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EXECUTIVE MEETING January 15, 2018
7 pm Queens Park Arena (BOARD ROOM)
MINUTES

1 Roll call: Jeff, Janet, Kurt, Greg, Rob, Lara, Daniel, Tara, Nancy, Desiree, Kelly

Regrets: Bill, Lynda, Bernie, Kevin, Ross, Tracy

2 Adoption of Minutes of: Nov 20, 2017. Adoption: Janet; Second: Kelly

3 Business arising: Nothing to report

4 Old Business:

4.1 Vacancies: Secretary

4.2 Refund Policy.....policy document still to be updated

4.3 Discipline Policy.....policy document still to be updated

5 Correspondence: Rob was contact by two Jr. B league teams.

6 New Business:

7 Reports:

7.1 President (Rob):

BC Hockey - PCAHA: Meeting January 14, 2018. 10am-4pm!!!!

Board of Directors has given the CEO three goals:

1-Increase retention

2-Increase membership

3-Increase the use of technology to make this easier for MHA's

INCREASE & RETENTION:

-Alternate seasons were discussed including:

-10 month season,

- 3-3, 4-4,

- Sept-Dec, Jan-June

-First Shift which has been popular in other PCAHA associations.



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Recruitment/Retention:

- streamlining processes
- avoid overburdening volunteers
- looking at eliminating programs of little value
- using older kids with younger kids to act as role models
- Female hockey and the unique needs were discussed.

Multi-Sport athletes were discussed:

- meetings with other sports recommended
- attempt to coordinate, or at least minimize scheduling conflicts
- Regional BC Hockey centers introduced in the past two years, in Salmon Arm and Prince George.

INCREASE SUPPORT OF MEMBERSHIP

-AGM transformation to Congress as the meetings are more than just the AGM component. Two more years at Sunpeaks then moving to Penticton.

Atom Development Programs:

Three models across the province: Tiered (PCAHA, Island), Balanced (OMAHA), No Rep-Dev (North)

Programming changes targeted to follow the 2016 – H1 group that started the Cross-ice launch.

-HCSP: BC Hockey Safety committee recommendation of on-site person for every hockey event (games, practices, dryland, fun activities...etc) Discussion was that although a good idea it is not a practical goal that can be achieved short of putting the burden of coaches. Recommendation from myself and several others was that this be process/planning driven. Where BC Hockey helps produce and manual that HCSP person fills out and hands off when they are not available (health form, injury reports, action plans etc...)

-Technology needs: Pilot program from OMAHA of electronic game sheets that PCAHA may try next season. Cost was \$5/game with small size of games and start-up costs. Price should come down with volume, and cost benefit was more than the paper cost, it included time, postage, hassles etc.

Zone Programming:

-This is the last year of Western Bantams as the programs across the west have changed primarily due to the advent and increasing popularity of academies.

-Concept stage right now.

Concept included:

-Minor Midget program catered to 15 year olds (5-6 teams in lower mainland)

-Major and Minor Bantam (5-10 teams each)

-Major and Minor Pee wee (up to 20+ teams each)

Discussion: -logistical issues re ice

-costs (\$6k/yr)



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- creating a league in competition with our league (PCAHA)
- PCAHA is split
- assured that decision would not be mandatory across province.

Presidents C League:

-Championship Days March 10-11, 2018. NWMHA needs 2-3 volunteers mid-day (times TBA) Sunday March 11.

-Female officials hearing more verbal abuse. The message needs to get out that, first this not acceptable and secondly we in minor hockey are in desperate need of official and verbal abuse does not help in retention.

-Note to all teams, any team with a second 9.2 (verbal abuse of officials) to anyone on the team, the head coach gets an automatic 4 game suspension that cannot be appealed.

NWMHA:

-As indicated in the Midget report the last 4 weeks has had several midget players be suspended on four of our five teams, an unacceptable situation that needs to improve.

-Registration discussions with Treasurer and registrar, see their reports.

-Survey to 2018-2019 Juvenile age players to poll interest in a Juvenile program from next season.

-Referee development program in February has a lot of interest both inside and outside of NWMHA. See RIC and Ref Allocators reports.

-SHIRTS: 80th year for NWMHA. Shirt orders to BUD.

-Rob was part of a discussion replacing the Arenex with a skate board park. A multi user group meeting was held with the Scouts, Cadets, Hockey, Lacrosse, Theater group, etc.

7.2 1st Vice President (Bernie):

FUNDRAISING / SPONSORSHIP

COMMUNICATION

3rd RINK PROJECT

Daniel Fontaine, myself and the Bellie's VP presented our "drive" to the Parks and Rec. Committee in December with good success. This will be followed up by a council meeting in March where we're hoping to have representatives from all "arena using" sports on hand.

MISCELLANOUS

I will fulfill my duty as VP 1 until the end of this 2017/18 campaign but will resign at the end of the term. Unfortunately, my parenting life is taking up way too much time for me to focus properly on this volunteering job. I was fortunate to meet many great people along the way and learned a lot about the importance of what we're doing. I wanted to thank you for trusting in me and your support along the way. I will not be a stranger to QPA and MPA, I promise, and I will try to lend a helping hand if needed.



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7.3 2nd Vice President (Desiree):

Tournament Coordinator Report

Herb House Tournament Summary

The Herb House Tournament ran well with lots of help from many volunteers. A huge thanks to all the members from the tournament committee who were amazing to work with and volunteered so much of their time throughout the tournament. Also special thanks to Daniel Fontaine, Beth McNaughton, Kelly Corbett and Martine Lehmann who put in many hours at the rink with me, helping out and doing whatever was needed and were key to the success of the tournament.

The C division of the tournament had ten teams. Port Moody Midget C3 took home the Gold, Langley Midget C3 the Silver and North Delta Midget C2 the Bronze.

The A division of our tournament had 5 teams. Our NWMHA Midget A1 team won gold, followed by PoCo A1 with Silver and our NWMHA Midget A2 team the Bronze.

There was a complaint about officiating that has been forwarded on to BC Hockey for their review, and a few teams had a few penalty issues, but all in all I had great feedback from many of the teams who really enjoyed the tournament.

Al Hughes and Bobby Love Tournaments

The Al Hughes Memorial PeeWee Tournament and Bobby Love Memorial Atom Tournament will take place from March 17th-20th 2018 at Queen's Park Arena and Moody Park Arena. This is from Saturday-Tuesday, the first weekend of spring break.

Al Hughes

- This tournament is full with 10 teams and has a few teams on the waitlist in case any drop out. I am only in need of payment from the NWMHA teams.
- I sent my first email requesting information back from the teams on Monday January 5th 2018. I have already received some information from about half of the registered teams.
- I will email all the waitlisted teams this upcoming week to let them know that no one has yet withdrawn.
- Teams that are registered include:
 - o Surrey MHA PWSY2
 - o Surrey MHA Thundercats
 - o Chilliwack Wolves (pulled out)
 - o Kerry Park MHA
 - o Thunderbolts PWSY1
 - o Mission MHA Spartans
 - o Chilliwack Vipers C3
 - o NWMHA PW-C1



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- o NWMHA PW-C2
- o NWMHA PW-C3

Replacement for the team is in the works.

Bobby Love

- This tournament now has 7 teams with one spot remaining. I am still awaiting payment from the two Burnaby teams that registered this week. I am also in need of payment from the NWMHA teams.
- I sent my first email requesting information back from the teams on Monday January 5th 2018. I have already received some information from a few of the registered teams.
- Teams that are registered include:
 - o Vancouver Thunderchickens C4
 - o Chilliwack Lightning C1
 - o Cloverdale C4 - Warriors
 - o Burnaby C5 - Bulldogs
 - o Burnaby C6 - Bulldogs
 - o New Westminister Atom -C1
 - o New Westminister Atom -C

I will be setting up a meeting for the tournament committee for next week after I have confirmed the room with the city.

7.4 3rd Vice President (Tracy):

All pictures have been disseminated

- Need to start thinking about awards. I will Send out package beginning of February.
- Did we want to consider a life achievement as we have not handed out for the last 2 years
- I will not be running for this position next year due to my current work load.

7.5 Treasurer (Kurt):

I have attached operating statements for the periods ended November 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

We are projected to post a small loss this year, but there may be additional adjustments in the last three months of the fiscal year to affect this projection.



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I filed the receipts for the 2017 New West City Amateur Sport Grant. I expect reimbursement for \$9,497.90 of eligible expenses. The results of the 2018 New West City Amateur Sport Grant application is expected in January 2018.

- Discussion for use of funds for development for hockey players and coaches. Suggestion to move registration date to April.
- 2018/19 registration dates: April 1-May 31 registration / after that late registration fee of \$100 applies

“Motion made to increase registration 2% with rounding to the nearest \$10-\$15”
Motion: Kurt Second: Lara

“Motion to have a late fee of \$100 for registration after May 31st.”
Motion: Janet Second: Desiree

- Post Dated Checks for August 1st.

Website to be updated to let NWMHA members know of all changes.

7.6 Registrar (Janet):

Here are the approximate numbers per division for 2018-19 season:

H1 -- ??
H2 -- 12
H3 -- 14
H4 -- 24

Atom = estimated 66 (3 goalies & 63 skaters)
PeeWee = estimated 63 (5 goalies & 58 skaters)
Bantam = estimated 51 (6 goalies & 45 skaters)
Midget = estimated 78 (7 goalies & 61 skaters)
Juvenile = estimated 41 (3 goalies & 38 skaters)

BC Hockey and PCAHA wants us to start working on "signing cards" for all teams.
...especially carded teams.

I have done the Atom A team as this is mandatory. Now, we are expected to do this for teams who are eligible to go to provincials. Although the memo says all minor and major teams, Carol and Donna suggested I start with just the A teams for now.

Therefore, I will start with these teams and see how long it takes to get them done.



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There were still a few team officials who need their CRC's done, not many. All qualifications and certifications of all carded officials are now complete. Changed 2 officials' positions from assistant coach to Safety and on-ice volunteers. PCAHA is already suspicious of the change to safety.

7.7 Secretary (Vacant): All Meetings in the Board Room unless otherwise indicated

Feb 19, Monday
Mar 12, Monday
April 16, Monday
May 14, Monday
June 11, Monday
Aug 1, Wednesday

7.8 Coach Coordinator (Jeff):

- Nothing new.
- One issue with the Midget C teams hasn't been getting RPM to their practices. Wednesday development has been successful. More kids out for this part of the season.

7.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin): Nothing to report

7.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda): Nothing to report

7.11 Referee-in-Chief: (Bill).

I have been busy working with as many year 3-5 officials as possible so that I can get them graded accordingly as most of these officials have never really known an RIC. For this reason, I have had to spend more time than I would normally as not only do I need to get to know all of them, I needed to work with them more in detail. Specifically with years 4-5 as I am trying to get them to do Bantam which can see them working with others anywhere in the President's League and I want to ensure that they are comfortable, capable and confident.

As we are a small association, we do not have many games to offer for officials hence why I am trying to get our older officials graded first so they are able to move up allowing for more opportunities for our newer officials to work. The introduction of small ice in novice has removed even more games from the small number that an association that ours has to offer. My initial goal for this year was to get all officials graded properly which has just been completed.

The association started a program last year of referee development in conjunction with a few other associations. We are starting such a program again in February. At that time we will be working on full ice with on ice shadows and off ice observers. For those stronger officials we will look to get them into Atom C as soon as possible. Looking to



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next year, with most of the leg work done this year, I expect to spend more time with then year 1-3 officials and only have to check in with year 5-6 officials and get year 4 officials evaluated for Bantam.

Information pertaining to the full ice referee development for first years and some second years if slots are available will be going out shortly so that everyone understands which games in February will be used for referee development.

7.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly):

Referee Allocators Report

Games have just started again after the Christmas Break.

January 6th was my first set of games to assign officials for NWMHA and those were Atom games.

January 14th I was finally able to get some H3-4 games and get some of the first year officials on the ice.

I have had to deal with one official that has been removed from two games now because he hasn't accepted his assigned shifts and has a history of not accepting and then not showing up. I have started warning the officials that if they don't accept their games by 5pm the day before the assigned shift that I will take them off and reassign. This is because once I assign an official the game gets removed from the list of games that the other officials can pick from and they can no longer request it.

I had an incident this weekend were an official emailed me 30 minutes prior to his shift to say he would not be making it to his shift so I dragged one of the officials in my house out of bed to the game and he filled in. This is not the first incident for this official either.

I am very eager to get to the referee development, so we can get more officials out on the ice. I have been given the OK for 3 officials to be moved up I am just waiting for it to be changed in my program but have let these officials know that if there are any games that they see on the site and they are interested to please let me know and I will manually put them in. I have done this a few times for some of these individuals now and it has helped me out in a pinch.

These are the dates that I have been given for the referee development and I will send out an email to the officials to let them know they are coming out. They will be posted with two shadows. I would ask that the League Managers please make sure that they have two extra envelopes for \$25 each for each of these games for the shadows.

Teams will need:

\$22-referee

\$15x2-linesmen

\$25x2-shadows.

REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

H4 C1 - MPA 8:45am-9:45am

H4 C3 – QPA 4:30-5:30



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Feb.4/18 (vs) BMHA H4 C1
Feb.11/18 (vs) Seafair H4 C4
Feb.18/18 (vs) BMHA H4 C4
Feb.25/18 (vs) Seafair H4 C4

Feb. 3/18 (vs) BMHA
Feb.17/18 (vs) VMHA
Feb.24/18 (vs) BMHA

H4 C2 – QPA 11:30am-12:30pm

Feb.3/18 (vs) BMHA H4 C4
Feb.17/18 (vs) BMHA H4 C3
Feb. 24/18 (vs) Arbutus H4 C1

ROB WOULD LIKE A GROUP EMAIL OF: Bill, Kelly, Tara, H4 C1 C2 C3 team managers with cc Rob to confirm all these details as a group. I don't want any misses. Bill if you can't make any of these dates please let me know so that I can be sure to attend.

7.13 Division Managers:

7.13.1 H1-2 (Eric): Nothing

7.13.2 H3-4 (Tara):

H3

Both teams are underway with their seasons. Both teams are using the AP system to fill up their smaller rosters when they need it and this is working well. I am keeping track of all the AP's and will then send my documentation to Lana Wakelam, the league manager at the end of the season. All players are asked if they want to be an AP however, most decline and so it is often the same players each time. Both teams were in the Richmond Tournament during the last weekend of the holidays and this went well. We used H2 players to fill our rosters because the tournament organizers were requesting rosters of at least 12 players. Our H2 players did a great job as this was their first time playing an actual game!

The H3C1 team is entered into the Hope tournament and they will be bringing along AP's from the H3C2 as they don't have enough players. At this point the H3C2 team is only entered into 1 tournament for the season.

H4

All the teams are underway with their seasons. All the teams are also using the AP system to fill up their smaller rosters when they need it and this is working well. Again, I am keeping track of all the AP's and will then send my documentation to Lana Wakelam, the league manager at the end of the season. All H4 teams were also just at the past Richmond tournament and it went well for all these teams.



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H4C1

The team entered into 1 tournament for the season.

H4C2

This team entered into 2 tournaments for the season.

H4C3

This team entered into 2 tournaments for the season.

Note:

A few of the teams took part in the Giants fundraising where they sold tickets for a cheaper cost. Each ticket sold earns the team \$5.00 back. The game date is January 20th. For the following year, I believe that team managers should be telling their families that team funds need to be higher than the \$100 they have all asked for. The reason for this is that tournament fees have increased and fundraising is minimal. After the managers pay for their tournaments they are left with little \$ to organize team wrap ups and gifts for players and coaches. I'm wondering if the team managers manual that is online can be updated to include this information?

7.13.3 Atom (Lara):

A1 team has moved from flight 3 or flight 2.

C1 is down one goalie and C2 is down one player because of early or pre-season injuries. C2 enjoyed participating in the Semiahmoo Christmas Challenge December 2017.

7.13.4 Peewee (Nancy):

All Peewee teams are satisfied with the season so far. The three C teams had fun participating in after Christmas tournaments in December and January. The Peewee A team participated in the Peninsula Eagles Winter Classic in North Saanich the first weekend of January and won the tournament! Congratulations to Bruce and the boys for all their effort and hard work. The C teams are looking forward to the upcoming Al Hughes Tournament in March.

7.13.5 Bantam (Danielle):

Nothing to report from Bantam.

7.13.6 Midget (Greg):

Things are moving along as usual for Midget.

First off I want to send a big thank you to Desiree for running and excellent Christmas tournament. From all reports things ran smooth and there were few if any issues... outside 15 – 18 yr old boys acting like 15 – 18 yr old boys.



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Tourney Summary:

NW C teams did not advance to the medal rounds

NW A2 won the Bronze medal game 4 – 2 over Cloverdale

NW A1 won the Gold medal game 2 – 1 over Poco

We've had a few new discipline issues crop up over the last few weeks but all seem to have been, or are being dealt with, at the team level or through the association.

Helmets and gloves fighting has been an issue for Midget this year. We've had a couple incidents where kids have engaged in these boxing matches after games or practices, and in one case a player injured themselves doing this. I've let all the coaches know that NWMHA won't tolerate this behavior, and I've spoken with 3 of the 5 teams, letting all the players know that this has to stop and any further reports of this happening will be met with discipline from the association. I'll get to the last 2 teams shortly.

Current Standing for NW Midget teams

A1 – Flight 2 8-5-3 in 3rd place out of 12 teams

A2 – Flight 4 2-10-4 in 7th out of 11 teams

C1 – Gold group 4-7-1 14th out of 16

C2 – Gold group 0-10-1 16th out of 16

C3 – Gold group 5-6 11th out of 16

7.13.6 Juvenile (Jennifer):

-Survey sent to all players eligible to play Juvenile next season to see if there is interest in running a team next year.

7.13.7 Past President (Ross): No report

8. Next Meeting: February 19, 2018 (Board Room)

9. Adjournment: 8:45pm