



NWMHA

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NEW WESTMINSTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING April 30, 2012-MINUTES

1.0 PRESENTATION OF NWMHA AWARDS. Chuck Campbell (history), Ross Young (presentation) and Scott Woolley (photos).

1. Dave Daily Award: not awarded
2. Norma Daily Award: not awarded
3. Scott Munro Award: Scott Woolley
4. Scott Stacey Award: Liam Bujnowicz
5. Matthew Smith Award: Brian Hagerty
6. Juvenile Award: Brandon Sidhu
7. Fred Chapman: Matthew Young
8. 3M/Hockey Canada Coach of the Year: Brian Tuccori
9. Hockey Canada Safety Program: not awarded
10. Al Hughes Volunteer of the Year: Lynda Callard
11. Past President Award: Ross Young
12. Silver Whistle Award: Kane Van Laare
13. Referee Development Award: Braedon MacDonald, Patrick Jones, Alexander Skelton
14. Lifetime Achievement Award: Donna Urry

2.0 AGENDA/MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Agenda: with amendment to agenda to delete "if any" in motion put forth by Paul Johansen. Motion: Rob Nasato; Second: Chuck Campbell. Carried

2.2 Minutes from 2011 AGM: Motion Lynda Callard; Second: Kevin Woolley. Carried.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING (Ross Young) Crown logos are in; (Vandy Britton) Banners are updated in QPA. Thank you to Ron Booth for organizing this. Please hand any new banners to Vandy or to your Division Manager so they can be hung in the appropriate arena.

4. 0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Motion submitted by Paul Johansen: That New Westminster Minor Hockey Association, through committee, discusses and recommends to the next

AGM appropriate amendments to their Constitution and By-Laws. Rationale: Other Minor Hockey Associations have developed clearer and more relevant Constitutions and By-Laws. Motion: Paul Johansen; Second: Rob Nasato. Carried.

4.2 Clothing Store update (Ross Young/Rob Nasato): met with the company last Wednesday. Two components to the clothing store: (1) Team component – price for teamwear is lower than the price for single sales; (2) “Anybody” component – single sales; wanted to get our ‘brand’ out there; began late in the year, but it’s a start; need to advertise better about the fundraising aspect of the plan, etc.; will review and consider other alternatives for the coming year.

4.3 Queen’s Park Master Plan (Ross Young/Ron Booth): there is a working plan in place for improvements to Queen’s Park. If you wish to provide input, there is an open house on Wed May 2nd from 6-8pm at Century House.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 President report – Ross Young. Thank you to the executive for all the support and for a great season; hopefully, new people on the executive will keep the enthusiasm going. We have a great association – let’s keep it that way.

5.2 1st Vice President – Rob Nasato. In charge of fundraising and the website.

1- Thanks to our sponsors: H1-4 Tim Hortons; Atom C division, 3 teams, Lowes (New Sponsor this year); Peewee A, Scotia Bank; Bantam A, Scotia Bank (would like to target a few more sponsors for next season, did not have the time last summer due to family issues)

2-Other contributors: Westminster Shriners donated \$2,325 to our financial assistance fund and funded an H3 event.

3-Giants event;

-big thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard and helped us raise \$4,664, with 10% to Financial assistance funds and the rest to the teams of the volunteers

-Team managers and team for ticket sales of 917, raising \$4585 for teams.

4- Web Site

-continued updating and using it as a means of communications

-goal was to have a place for people to get info. This was successful

-registration documents on line and printable forms now, but no on line registration until PCAHA changes their rules regarding electronic submission.

Also our Registrar indicated that she worked on the Burnaby Minor registration on line and it is more costly than it is worth at this time.

-Want to promote teams creating their own sites using free options, like Team Pages or similar, we can easily create a link on our page to help

5.3 2nd Vice President – Purn Disanjh. Oversees tournaments that NWMHA runs. (Midget A and C tournament – held pre-Christmas. Thanks to the Division Manager and the team managers for a great job on the Midget tournament. In the Spring we run a combined Atom and PeeWee tournament. Thanks to the Division Managers and to the parents who were involved on the committees. Special thanks to Rob Nasato for taking time off work for organizing the games at MPA and thanks to Ross for taking time off and helping out so much.

5.4 3rd Vice President – Bud Sage. Responsible for the Social, the Picture Night and Safety/risk management.

1- Annual Greet & Meet Social: This is the third year this has been held. All members of the association are welcomed and encouraged to attend. This year we had approx 60 people attend. This is not a fund raiser, Stefano’s Restaurant charges us \$10 per person and we charge each person \$10

2-Association Picture Night: AAA photography was used again this year. All teams were done on one night, starting about 5PM and running until about 9PM. We did shuffle a few teams to accommodate their schedule. Pictures were delivered before Christmas and no retake night was necessary this year.

3-Safety: As head of safety this year, I attended a meeting regarding changes and additions to this position at the PCAHA office. I organized and hosted a Safety Clinic. This was held at QPA, and had about 40 people register. About 20 of them were from New Westminster. With more emphasis being placed on hits to the head and team safety, this position is growing.

I also attended the PCAHA meeting with Ross, Chuck and Vandy. This was held in Cloverdale.

5.5 Treasurer – Chuck Campbell. Financial statements handed out. We are running with a “break even” budget. Revenues were on budget for the year; the costs were lower than we anticipated; we will not need to raise registration fees; we are offering more programs now than we have in the past; have applied for ‘direct access’ funds from the provincial government – still waiting to hear regarding this. We are in a strong position financially. Regarding tax receipts: he individually types out the receipts, and then lets the Division Manager know that they are ready. They would then pass them to the Team Manager. In the future, receipts will be available much earlier than they were this year. As well, we will be trying to find another way of issuing the receipts in a more efficient manner.

Motion to approve the financial statements with the balance sheet corrected to reflect the correct date. Moved by Chuck Campbell; Seconded by Ron Connor. Carried.

Motion to approve the budget: Move by Chuck; Seconded by Paul Johansen. Carried.

5.6 Registrar – Kathryn Matts. I took over the role of Registrar when Ross Young asked me ...and follow in the impossible-to-fill shoes of Donna Urry as PCAHA is now benefitting from her knowledge.

As an introduction to members I have 3 kids in NWMH: twin daughters in Peewee and a son in Midget. I was the Registrar for Burnaby Minor Hockey for three years until we moved to New Westminster in 2008. I did not intend to get involved this year at all but it is hard to say no when asked and when you know that a volunteer association is in a bind. I realised quite quickly that we are very lucky in New Westminster to have a great group of dedicated volunteers on our executive. They put the needs of the kids first and I have been impressed at the round table and the rapport amongst the group.

Regarding the registrar position....I have so far completed almost 300 registrations and have two dates scheduled for registration ...A decision was made this year to change the early registration deadline to March 31. 237 registrations were completed by this date.

I will be holding two springtime registrations with one coming up on Sunday May 06 at Moody Park Arena from 11-2 and one more on Saturday June 2 at QPA from 10-2.

I will also have a registration date in August (tba).

I have done up some posters and I am in the process of setting up a twitter and facebook page. Once twitter is going, we can keep membership current through social media accessibility as well as email.

5.7 Coach Coordinator – Shawn Lakusta.

- 1) BC Hockey AGM: quite apparent that NWMHA is on par with other associations in terms of coaching skill development and leading others in some areas;
- 2) October Hybrid Coaching Course: many, many hours to arrange and deal with attendance issues; in the end 20 more coaches certified; our certification numbers are excellent
- 3) Delinquent Coach: one coach who refused to take the Hybrid Certification; removed from the bench; matter being addressed by PCAHA and BC Hockey;
- 4) Shared Ice: very successful program; coaches have bought in and it has become a common practice now; thanks to all for making this work;
- 5) Powerskating Program: very successful again; hopefully ice can be found to replace the ice we are losing; program is critical if we are to continue improving development; urge the new executive to make this a priority; New West kids shouldn't have to leave city to have this opportunity;
- 6) Coaching Incident: two coaches suspended for an incident on the bench; suspensions are for the rest of this season and next season;
- 7) Coaching Day in BC: attended this event in February; another excellent learning opportunity.

5.8 Referee-in Chief – Mirko Dabic. Absent. Report given by Ross: Spring hockey tournament games offered to New West officials at Planet ice; New officials clinic for 2012 will be set through BC Hockey for September following summer break. Finally I want to thank all our officials for a doing a great job this season. I enjoyed working with the kids.

5.9 Equipment Manager – Kevin Woolley. Thank you Ross, Ron Booth and Mark Stevens for all of their assistance. Thanks also to Matt and Mike. Spring gear is out. Just about all gear from the season is back. Still missing safety bags. Continuing to update equipment.

5.10 Ice Allocator – Lynda Callard. Another year down. Had some challenges. Thanks to Ron Booth for his assistance.

5.11 Referee Allocator – Jennifer Borrowman. Nothing to report.

5.12 Division Managers' Reports:

Juvenile – Bill Carlson (absent). Ross read the report: The single Juvenile team had a great season. In the beginning there were too many players so cuts had to be made. The team was placed in Flight 2 after the tiering process and managed to finish the season in the middle of the Flight. After failing to qualify for the Provincials the Juvenile team went on to win the Presidents Series Banner. I would like to thank coaches Jeff Ray, Shawn Hagan and Lee Urry, along with manager Donna Urry. They worked many hours in a division that lacks parental help.

I am going step down from the Juvenile Division Manager position. I have enjoyed my three years on the NWMHA Executive, both as Midget Division Manager and Juvenile Division Manager. I understand and appreciate the hours the Executive Members contribute. I want to thank you all for your help. I will miss the social work relations the Executive experiences.....it was great to work with you all.

Midget – Mike Hrybyk (absent). No report.

Bantam – Kevin O'Quinn. C 1 - placed third in Gold Group; Had many injuries this year. If you are interested in coaching, get in early and let the DM know. Bantam A had a positive year, played in Flight 2 with 8-8-4.

Pee wee – Kerry Lynn. Overall it was a successful season for all 4 of the Pee Wee Teams in the association this year. We had 3 C teams and 1 A team. I would like to thank all the coaches, team managers and parents for their commitment this season. I was out of town a lot and they were all helpful, very professional and well organized which sure made my job easy.

As is usually the case when the process is allowed to play itself out the 3 C teams were well balanced this season. Their overall league game results were within 5 wins of each other.

C1: 25-16-7 (Blue Group)

C2: 20-22-6 (Gold Group)

C3: 20-25-3 (Gold Group)

Highlights:

C1 Team

- Had a great start to the season and were moved to the Gold group at Xmas where they faced tougher competition. They continued to play well and finished middle of the pack in that division.
- Marc Mondin, Paul Hackett and Tony Black did an excellent job and this team was an exciting team to watch move the puck. Team Manager Steve Tucsok kept them all organized throughout the season.
- C1 won the Xmas Tournament they entered in Hope
- C1 won their Banner Game with a 2-1 win over Burnaby C3
- C1 won the Al Hughes Tournament with a very entertaining game against Mission

C2 Team

- C2 had a solid season and was very competitive all season despite missing a high number of players from game to game with other commitments and illness.
- I want to thank Coaches Bruce McAndless Davis, Rob Celle, Wayne McCarthy and Brad Melenychuk along with Team Manager Kelly Corbett for an excellent season.
- C2 won their Banner Game with a 5-4 win over Burnaby C4
- Placed 3rd in the Al Hughes Tournament

C3 Team

- C3 started off the year strong but tapered off at the end of the year with a short bench due to injuries and other commitments.
- Coaches Bob Turnbull, Shawn Hagan and Duane Searle did an excellent job keeping their players motivated throughout the year and into our Al Hughes Tournament where they played strong but came up short to some very tough competition. Samantha Balfour was outstanding in keeping this group organized which is not an easy job!
- They won a PCAHA Team Achievement Award for Sportsmanship and Fair Play which is exactly inline with how Bob, Shawn and Duane coach any team they have had over the years.

A Team

- The A1 team was coached by a very strong and committed coaching team lead by Dwight Noda and assisted by Paul Manville, Nick, von Schonberg, David Lafond, Jaime Salas. Team Manager Jody Harris did an excellent job all year keeping everyone on-track and on-time.
- A1 utilized their taxi squad of 4 players very effectively with 3 of the 4 playing many tournament, league and playoff games. As last year this program will have a positive impact on next year's team as the first year taxi squad players, along with the 5 first year players that made the team, will form a strong player and parent nucleus next season.
- The team started their season very strong winning the Gold Medal at the Las Vegas Can/Am Tournament against some very competitive teams from the USA. Except for the first game all remaining games were decided by a single goal.
- The team played some of their best hockey of the season going down the stretch making it to the second, single knockout game against a strong Semiahmoo team.
- They placed second in their tier of the Presidents Cup, losing by a single point to South Delta.

Once again thanks to everyone who helped out in the Pee Wee Division this season, especially those that stepped up to help with the Al Hughes Tournament.

Atom - Dave Schweitzer.

This was my first year on the executive of NWMHA, and I'd like to thank all the executive members for their help and support while I learned the ropes...especially a big thank you to Ross, Rob, Shawn and Kerry for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

There were four teams in the Atom division this year, each team consisting of seventeen players. There was one A (rep) team and three C (house) teams. If we had a Division Manager in place earlier in 2011, we could have formed five teams (four house teams).

Thank yous:

- A team head coach Shawn Lakusta and manager Lou Ballarin
- C1 head coach Jason Bishop and manager Flo Cyrenne
- C2 head coach Kurtis Lyons and manager Joanne Parkinson
- C3 head coach James Musgrave and manager Barb Drake
- all the assistant coaches and safety people for all the teams

Summary of A team:

- started off year in Flight 2
- after Christmas got moved to Flight 3
- entered three tournaments, winning one of them (the tournament in Port Moody at Christmas)
- Flight 3 playoff champs and received the champions banner

Summary of C teams:

- first part of year consisted of tiering games until Christmas; after Christmas, C1 and C2 played in one of the middle flights and C3 played in one of the bottom flights
- all three teams were in two tournaments during the year
- C1 team won the bronze medal in the New Westminster tournament during Spring Break
- C3 team were runners up in the final of their playoff game and received the runner up banner

Thanks to all the Atom parents for their volunteer time and fundraising support, especially all the coaches and managers.

Division 3 and 4 Manager - Janet Lakusta.

H4 had 2 teams with 2 coaches per team. Our numbers were good for 2 teams during the preskates...unfortunately, we had five H4 players leave our association to go to the Burnaby Winter Club in September. We acquired 2 late registrants from Burnaby Minor to fill the spots which was enough to have 2 teams. Slow improvement in the beginning of the season but they eventually won games in the latter part of the season. It was a learning experience for the kids.

H3 had 2 teams with 4 -5 coaches per team. We had 4 players who were in H1 last year and 2 new players with little hockey or skating experience. However, the H3 teams adopted the "shared ice time" philosophy again this year and these players have improved 2 fold and have made both H4 teams equally competitive against other larger associations. Since these H3 players were the first group of H2's last year who participated in our first pilot H2 powerskating program, the benefits of the programs has produced a group of strong players for H4 next year.

Thanks to all the parents for supporting your child's development throughout the year. I would like to send a special thanks to all parent volunteers and parent team officials who have stepped up again in making the players' experience special and FUN!!!

Division 1 and 2 Manager - Barb Drake. First year as DM. Great season for initiation hockey. H1 had 32 players; they had a fabulous time - developmental program; H2 had 28 players - 2 really strong teams. Strong coaches. Thank you.

6.0 ELECTIONS

President : Two nominees - Rob Nasato and Paul Johansen. Rob Nasato is elected. Motion to destroy the ballots. Motion: Chuck Campbell; Second: Lynda Callard. Carried;

1st Vice President – Kevin O’Quinn;

2nd Vice President – Purn Disanjh;

3rd Vice President – Bud Sage;

Treasurer – Chuck Campbell;

Registrar – Kathryn Matts;

Coach Coordinator – **vacant**;

Referee-in-Chief – Mirko Dabic;

Equipment Manager – Kevin Woolley;

Ice Allocator – Lynda Callard;

Referee Allocator – Kelly Corbett;

Division Managers:

Juvenile – **vacant**;

Midget – Mike Hrybyk;

Bantam – Jaime Salas;

Peewee – Kerry Lynn;

Atom – **vacant**;

Hockey 3 & 4– Two nominees: Lana Wakelam and Calvin Osborne. Lana Wakelam is elected. Motion to destroy the ballots: Ross Young; second Kevin O’Quinn; Carried.

Hockey 1 & 2 – Barb Drake;

Secretary – Vandy Britton.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT at 9:19pm. Motion by Ross Young; 2nd: Kerry Lynn. Carried.