAHA meeting and I will update the board on the outcome. I have been on the phone or email almost every day this summer on this subject. I am hopeful we can get some changes out of BC Hockey. My concerns are around a few specific issues:

- referee development
- transition for H4 to Atom
- 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 – may not be approved now. It's 'in discussion'.

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

The board often references soccer with their various field sizes, but soccer does it right with all fields the same, so does field lacrosse. I am hopeful we can convince the board they have created a two tier system, mini rink versus the rest of us and therefore amend their decision. In my discussions with numerous association Presidents, they all have common concerns.

Discussion about changing the 'cross-ice' committee name to 'small ice'. Also it is possible that there will be no game numbers for H1-4. It's all up in the air right now.

**Action:** Rob to call a H3 & 4 meeting (maybe H1-4 meeting) once he has more information.

Action: Team Manager meeting will happen

Sportsmanship Starts in the Stands program required yet again.



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**PCAHA:** Teamlink access now up and running. DM's and teams can get access upon request.

## **Presidents' C League:**

### **Coach/Manager meeting date times TBA**

Bantam and Midget – October 4<sup>th</sup> / Atom and PW – October 6<sup>th</sup> at Britannia Auditorium  
H2 – H4 scheduled for Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

Atom C and above C leagues start Oct 11

Midget C Scholarship tourney - Dec 11 – 17. Hosts for this year are  
RMHA / SMHA / VTMHA

• Championship weekend/Banner Days - March 4/5, 2017

**Action:** DMs – reach out to A and C League managers – they are starting to build their schedules.

### **NWMHA:**

-The season is upon us, thanks yet again to those who had a lot of work to do over the summer to get us up and running. Many people do not realize the work behind the scenes that is required to run hockey, I do and appreciate all the volunteer work.

-Tryouts: Thanks to the Pete and the Division managers for organizing the tryouts. Thanks to everyone behind the scenes who contributed to the organization of everything involved (Lynda, Kelly, Kevin.....I hope I did not miss anyone). As of the writing of this report the decisions have not been made regarding A2 teams. See DM's reports.

-Season start up: As of Monday September 12, we are in full ice usage mode....PLEASE work closely and timely with Lynda if you are not using the ice so that we can turn it in to the City in a timely manner.

- We are partnering with Douglas College to host a group of university students from Shanghai Normal University in China on Nov 5, Saturday 1:30-3:30 at QPA. They will be here to observe community sports. NWMHA will be making a presentation on the structure, goals, and athlete development models that we use in minor hockey (eg. (e.g., when do rep teams start, what are rep teams, how selection is completed, who is impacted). Rob, Pete and an "A" coach will be involved.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Bernie):**

### **FUNDRAISING / SPONSORSHIP**

**GIANTS GAME:** Had telephone conversation with Michael Charters, who seemed not to have any answers to my questions. Will wait for meeting. Have requested Calgary Hitmen, Fri, Feb 3. This will be an interesting venture this Season.

### **NEW AND POTENTIAL SPONSORS**

Discussed with Kevin to put sponsor patches on the back of the jerseys (just like name bars). This guarantees more visibility and will hopefully convince more businesses to sign up.

The Hockey Shop (thanks Greg/Kevin for the contact) donated \$ 500 and will give our membership an exclusive coupon \$ 25 off any purchase over \$ 150.-- / exp. Oct 31



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I have approached other potential sponsors for NWMHA. Stay tuned.

**Action:** Will reach out to contacts at the Canucks.

## COMMUNICATION

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Just need some final information and we're good to launch.

### REGISTRATION DRIVE

Tara found a printer for coroplast signs and, with Kurt's blessing, we'll move forward to have these done hopefully this coming week.

**MISC** Can we officially adopt, "GIVE IT A SHOT" as our tag line? YES

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

- Already have 5 teams apply for the Herb House Tournament. Four Midget A and one Midget C. Aiming for at least 16 teams, but can accommodate up to 18.
- No applications for Bobby Love or Al Hughes tournament yet – too early in the season.
- Work has begun on the print program. Will seek sponsors to cover costs again this year.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tournament Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for either October 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> subject to boardroom availability. Will meet a total of 3 times before tournament.
- Sent an email about the tournament to all previous team managers/coaches who participated in last two years.
- Preparing a note to be forwarded to Atom Division Manager who can email to 1<sup>st</sup> year parents. This will provide them with a quick overview of their responsibilities vis a vis tournament volunteering next spring. We had a few complaints last year that parents were unaware of time commitments.

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

1. NWMHA Picture Day - Tuesday November 15
2. Social Evening - October 15th TBC
3. Updated One-Pager -- will send out today

### Treasurer (Kurt):

Please see distributed financial report for five months ended August 31, 2016.

Majority of registrations have been deposited. Fewer returned cheques this year over last year. I will still look into other forms of payments for registration fees.

There are four sponsors from Hometown Hockey that have not paid up. **Action:** the sponsorship committee for this event will follow up with the respective businesses.

No real expenses have come through yet like ice rental, referee fees, clinics, equipment and membership/insurance.



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## **Motions:**

1. to cover up to \$850 /team for one sanctioned tournament entry fee except for H1. **Motion:** Kurt; Second: Lynda. Carried.
2. to cover up to \$100 per team for coaching supplies reimbursable with receipts and less \$35 for those who are being provided with a coaching manual. **Motion:** Kurt; Second: Pete. Carried.
3. to cover up to \$425/team for one H1 jamboree per season. **Motion:** Kurt; Second: Pete. Carried.

**Registrar (Janet):** registration numbers are roughly the same as last year.

Atom: waiting for one transfer to go through. 61 (w/transfer including 6 goalies)

Bantam: one transfer from Bby pending and 1 from Richmond. (61 w/transfers and 4 goalies)

Juvenile: 18 players (15 + 3 goalies)

Midget: One Calgary player ('99) to transfer here. There will be two A and three C teams. 82 players with 9 goalies (plus one from Calgary).

Peeewe: 54 players with 6 goalies.

H3: 39

H4: 27

H2: 22

H1: 12

**Important dates:** September 28<sup>th</sup> – need “A” team lists; October 12<sup>th</sup> – need for “C” teams; November 7<sup>th</sup> – Atom A1 cards need to be signed by; November 11<sup>th</sup>: H1-4 team rosters; January 10<sup>th</sup> – any releases from Atom and up; January 15<sup>th</sup> – last day any Affiliated Player can be added to a roster

**Action:** DMs to remind “A” coaches to create their AP list by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Action:** DMs – send any team officials’ names to her ASAP.

**Secretary (Vandy):** meeting dates

October 11, 2016 (Tuesday)

November 14, 2016

December 12, 2016

January 16, 2017

February 13, 2017

March 13, 2017

April 10, 2017

May 8, 2017

June 12, 2017

July 10, 2017

August 15, 2017

**Coach Coordinator (Pete):**



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- Tryouts went well with the exception of the goalie evaluations. We need to ensure this is covered off adequately next season.
- Would like to get feedback on the new evaluation forms from DM's.
- RPM Power skating / skills program is up on line – will send e-mail out this week through DM's.
- Hosting Dev 1 Clinic on Oct 1, 2 – for NWMHA and Other Associations
- RPM Coach Mentorship program schedule being finalized and will be sent this week to DM's and coaches.
- Scheduling Coaches Meeting for end of Sep...just coordinating with Rob on his available dates.

## Projects Update:

- Service Provider Market Sound – Edits to draft document have been submitted. Need to revise the document and send.

**Equipment Manager (Kevin):** whites and socks arrived today. New red jerseys are ready to go. H1-4 jerseys – has complained re the jerseys emblazoned with Tim Hortons across the front.  
**Action:** will look into the pricing of jerseys for these age groups.

**Ice Allocator (Lynda):** thanks to everyone. Action: DMs – please return any ice to her that will go unused. Make sure teams know that they must do this!  
**Action:** DMs – send any changes to the original schedule to her ASAP. NOTE: game changes for particular teams CANNOT change!  
**Action:** DMs – send her your team managers' names ASAP.

**Referee-in-Chief: (Chris Malcolm):** in the process of trying to book a level 1 referee clinic for New Westminister.

## **Referee Allocator (Kelly):**

The assigning of officials for the rep tryouts on the weekend was challenging but got done. This was due to a number of evaluations in other activities that our officials are involved in. Two other conflicts that came up this weekend of course was that some of our older officials were unavailable for the Bantam games because they were playing in the Midget games that immediately followed and our adult officials having kids on the ice at the same time as their own kids for the those games caused some concern as well.

As of September 11<sup>th</sup> we have:

**14** new young officials currently on my list to begin this season.

**4** adults interested in certifying (this does include myself) and as far as I am aware they are registered to do so. They are doing this so they might be able to help with the mentoring of our officials.

**27** confirmed officials that have let me know that they are returning this season.



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The recertification clinics are up on the website and I have sent out an email to all the officials to let them know that they need to go to bchockey.net to find one to register for.  
I am now starting to get requests for balancing games and will start working on them as soon as I have been given game numbers for them.

## *Division Managers:*

### **H1-2 (Tara):**

September 13<sup>th</sup> Division Manager Report for H1 & H2

### **H1:**

#### **Registered Players:**

To date we have 10 H1's registered. I had one family with draw and that information has been sent to Janet. Other families are inquiring about the process to withdraw as they are having a difficult time trying to figure out how to get their child to the early practices on Tuesday.

#### **Pre-Season Skates:**

All pre-season skates went well.

#### **RPM:**

They missed coming to one of the pre-season skates due to a mix up with the time. RPM was not present at the first practice on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> as they were too busy to help out but we didn't get word of this until the day of the practice.

**Question:** Are we able to discuss the possibility of not using RPM for H1-H4 because they seem to be spread so thin and instead hire Inside Edge? Something to discuss with Coach Coordinator.

#### **Coach:**

Scott Scheibler

Scott will not be able to do all the coaching himself and will require RPM to be on the ice for every practice this season.

I am working on filling up all the other roles for the team.

### **H2:**

#### **Registered Players:**

To date we have 23 players.

#### **Pre-Season Skates:**

All pre-season skates went well.

#### **Coaches:**

H2C1- Thursday Practices

**Head Coach:** Nigel Creightney **Assistant Coach:** Bryan Tasaka

H2C2- Friday Practices

**Head Coach:** Amanda Semenoff **Assistant Coach:** Patrick Yu

I am working on filling up all the other roles for the teams. I've had many parents offering to help.

## **NWMHA-Signage Project**

3 quotes have been sourced out and the best one and least expensive was Allegra in South Bby. The sign has been digitally created but we are in the process of finding the correct logo to be displayed on it. This project is on hold for now.



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## **H3-4 (Desiree):**

### **H3**

Have had 3 ice sessions this weekend. Between the warm-up skates and this weekend I've seen all the players on ice.

Have coaches set up to run the practices and evaluations till balancing game.

Will be having a meeting with them within the next few weeks to plan evaluations and select head coaches.

So far we have 10 coaches and 2 on-ice helpers for the 3 teams. We have 3 safety people, and 2 managers. Still looking for one more team manager and some backup safety people.

I have sent out an email about RPM Powerskating on Wednesdays.

### **H4**

Had 2 ice sessions this weekend.

Have seen all players skate between preseason skates and this weekend.

Head coaches are in place. Meeting soon to plan evaluations and balancing game.

There are 7 people who have said they will assist. I have had complaints about one of the past assistant coaches. I have spoken to the head coach of the team and we're looking at how to best deal with the situation

In need of one more team manager and a few safety people.

There have been many enquiries about the refund policy as families are looking to spend there money on private training in lieu of their children playing cross-ice. No refunds are being given to returning players as that would put the association at financial risk. These players are sticking around but I don't think they will be very committed to showing up, favouring their other sports over Minor Hockey.

There was one withdrawal of a new player as they are unable to attend a morning practice time.

Currently we have 27 which will drop to 26 when one of the players moves to Mission.

I'm concerned with the smaller team sizes and the lack of commitment that this may be a very tough season on the coaches.

I have sent out an email about RPM Powerskating on Wednesdays.

## **Atom (Jeff):**

Atom Tryouts went well... a few no shows. Ended up have 34 players and 4 goalies at tryouts. We have decided that there will be no A2 team this season.

C Teams coaches have been set. Ice times start on Wednesday and Thursday, with evaluations on Saturday and Sunday. Balancing games will be the following weekend.

Thanks go out to RPM and the volunteers for a good week of tryouts; and, of course, the Refs.

## **Peewee (Bud):**

We will have 3 teams with 16 skaters and 2 goalies on each team.

We started with our free skates for the full division: two were well attended for this time of year, and two were poorly attended. I suggest that next year we have only two skates and invite all skaters to each of them.

We have now completed our two skills evaluations and our two scrimmage game evaluations. After the scores and comment from RPM were recorded, we added the A coach opinions. The





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numbers of skaters going on to the next set of the tryouts will be 21. A number of the 13 or so remaining skaters either removed themselves from the tryout or were reassigned to the "C" team group. I will now have 25 skaters in the C group with 5 more to be reassigned and two to come off of the injury list.

It has been an uneventful start up to this point...but there is lots of time remaining.

Both groups will use their ice times this week.

## **Bantam (Greg):**

Low numbers in the division and low numbers at the A tryouts. Right now numbers are approx. 55 skaters with 4 (potentially 5) goalies. We're waiting on a Burnaby transfer but, as of right now, we're at 13 - 14 per team – the transfer will take us to 14 per team. This will be a tough go for the rep team, as that is a pretty small team. The rep coach is asking for 15, but that will reduce at least one house team to 13 and that will be too small as well.

Lots of concern from parents around the 3:45 ice times, and I don't blame them. I find it unreasonable to put these kids and coaches at that time, particularly the coaches. It's a big ask to have people commit to a 3:45 practice. That means being there at least 15 mins early which may mean leaving work as early as 2:00 pm. The high school gets out at 3:05 and we expect the kids to be on the ice at 3:45. This doesn't include a growing number of kids that attend private schools or special curriculum schools out of district, like Burnaby North's Hockey academy. Two of the teams will be at a distinct disadvantage, as most of their practices will be poorly attended, directly impacting their game performance and, to a certain extent, their enjoyment of the sport. I wouldn't be surprised if this time slot is a contributor to low numbers in the bantam group. 15 mins could make a difference, at least for local kids and coaches.

## **A Team:**

Originally 29 kids signed up for tryouts, only 22 attended, and about half notified me of the change. Some challenges with this group for sure; most likely a much lower tier for this group than in year's past. Due to low numbers we made changes to the tryout games. Saturday we went 2 x 25 min running time periods; Sunday we did 3 x 15 min. Coach Todd is looking for more practice times as the team needs a lot of work. We requested and received a goalie release from Richmond. This will help the team significantly as we only had one 1st year goalie trying out.

C teams: Just starting the process with lots of parents wanting team and time placements. One has suggested that if they don't get what they need they will look at leaving hockey; a few others have given details of out of district school issues that make it impossible for them to get to a 3:45 practice.

Our process will be the same as last year as I think it worked well. We'll do a few skates and a couple of games and then the coaches will do a draft of the players to establish three groups that we can start to work on balancing. I've let the parents know that these are not their teams and to expect player movement over the next few weeks. I'll need to reinforce this so that we don't have people planning events and tournaments before they actually have a team.

We may have one significant issue in that the son of one coach is most likely going to make the rep team; therefore, we will be short a coach. I've heard conflicting reports as to whether or not





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the boy wants to play rep: we won't know until he decides, which might be a couple of weeks. I've spoken with the parent but it's the boy's decision to make... *Pete if you have anyone that can coach please let me know ASAP. Again this is where the 3:45 ice time will be an issue if we have to find another coach.*

Midget (Jennifer):

As mentioned before, there are 5 Midget teams in the division.

82 players: 73 out players & 9 goalies (1 goalie for C is injured). A returning Midget C player is showing interest in playing this season but hasn't registered yet and a player from Calgary.

So, with a potential 75 skaters & 9 goalies, there will be teams of 15 players on each Midget team with 2 goalies for A1, A2, C1, C2 & 1 goalie for C3.

There is an A1 & A2 team & 3 C teams this season.

## **Midget A Tryouts:**

1 player that had signed up for A tryouts decided to quit hockey just prior to the tryouts.

There were 39 skaters & 4 goalies who participated in the skills session.

5 players were released to Midget C prior to the 2 scrimmage games Saturday & Sunday.

The 4 goalies were evaluated by Ron Veit & RPM on the Friday.

One player was injured on Saturday prior to the first scrimmage game.

There is a player coming from Calgary who has played AAA & AA since Peewee.

Both will be a late to participate player situation.

18 players were placed on the A1 team initially

15 players were placed on the A2 team initially

Martin Lesko Head Coach A1

Shawn Hagan Head Coach A2

## **Midget C teams**

There will be an open skate Monday for 1.5 hr & Thursday for 1 hr.

At the moment there are only 2 Midget C Head Coaches confirmed going into the season

Brad Semkew Head Coach C1

Hugh Shaw Head Coach C2

Vacant Head Coach C3

Hugh has helped with a warm up skate, skills & coached on the bench during the scrimmage tryout games.

Brad helped with the goalie evaluation skate.

Sent out an e-mail requesting coach assistance for the Monday & Thursday open Midget skates & no one has responded.



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Hugh Shaw & Bill Corbett available & possibly Brad Semkew when speaking in person to them.

Juvenile (vacant): Coaches in place – Ryland Davidson and David Bonesky

Past President (Ross): Absent. No report.

7 Next Meeting: **October 11, 2016**

8 Adjournment at 8:31pm: – **Motion:** Desiree; **Second:** Jennifer. Carried.