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**NEW WESTMINSTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Monday, April 30, 2018 Awards 6:30pm; AGM 7:00pm  
NWSS Library**

**2017/2018 AWARDS CEREMONY** (Presented by Rob Nasato)

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**1 New Business:** 2017 2018 Award Winners

Dave Dailey Award (Plaque and hockey scholarship) : MASON JONES

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TYLER SEMKEW

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the following season): IKJOT MANDER

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Al Hughes Volunteer of the Year Award: MARTINE LEHMANN

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TREVOR SCHWEITZER

Referee Development Award (Certificate and Referee school scholarship):  
JAMIE ANDERSON, JOSIAH FOX, ALEC LAKUSTA

Life Time Achievement Award  
KEVIN WOOLEY, BETH MCNAUGHTON



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- NWMHA Scholarships (\$1000/PLAYER)
  - Jordan Atchison
  - Shane Carey
  - Finnley Cookson
  - Robert Hackett
  - Nicholas Hagan
  - Jacob Lynn
  
- Aaron Loughhead Scholarship: (\$752)
  - Finnley Cookson.

Recognition given to banner winners:

Bantam C1 Presidents C League Playoff Champion

Atom C1 Presidents C League Playoff Champion

Peewee A1 Tier 3 League Champions (qualified for Provincials)

Midget A1 Team achievement

2 **Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion: ; Second: . Carried

3 **Adoption of AGM Minutes** of Wednesday, May 2, 2017.

Motion: ; Second: . Carried.

4 **Business arising:** nothing of note

5 **Reports: attached at end of document.**

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

6.5.1 Motion to approve the Financial Statement as presented for 2017-2018. Motion: Kurt, Second: Lynda Callard. Carried

6.5.2 Motion to approve the Budget 2018-2019. Motion: Kurt, Second: Greg Sanderson. Carried

6.6 Registrar: Janet Lakusta

6.7 Secretary: vacant

6.8 Coach Coordinator: Jeff Nottingham



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- 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
  - 6.13.8 Past President: Ross Young

## 7. Elections:

- 6.1 President: Jeff Nottingham
- 6.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Tom Nash
- 6.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Desiree Savoy
- 6.4 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Mark Lewis
- 6.5 Treasurer: Kurt Bordian
- 6.6 Registrar: Janet Lakusta
- 6.7 Secretary: Mark Schnurr
- 6.8 Coach Coordinator: VACANT
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- 6.13 Division Managers:
  - 6.13.1 Tyke, formerly Hockey 1-2: Eric Swanson
  - 6.13.2 Novice, formerly Hockey 3-4: VACANT
  - 6.13.3 Atom: Tara Creightney
  - 6.13.4 PeeWee: Nancy Graham
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8. Motion to adjourn at 7:53pm. Motion: Janet Lakusta; Second: Beth McNaughton.  
Carried



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## Reports:

### 6.1 President (Rob):

After 6 years as President, 7 more years as Vice President and 19 years in a row of volunteering it is time for me to step down as President. I figure that next year as Past President I will still be involved and will bring me to 20 years in a row of volunteering. I have had the honour of working with many great volunteers over the years and enjoyed my time immensely.

My years on the executive were focused in three basic areas: that of governance, development and branding.

On the governance front I worked on first bringing NWMHA from the photocopy era to the modern era, with the development of a web page and the documenting of all of our procedures. I am sure we can still improve but I am proud at the transparency of our organization. In my 13 years on the Executive I have helped write or re-write every policy. This is a boring area to work on but needed when you run an organization that has as many issues as minor hockey has. I have tried to continue the tradition of NWMHA being a vocal and integral part of Presidents C league, PCAHA, and BC Hockey. NWMHA may be small but we are a vocal and influential organization. The end result was for the first time in our 75 years (at the time), NWMHA being awarded the association of the year in PCAHA in 2013-2014. I hope this tradition of leadership continues.

On the development front, I am proud to have created several programs in NWMHA. The skills clinics on Wednesdays and Saturdays, were done through reallocation of ice time to focus on skills versus game play. The introduction to rep tryouts program we have run in March was geared towards taking the stigma out of tryouts. Tryouts are a stressful time for players and parents and I hope by doing this program we help ease the stress level by answering questions and seeing the process played out in advance. The most recent program started was our referee development program. Initially this was done with the intent of side stepping some of BC Hockey's last minute announcement of the cross ice program, but once we began planning we decided if we were going to do it we were going to do it right. The success of this program is way beyond my wildest dreams. Parents, referees, shadows, coaches and players have all praised the program.

Finally on branding, I hope the NWMHA Royals brand is starting to become well known within the City. For years we did not promote our image and through my tenure I have strived to change that. It is my continued hope that the executive continues to promote our image and logo to become well known in New West by continuing to provide NWMHA logo apparel to our players.



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It is my hope that the initiatives I have help start-up will continue, but evolve as new ideas come forward. We need to remember why we are doing things and figure out if there are ways to do them better.

Hockey is a way for NWMHA to teach kids life skills through hockey, this is a message we must continue. Yes we want to teach hockey skills, but team work, battling through adversity, learning through hard work, respect for all involved in the game are some of the skills we must always promote.

Regarding the 207-2018 season, it really was a piece of cake being President. Great volunteers at the Executive level helped relieve me of a lot of work, their dedication to the kids and the sport must be commended. Without this leadership group hockey as we know it would not exist. My thanks to everyone on the Executive for making this year run so smoothly.

**NWMHA:** I will leave the updating of the years events to each members report that follows.

Due to issue relating to gaming grants we moved our registration start to April 1, the result is very low registration numbers year to date. We will need a big registration push to be able to secure adequate ice for next season.

**PCAHA:** The entire year was spent dealing with the top down management of BC Hockey and the directive that were sent our way. A very frustrating year at this level, not due to PCAHA, but due to BC Hockey.

**BC Hockey:** 1-AGM June, Sun Peaks:

I put forward a resolution to change area size as it relates to cross ice hockey, the ensuing discussion and debate was memorable. Although it was not my intention to be on the attack my challenging of the board of directors and their committees was not taken well. However, the discussion with membership of BC Hockey afterwards was positive. One end result is Half Ice Hockey was approved. There is clearly a disconnect between BC Hockey and its membership. The BC Hockey Board and Executive are moving more and more into operations and I believe it is not in the best interest of the growth of hockey, primarily because most of the initiatives drive up cost.

Due to the process followed by BC Hockey in preparation for the AGM, I submitted a process improvement request that a committee of BC Hockey followed up on. I am not sure if my suggestions will go forward or not but hope some of my suggestions are used to clarify the processes and the rights of members to put forward motions.



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2- Minor Midget Program was announced in late March. Teams will be the same zones as major midget and will be only 15 year olds.

3- Zone bantam teams are being considered for the 2019-2020 season, details to follow.

Finally, I would like to end with another thanks to all the volunteers in NWMHA who make hockey happen for the kids.

## 6.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Bernie): SPONSORSHIP / FUNDRAISING

All sponsors from 2016/17 repeated their commitment in 17/18:

Ford

Grimms Fine Foods

Wayfair

Kal tire

No giants game this season. Since the change to the Langley Event Centre it has become more difficult as the Giants changed their approach. Fewer games, more weekday games, lower attendance and a venue that's tougher to get to on a weeknight.

## COMMUNICATION

"Presidents Message" I only produced one issue, as I did not have the time and energy to put more out

Spent a lot of time at the rink to listen to our membership and felt the pulse in the stands. We are in OK shape but have to make sure we don't abandon our House Teams, after all they are the foundation of Minor Hockey.

## IDEAS GOING FORWARD

We need initiatives such as a "Hockey Info Day" at Moody in the Summer. We should look into linking community skating lessons with joining NWMHA.

## 6.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Desiree):

### **Tournament Coordinator Report for 2017-2018 Season**

This season NWMHA hosted 3 tournaments as we have in the past.

December 27-30th 2017 we hosted the Herb House Memorial Tournament. We had a total of 15 teams participating. We had 10 teams in the C Division.



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The 3 top teams were:

Gold - Port Moody Midget C3

Silver - Langley Midget C3

Bronze - North Delta Midget C2

There were 5 teams in the A division. The top 3 teams were:

Gold - New Westminister Midget A1-T2

Silver - Port Coquitlam Midget A1-T2

Bronze - New Westminister Midget A2-T3

There were no changes to this tournament this year.

March 17th-20th we hosted 2 tournaments. The Bobby Love Memorial Tournament and The Al Hughes Memorial Tournament.

The Bobby Love Memorial Tournament for Atom C had 8 teams participating.

Gold Medal Winners - Vancouver Thunderbird Atom C7

Silver Medal Winners - Cloverdale Atom C4

Bronze Medal Winners - New Westminister Atom C1

Most Sportsmanlike Team - Burnaby Atom C5

The Al Hughes Memorial Tournament hosted 10 Pee wee C teams.

Gold Medal - Surrey Pee wee C5

Silver Medal - New Westminister Pee wee C3

Bronze Medal - Surrey Pee wee C1

With these 2 tournaments we missed the fantastic announcing skills of Daniel Fontaine. We attempted to reach out to NWSS for volunteers to take on these duties without any success. We also explored the idea of providing a hot dog to all the players in lieu of snacks. This turned out to be quite expensive so the tournament committee decided to only provide the drink tickets to the players. There weren't any comments or complaints about not having snacks for players after the games. One new thing that we added to this tournament was the individual sportsmanship awards given away to a player from each team at every game. This was very well received, and the novelty jersey skate shaped towels were very appreciated.

Derek Thornhill continued his ongoing amazing support of our tournaments donating a total of \$1000 and 100 swag bags towards the intermission prizing given away at all 3 tournaments. Boston Pizza also provided MVPizza's to all the MVPs throughout all the tournaments. Ippolita Corcione also donated 2 Nespresso Machines this season that we're given away as parent prizes at the tournaments. We had many of the same donors



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contribute to the tournaments and new donors this season included Steel and Oak Brewery and Kelly O'Bryan's.

Many thanks to the many volunteers from the association who were the key to our successful tournaments this season.

This was my first season as tournament coordinator for NWMHA and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I learned a lot and hope to continue on for next season.

6.4 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Tracy):

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## 6.5 Treasurer (Kurt):

### Treasurer's Report

Find attached the operating statements for the periods ending February 28, and March 31, 2018.

The March 31, 2018 Financial Statements are attached. Some of the hi-lights for the year are noted below:

- \$2,982 excess of revenue over expenditures
- registration fees were lower than budgeted due to 3 fewer teams than expected
- the fewer teams reduced key budgeted expenses of: ice rental, referees, insurance and memberships
- uniforms, equipment and supplies increased from a budget of \$17,000 to \$50,000. The increase was used from lower expenses noted above. The additional funds were used to purchase new SP red and white jerseys for Atom to Midget divisions, and jerseys for Hockey 1 to Hockey 4.
- Cash in the bank was \$52,134 and GIC held at March 31, 2018 was \$23,395

Budget for the 2018/2019 Hockey Year is also attached. Some of the hi-lights for the year are noted below:

- Overall budget of \$277,250, for revenue and expenditures
- we expect registration of players to be similar to the prior year
- registration fees have increased approximately 2.5%
- we plan to spend more on development of players, referees, and volunteer coaches
- ice rental is expected to increase by 2%
- we plan to increase tournament subsidy to \$900
- we plan to review the cost to acquire proper dividers for cross ice hockey in uniforms, equipment and supplies category

## 6.6 Registrar (Janet):

### REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2017-18 SEASON

#### Part 1 - 2017-18 Registration per division

- H1 -- 19



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- H2 -- 13
- H3 -- 25
- H4 -- 39
- Atom -- 54
- PeeWee -- 60
- Bantam -- 42
  - NOTE: 3 WL - all 3 played for 3 neighbouring associations
- Midget -- 87
- Juvenile C -- 10
  - All were released and division folded. 2 players played for neighbouring associations this year.

## **Part 2 - 2018-19 Registration Update as of April 16, 2018**

- H1 -- international players that need more paperwork(2)
- H2 -- 3
- H4 -- 6
- Atom -- 15 (13 skaters + 2 goalies)
- PeeWee -- 18+1 (17 skaters + 1 goalies)
  - 1 returning international student pending approvals
- Bantam -- 20 (16 skaters + 4 goalies)
- Midget -- 22+2 (20 skaters + 4 goalies)
  - 2 returning player movement from Surrey
- Juvenile -- 10 (8 skaters + 2 goalies)

## **Part 3 - Female Releases in 2017-18**

- Total of 24 to neighbouring MHA with Female hockey programs.
- Richmond Ravens, Tri-cities Female IHA, Surrey Female MHA, Burnaby MHA Female Hockey, Richmond Devils(Juvenile), South Delta Hockey Academy
- H1-4 inclusive – 6
- Atom age – 4
- PeeWee – 1
- Bantam – 4
- Midget – 7
- Juvenile – 2
- Total number of female hockey players/goalies from New Westminister from 2010 – 2017 seasons who played for NWMHA.
  - 2010 - 11: 18 (3 of them moved to female rep or MML and 1 of them played NWMHA Juvenile A)
  - 2011 - 12: 13
  - 2012 - 13: 9 (1 of them moved to MML)



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- 2013 - 14: 9 (1 of them moved to MML)
- 2014 - 15: 13 (1 of them moved to MML)
- 2015 - 16: 15
- 2016 - 17: 15
- 2017 - 18: 16 (1 of them moved to a Female Hockey Academy)

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

April 30, Monday AGM, NWSS to be confirmed.  
May 14, Monday  
June 11, Monday  
Aug 1, **Wednesday**

6.8 Coach Coordinator (Jeff):

Thanks to all the coaches and Bench staff this season, the players, parents and Executive Members thank you for your time and effort.

This past season with the extra effort put forward in communication between Coaches and RPM, our development is improving. This off season I have already approached RPM in changing the way we will use them in H1 to H4. More details to be released in May/June. I will also be looking at other elements in regards to adding more development for this up coming season keeping in mind the cost and time commitment for each family.

On the Coaching front we had a number on former players return to help coach from H2 to Midget A2, I looking to continue to promote former players and parents to gut back into the game to help make a good experience for our young Royals.

Coaching recruiting is on going this Month for the upcoming season, Hopping to have Rep coaches in place by mid May.

6.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin):

New Whites ordered from Midget down to Atom.



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I have tried to contact Hockey Canada about donating our old jerseys at least 3 times with no answer.

I have a place on Annacis Island that will take and shred them. They charge \$.95 per lb, so we could be looking at a \$300 - \$500 bill

Returns under way, not everything back yet.

Mike Flintoff donated some goal pads and some ref gear, Bill will take the ref gear.

I have a few reds to replace as a few Midget kids wanted to keep their jerseys. Only issue may be a setup fee because of small quantities.

## 6.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda):

The 2017/18 season has come to a close and as far as scheduling conflicts, this year seemed to be one of the best. I believe we have found the schedule that works the best to eliminate the chance of conflicts. Of course this could all change next year as associations make up and tweak their own ice allocations for the 2018/19 season.

I believe we need to work a little closer with the new team managers coming in as it seemed that we turned back a lot of unused ice this year. With ice at a premium we want to show the city that we do indeed need the ice that is allocated to us.

I have already started talking to the city about using a shared calendar for next year as this will give them the most up to date information on our ice slots, such as who is using them, whether they are empty, if ice cleans are changed, and various other details that go on during the season.

Once again it has been a pleasure working with Ron Booth, Anne Malm and Lori Tumber at the city and of course our own executive.

Thanks to everyone.



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## 6.11 Referee-in-Chief: (Bill)

My year started in May when I began to gather information on our then current officials and working on a letter to go out to the new officials interested in officiating for the coming season. Once the Letter of Invitation was completed, it was forwarded to the Division Managers to be sent out to 2nd year Pee Wee players and Bantam division and placed on our website.

I attended my first BC Hockey AGM where I made contact with other Association RICs and was able to put faces to names of those involved with officiating at BC Hockey. Overall it was informative and a great forum for a new RIC to meet those in the same position from other associations.

With the help of the referee allocator, whom I would rely on heavily for the rest of the season, we worked with BC Hockey to get a local clinic setup for our new officials. Due to the issues of ice availability and not knowing when the ice would go into QPA, this process extended further into the new season than normal.

I spent the beginning of the season introducing myself to as many officials as I could, based on their signing up for assignments where I could meet them at the rink and observe them as soon as possible. For the older, senior officials that may or may not have New Westminister as their home association, I introduced myself to put faces to names.

I also made appearances at the managers' meeting and the coaches' meeting to introduce myself and to expect to see me at games working with the officials. I also emphasized that they are to contact me about officials and not to take matters into their own hands and approach the officials themselves.

Throughout the season, I spent a lot of time going out and observing as many of the officials as I was able to and proceeded to speak with them after the games. My priority for this season was to get to know, evaluate and ensure that our officials were at the proper level of grading so that they can participate in more games. We only had a handful of officials stepping up to do games at first which made it difficult to evaluate all the officials so the ones that were available got the opportunity to move up sooner than others.

Once the ice schedule was worked out as QPA had ice in it, we were finally able to setup our clinic for the beginner officials. We originally had communication with 13 New Westminister individuals that were interested and then started receiving requests from individuals from other associations because they had either missed their association's clinic or they didn't have one to go to. We opened it up to Hollyburn, West Vancouver and Richmond. This would have brought our numbers up to



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approximately 25 participants. By the end of the back and forth with everyone we ended up with 10 participating: 9 individuals from our association and 1 from Richmond. The ones from the other associations ended up finding a clinic closer or their associations ended up getting one provided for them.

Throughout the season, there were a few incidents with game incident reports either not being filled out correctly or submitted. I spoke with all officials, whether involved or not, that they need to be aware of when they need to fill out incident reports and if they are not sure or are having difficulties, to contact either myself or one of the senior officials to help them out.

It wasn't until November that the novice games began to be scheduled so I was finally able to get out to see a few of the new officials that were available to sign up while continuing to work with the older officials.

For the next couple of months I was busy working with as many of the older officials as possible so that I could get them graded accordingly. As it was my first year as RIC, I spent more time than I would normally as not only did I need to work with them, I needed to get to know all of them so I could learn how best to work with them as individuals. I spent a lot of time working with years 4-5 as I was preparing them to work Bantam games which can find them working with others anywhere in the President's League and I want to ensure that they were comfortable, capable and confident.

As we are a small association, we do not have many games to offer for officials hence why I spent a lot of time trying to get our older officials graded first so they were able to move up allowing for more opportunities for our newer officials. The introduction of small ice in novice has removed even more games from the small number that an association that ours has to offer.

Referee Development commenced in February for our first year officials and proved to be successful once again. Through the year we have had eight active officials of the initial nine that took the clinic earlier in the year provided by NWMHA and put on by BC Hockey.



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Of the 10 referee assignments, 6 went to first years as requested which left 4 opportunities for second years. In all, we had 10 individuals take on the referee assignments. Of the 20 linesman assignments, 14 were filled by first years where all first years did at least one assignment. As with the referee assignments, there were some spots that were not filled by first years that went out to the second years. Two of these assignments were filled by officials not because they wanted the development, but because they wanted to help out so we wouldn't be short on the ice. As they came to learn, development never stops and they were quite surprised at what they took in from the development.

Overall, the sessions went quite well. We had a total of six officials from the midget division that helped out as shadows and one from outside the association, but still a New Westminister official, that filled in on short notice. We had three that did it last year and have added three new ones. Each session had two shadows assigned. One shadow worked with the referee while the other worked with the linesmen. Along with the shadows, Rob Nasato and I observed from rink side and communicated with both the shadows and the officials when needed.

Feedback from coaches, parents (of players, officials, and shadows), was very positive and along with the shadows' input, helped us continue to tweak the program. This being my first time taking part in this, I look forward to continuing the program, as well as extending a similar program for our older officials next year.

As with the referee development, everyone else's seasons were slowly coming to an end which, for one reason or another, brings the worst out in some people. Over the majority of the season, I only had to deal with a couple of incidents in an official capacity where coaches and parents from visiting associations approached the officials after a game. Another time involved one coach from our association that provided an email to me outlining his concerns about the officiating which is the correct way to go about it. After discussions with the officials involved, I answered back regarding his concerns letting him know that some issues are not issues at all but that the officials are doing things correctly and in other instances, using them as teaching points to work on with the officials and pass along to the rest of the officials in case they find themselves in similar situations. However, these situations plus a few more, did not prepare me for what came at the end of the season.

Whether it was having to take on an assignment as a linesman in an Atom A game, or deciding to take the place of a linesman from a PeeWee A game, not due to discipline



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however, but for me to have a direct presence in a game in case that game was needed to play, my belief that minor hockey in general, with regards to respect of officials, has improved greatly is not at all the case. How people can argue and try to justify their behavior when confronted after they hurl abuse at the officials, in some of the worse cases, 14-17 years old, I will never understand. Even if I whole heartedly agreed with them regarding the officiating of a particular game, nothing will ever justify screaming names at officials or giving a two middle finger salute and saying a referee sucks while walking out of an arena after the conclusion of a game.

Although I had completed grading all our officials, I continued to work with them with emphasis on those that are taking on a new role for the first time, ie lining/reffing an Atom/PeeWee A/C game for the first time, or if they specifically ask if I was available to come watch whether first year or not. I then found myself during the Bobby Love and Al Hughes Tournaments starting to go to games based on the teams playing as well as the officials on the ice. My priority was still with our less experienced officials and those that requested for me to be there. I would go watch them instead of going to a game that may or may not have a problem but I was still concerned and thinking about the officials in those other games.

For the most part, the tournament went well and I received positive feedback from most of the coaches I spoke to regarding our officials. There were only two teams that created enough disturbance for me to 1) cut short a debriefing with officials at one rink in order to go to the other rink and 2) leave work early at 2:00pm in order to watch a game involving a team that crossed the line earlier in the day with a referee.

These moments aside, it has been a very rewarding year personally, as I have watched all our officials, not just our beginners, gain the confidence and positive experiences they need to succeed in the vital roles that they play. For those that were involved in some of the most negative experiences, it is unfortunate that they had to go through these experiences, but after talking with them, I am confident they will not allow those people to discourage them from continuing to officiate next year.

With the experience I gained this past year, I have already been looking to next year and how we can continue to improve the development and overall experience for all our officials and not just the first years. Although both my boys will be in Juvenile next year, and will spend most of their available time officiating Bantam and Midget, I look forward to building upon what I started this year, working with a great group of officials, to continue their development and usher in a new group of individuals wanting to become officials.





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## 6.12 Referee Allocator: (Kelly)

This year we started off with a total of 56 officials in New West. We finished with 36 active officials. This was either due to officials not continuing and getting recertified or just not wanting to continue on with officiating as they were either busy with other sports or their own hockey teams or just getting jobs.

### **We started with:**

- 12 first year officials – finished with 10
- 13 Second year officials – finished off with 9
- 31 third year and up officials and finished with 17.

On average each first-year official was assigned 5 – 17 games; Second year officials 5 – 20 games; The third year and up of course averaged a bit more as they were helping with the shadowing during the referee development. This number consisted of 7 of our more experienced officials.

Each year it is getting easier to set up the first-year referee clinic. All the kids that attended had a good time and seemed to be very attentive. They asked a lot of questions and seemed very eager to start reffing. I myself attended the clinic as well as one of the super clinics this year and became a certified referee.

### **February and March this season were a busy two months.**

February is when we held the referee development. This again was well accepted and well attended by all our officials. We were able to get a strong group of shadows to work with not only our first-year officials but we did have some second year officials that felt they needed to attend for some needed support and we welcomed them to come out and get further instruction. With the help of Bill and Rob this again went really well.

Throughout February and March there were a few teams that even though their season had come to an end, were setting up last minute exhibition games just to keep the players and teams active for as long as they could while their ice times were still available.

The final four New Westminister hosted was very successful and I was even complemented on the officiating by the PCAHA hosts that were there attending the games.



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This year was a bit of a challenge filling the spots for the Spring Tourney. We had several of our more experienced officials not available for most of it so there was a lot of juggling that needed to be done. For example, we had a few that were not available after Sunday afternoon, so I tried to get them in as many games as I could for those two days they were available, so they would get some shifts that weekend. I also had one family that because their mom worked on Monday and Tuesday they were only available for MPA games, so I tried to accommodate their requests as well, which worked well for me because it is usually harder to fill those shifts because our officials find that arena cold. There were also a few officials that only requested one or two games so I tried to get them into the games that they requested so that they would have a good opportunity to officiate. I tried the best I could to get strong officials out with the first and second year officials. Like I said it was difficult when it came down to it because we were down a lot of our most senior officials this year.

I started filling shifts on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and didn't complete the assigning along with all the officials accepting their shifts until Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

During the tournament, we only had three shifts that had to be worked with.

The first being a shift that was given to two officials that were playing in a provincial Pee Wee A game and didn't realize due to the length of their games they would not be able to make their shift on time. Fortunately, both families emailed me and called me, and I was able to fill their spots with no problem with two officials that were at the arena already.

The second and third shifts were due to an unfortunate illness and again the shifts were again filled by officials that were already at the arena and were able to help, one being a sibling of the ill official.

After the third shift that needed to be rescheduled, and this happened to be the Gold Medal Pee Wee game, the three officials that had been working together were surprised with pizza by one of the other officials to celebrate a job well done. This was something great to see and for me it showed a great group of kids working together and appreciating each other as a team. It was good to see.

These boys worked very hard on that weekend and were put in these games because of their well-deserved work over the season as a whole.

The final tournament games are given to those officials that have been putting in the time and have shown that they are able to be put in these important games and do a good and confident job. Although through out the tournament there were several incidents that put in to question the actions of some adults towards our officials, one of which is with our own association and, another with another association that had to



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have the police called and brought in. I do believe that with the support of the tournament committee, the referee-in-Chief and myself, the kids did the best they could and not one has said they are not willing to return next year. I do hope that this is the case. We have an excellent group of kids that are showing a great deal of promise and skill and I do look forward to working with them again next season.

Over all for the tournament, we had 20 officials that requested shifts during the tournament. On average second year officials were given at the most up to 8 shifts each. The more experienced officials were given more but that is because they were helping out with the first-year officials and because of their overall availability, they were put in that position.

A big thank you to all of the officials for a job well done and for the tournament coordinator and the rest of the committee for a very well run tournament. Cheers to you all.

## 6.13 Division Managers:

### 6.13.1 H1-2 now called TYKE ( Eric ):

#### H1 (Tyke Minor)

A successful year with no major issues. We were able to get a few new coaches certified that should hopefully be able to continue in the role in the coming years. H1 attended the Burnaby Minor Jamboree in March, the Port Moody Initiation Tournament over Spring Break, and played the intermission at an SFU home game in February.

#### H2 (Tyke Major)

Again, a successful year with no major issues. The team attended the Aldergrove Eat, Sleep Hockey Initiation & Novice Tournament and did well. The team parents were awesome. The team manager expressed some surprise about the relatively small team, especially compared to the demand for lacrosse at the same age.

I had a question about the potential for a NW girl's team. Is any any data that there might be enough players in New West but they are being drawn to Burnaby or Surrey? Is there the potential to grow participation amongst girls? **(From Rob, the answer is yes there is the option of having a girls team but the problem is**



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logistically do we have enough for critical mass to continue. If we declare a team, all girls would have to return home to play, then in the next season if we did not have enough players they could return to where they were playing. This back and forth should be avoided unless we are sure we can sustain teams going forward.)

6.13.2 H3-4 now called NOVICE (Tara):

### **H3 Report (Novie Minor)**

There were two teams this season. The season finished well for both teams and all players improved from the start of the season. Many of the Hockey Canada core skills were taught during the season. Both teams had small rosters and to help alleviate this situation, the players from both teams had an equal opportunity to play for the other team if the team with the short bench was in need of players. This worked well as many players were given the opportunity to get in extra games this season and the coaches usually had a bigger bench. When the teams were not able to get players from the other Royals team for tournaments, they were allowed to pull up from the division below-H2.

Concerns from both of the teams' head coaches were the lack of bumpers in between the cross-ice games. The coaches were the bumpers and therefore were always on the ice for all the home games. Whereas in other associations our coaches were all able to be behind the bench with the players giving them feedback as the game went on. The reason for this is that other associations have bumpers to separate the ice in the middle.

### **H3C1**

This team consisted of 11 players. There was one head coach and two assistant coaches. Over the course of the season the team played many games and took part in two tournaments. The first tournament was the Richmond Trail Appliances and the second was the Hope Tournament. Both of these tournaments required extra players to help fill the bench. Players from the other H3 team helped out as did players from the division below-H2. This team also took part in a special event game. They had the opportunity to play during the intermission of a Canucks game. The coaches from this team mentioned that they would like to continue to coach for the following season. Both parents and players seemed quite pleased with the season and the coaches.

### **H3C2**

This team had 11 players. There was one head coach and three assistant coaches. Over the course of the season the team played many games and took part in one tournament. The tournament was the Richmond Trail Appliances. This tournament required extra players to help fill the bench. Three players from the



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division below-H2 were able to help out. The coaches from this team mentioned that they would like to continue to coach for the following season. Both parents and players seemed quite pleased with the season and the coaches.

## **H4 Report (Novice Major)**

Just before the start of the season, it was noted that three families who had already registered were pulling out and going to the BWC. This also meant that three coaches including a head coach were now gone from the Royals. This made for a difficult start to the season as I was working hard to convince others to step up and take on a coaching role. Eventually three teams were formed with three head coaches to lead the teams. All three teams had small rosters and to help alleviate this situation, the players from both teams had an equal opportunity to play for the other team if the team with the short bench was in need of players. This worked well as many players were given the opportunity to get in extra games this season and the coaches usually had a bigger bench.

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Players and parents are looking forward to Atom where they finally get to play full ice games.

## **H4C1**

This team consisted of 12 players. There was one head coach and two assistant coaches. Over the course of the season the team played many games and took part in one tournament. The tournament was the Richmond Trail Appliances. This team required players from the other two Royals teams to increase their roster. Several of their players have shown an interest in playing goalie over being a player. Both parents and players seemed quite pleased with the season and the coaches.

## **H4C2**

This team consisted of 13 players with one head coach and one assistant coach and several on ice helpers. Both the one ice helpers had agreed to take on the assistant coach role but were not able to complete the online courses in order to make this happen. Over the course of the season the team played many games and took part in two tournaments. The first tournament was the Richmond Trail Appliances and



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the second was the UBC Family Day Tournament. Both of these tournaments required extra players to help fill the bench. Players from the other H3 team helped out. This team struggled in terms of leadership as all the coaches were new to this role. Parents were not always happy with the way practices were run. It took this team a lot longer to find their way this season.

## H4C3

This team consisted of 13 players with one head coach and three assistant coaches. Over the course of the season the team played many games and took part in two tournaments. The first tournament was the Richmond Trail Appliances and the second was the UBC Family Day Tournament. Both of these tournaments required extra players to help fill the bench. Players from the other H3 team helped out. Several of their players have shown an interest in playing goalie over being a player. Both parents and players seemed quite pleased with the season and the coaches.

### 6.13.3 Atom (Lara):

#### Atom DM 2017-2018 Year End Report

As division manager, I learned much this year about coach selection, rep player selection, and team balancing. I am convinced that supportive, reality-based parents/guardians are the critical underpinning to a successful minor hockey season. Atom had one A team and two C teams this year. Each head coach has provided a team report/perspective for the membership

#### Atom A1 – HC Jeff Nottingham

The Atom A team got off to a slow start this season going 4 - 8, before tallying 34 wins over their final 37 games. Along the way, they secured First place both at the Everett and Coquitlam A Tournaments. The Team finished the season placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Flight 2 Final Four Championship. The team was awarded a Team Achievement award for Atom Rep from PCAHA, for Sportsmanship on and off the ice. Thanks to all the coaches, parents, and players. A few team notes, 300 plus goals, 47 out 49 Sportsmanship points.

#### Atom C1 – HC Ron Conner

I guess you could consider our season a success. We had a great parent group and really nice kids. We had a great Mentor Coach from RPM this season in Mike King. It was a challenge to Coach a team with such a vast difference in ability and interest levels. All of the players improved their physical skill and increased their hockey iq's. Some more than others.

After balancing we tiered the the top level of house hockey. Blue Group. We had a tough go there. Blue group was beyond the ability of all but 6 of our top players and one goalie. We Finished 9th out of the 10 teams in the regular season. With a record of 6 wins and 12



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loses. We had a tougher schedule than other teams in our division. We had to play 2 games in 1 day 6 times. Often with very little time between games. Definitely not the once agreed upon 4 hours. I requested some change to the schedule but, the League Manager from Seafair, wasn't interested in accommodating us. Even with President Nasato's intervention. Other teams in our division had multi game days once or twice. Seafair teams very few. Likely just a coincidence.

We finished 2nd in the playoff round of Gold Group with a record of 3 wins 4 losses and a tie. We went on to tie the banner game. We were declared co-winners. We are supposed to be sent a banner. We won the bronze medal game in the Bobby Love Tournament. It is a real shame that there isn't some league in-between our A1 team and our house teams. For our mid level players who'd like to advance.

The gap between our top 6 and our bottom 6 was very large. I suspect it was the same for the Atom C2 team as well. At times it was only the top 6 who touched the puck when we were in the blue group

Atom C2 – HC JD Jessome

We started the year with a few players who were in their first year of organized hockey and really did not have the skating skills or even a basic understanding of the game.

However, the positive interaction and encouragement from the remaining players on the team allowed for a relatively painless integration into New West minor hockey.

Attendance for practice was higher than I've experienced in each of the previous years and game attendance was also very high.

Parent support was excellent. There seemed to be healthy competitive encouragement but there were no "hyper" competitive incidents that we've all experienced at one time in minor hockey.

Finally, there was marked improvement throughout the team line up, both in terms of individual skills development and team play. In fact, on several occasions during team handshakes near the end of the season, opposing coaches remarked at just how much our kids had improved this year.

6.13.4 Peewee (Nancy):

## March Report

Not too much to report as the season has come to an end. A few highlights to mention:

- The three C teams took part in a successful Bobby Love/Al Hughes Tournament over Spring break. The boys had fun and worked hard on the ice. Congratulations to the C3 team for making it to the finals and finishing in 2nd place!

- The A1 team participated in the BC Championships at the North Shore Winter Club on March 17-22. Congratulations to the team for coming in 5th place. This year, the A1 team had a very successful season and it was great to see their season end on a high note.



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## Year End Report

First of all, I would like to thank the coaches and managers for all their hard work in helping to make this 2017-2018 hockey season successful. Without volunteers, our kids would not have this incredible opportunity to play the sport that they love. To all the parents, thank you for bringing your child to the rink for early morning practices and the countless hours of driving back and forth to games. And lastly, I would like to thank the kids for their dedication, hard work and sportsmanship that they displayed during these past several months.

This season, we had three C teams and an A1 team. It was exciting to watch all the kids develop into great players and become close teammates on and off the ice.

A few highlights:

- Pee wee C3 team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Bobby Love/Al Hughes tournament in New Westminister over Spring break.
- Pee wee A1 team won the league banner for Flight 3, in addition to the Team Achievement Award. This award is given to a team that demonstrates sportsmanship on and off the ice, fair play and great cooperation with league officials and other teams. The A1 team also participated in the BC Hockey Championships at the North Shore Winter Club, coming in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

On a personal note, being new to this role I have had to rely on the Executive to help me transition to this position. Therefore, I would like to thank the Executive for being patient with me as I bombarded them with many emails, phone calls and questions! In particular, I would like to thank Rob Nasato and Jeff Nottingham for answering all my calls and emails and Greg Sanderson for all the email help at the beginning of the season.

### 6.13.5 Bantam (Danielle):

The season ended on a high note for our Bantam C team winning the Presidents C league banner for the Red Division. It was a great way to end the season for the players and coaches.

Our Bantam A team ended the year playing very well in a final tournament in Ridge Meadows. No placement but you could see the team really starting to work well together.

It was a challenging start to the season this year for the Bantam division due to enrolment. We struggled to get the numbers together and in the end had to release and/or waitlist the remaining players and goalie. Everyone was placed in other neighbouring





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associations and one player came off the waitlist so thankfully everyone was able to play that wanted to.

Being new to the NWMHA executive I would like to thank everyone who helped make the start of the season run so smoothly. Everyone's patience and ability to help out made the leap in to this role that much easier. Thanks so much especially to Rob Nasato for being there to answer (so many) questions via text, email and phone and to always have your division managers' backs.

I would like to add a few items to the division manager's information package after a few lessons learned from this year.

## 6.13.6 Midget (Greg): Midget report 2017-18

From my perspective things went fairly well, including a banner win for C1! We had some discipline issues, but I'm told that's normal at Midget. I'm surprised at the level of conflict, even violence between our own NW teams at the C level.

Our midget tournament was a great success, excellent management and strong parent support. The results were good as well! A big thank you to Desiree for all her hard work.

Balancing is always an issue, and this year was no different. The one constant with balancing is that everyone has a different interpretation of balancing. The association view, and therefore the DM view is very different than the average parent in the stands. From an association perspective balancing does not mean equal or even, the teams aren't going to tie every game, there are going to be winners and losers, and in some cases teams will win every match up. We're looking for the teams to be as close as possible in our in house games as we move to the league balancing portion, and the movement deadline, before heading into the season. It is not an exact science, there are a number of variables out of our control. In particular goaltending, this has been an ongoing issue in the 2003 - 2002 - 2001 groups, and looks to continue to be an issue as we move forward. This isn't the only factor, there are many others, and they all play a role in the balancing of the teams.



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Officiating has been a point of concern for me. At the house level there are wild swings in the quality of the officials at the midget level. This lack of consistency makes it very difficult for coaches and players to know what is and what is not a penalty, especially as it relates to “puck battles”. I believe this inconsistency plays a role in the number of misconducts and major penalties for both players and coaches. At this point, I’m not sure there is any recourse for this issue.

We ran an A2 team this year and I think it was a success. The decision to have an A2 team is never easy and needs to be taken one year at a time. This year the conditions were right, we had enough players trying out, and based on the opinion of our outside consultants, we had the talent and depth to support an A2 team. Much like balancing, the A2 team can be a point of concern for parents... Some parents are strong supporters of the A2 team and some are not. Everyone has their reasons, but the association makes the decision under the established policies, and the recommendation of the outside consultants. This year’s team was competitive and had great coaching, I feel the boys learned a lot and many of them will be better prepared to move into A1 next season. Again, this year it worked, we will have to see what next year brings.

Our coaches and managers were once again excellent! I want to thank all of you for all your time, energy and effort. There is no hockey without you, and you all deserve the gratitude of the entire division.

As always a special thank you to our ice allocator Lynda Callard. Another amazing job, under very difficult conditions.

## Team Reports:

Midget C1, Coach Brad Semkew

Season started off so so. However as we started to play in the regular season are game started to develop and the boys seemed to understand the system we were implementing. We were up and down throughout the regular season though however it was more to do with work ethic than anything. We thought the team finally bought in to what the coaches were preaching about work ethic at the start of the playoffs though. Our last two games of the season we seemed to be energized and also the first playoff game we came out flying and won the game too. The next 2 games were a different story though as we reverted back to our lazy play. We lost the third game 5-1 to Vancouver and we seemed lazy and



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disinterested. At that point the coaches were so disappointed on how we could play so well in the previous games and so crappy in the next two. Once we got into the room after the 5-1 lose we sat the team down and chatted about our work ethic that we did not bring once again. Finally the boys bought in this time not sure why but they did. The next 5 games our team really picked up our work ethic and amazing we started to not only win but dominate games.

The championship game was awesome to watch as everything came together for us. Goaltending was superb. Forwards were on a mission and the D men also brought there A game as I say We ended up winning 4-0. However there was one down side to the game as late in the game one of our players was cross checked hard from behind into the goalpost and had to be taken to hospital. He ended up being ok thank goodness but the team was sad about our player so we never did get a chance to celebrate the great accomplishment we just did on the ice and over the season.

Overall the season I would say was a great success.

All our team seemed to get along and bond in the dressing room and on the ice as well which sure makes a big difference overall.

The one thing I really disliked was all the balancing games we had to play against NW teams though and then also had to play them in regular season and playoffs once again. In my opinion playing the same teams over and over creates extra unneeded tension between some players on the NW teams which ends up leading to extra activities on the ice. If the in-house balancing can be cut down more this could solve some issues.

Brad

Midget C2 Coach James Musgrave:

If you have any questions about the season, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Overall, it was a tough season. We finished with a record of 6-29-4 in 39 games.
- In league balancing, we finished last in our group with a record of 1-7-0 and tied for last overall out of 31 teams.
- We finished the league portion of the season in last place (of out 16 teams) in the bottom group with a record of 2-12-1. While we were 10th in scoring we were the only team to surrender more than 100 goals against. The PCAHA's decision to have only two league groups was very detrimental to us as it placed us in a group with many teams who were considerably better than us.



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- We ended up in the bottom playoff White Group where we tied for last place with a record of 3-4-1.
- While we struggled at the beginning of the season on offence, we benefitted significantly from the addition of Sotaro Tamura halfway into the season as he provided a much needed boost.
- We did have inconsistent goaltending this season. It wasn't clear that our goalie was attending the NW goalie clinics, which would have helped him, and we did specifically address that with him and his parents early in the season.
- We were the 4th most penalized team in the league (all three NW teams were in the bottom five).
- Most of our penalties were minor penalties, however. We only had seven serious penalties all season: one minor CFB, two game misconducts (coach) and four unsportsmanlike misconducts.
- A mixed blessing for us was the short stay on the team of one player who was expected to carry some of the offensive load for us but who quit on the team 10 games into the season. While we lost a skilled player, he was a distraction during games, taking a high number of penalties, many retaliatory.
- Overall, despite the team's record, the camaraderie was very good, with a good leadership group (Ikjot Mander (C), Ryan Rizzo (A), Carter Lewis (A) and Axel Sanderson (A)).
- Attendance by our players was mixed but generally ok for midget house hockey. Only three players attended fewer than 30 games.
- We did not call up any players from bantam.
- I understand that both Ryan Rizzo and Ikjot Mander were called up to play some A2 games.
- We had no serious injuries occur in our games.
- We found the refereeing to be very inconsistent this year, both at home and on the road. The refereeing at TBirds games was spotty in particular (and often suffered from only having two officials on the ice).

Cheers,

Mark

Midget C3 Coach Kurtis Lyons:

No report

Midget A1 Coach Sean Hagen:

No report

Midget A2 Coach Larry Ling:



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My summary of the Midget A2 Team this season is as follows:

My goals for this team from the start of the season was to evaluate the players skill level, strengths, weaknesses, finding line combinations and defensive pairings knowing that 12 of the players selected for this team would make up the bulk of the Midget A1 Team next season. In the evaluation process determining skill levels, pushing their boundaries in how they see and think the game in practice, game situations and execution led me to determine that I had to curtail teaching complex formation systems and concentrate on the basics of the game. Skating, (foot speed) heads up play (with or without the puck), passing, positional play, breakout, puck movement, basic penalty killing formation and learning a simple offensive system to play, cycle/possess the puck in the offensive zone. This proved to be difficult at first and the team struggled at times but with sticking to the program slowly started making gains and confidence.

It was also good to have Rory McDade to work with on occasion and we saw the same issues with the players and team as a whole.

A total team commitment to working hard especially at practices plagued the team throughout the season and injuries, practice attendance also played a large role in hindering our progress as a team to role 3 productive lines game in and out with only 3 regular season games being played with our full roster without affiliates.

Even though we struggled through the season to find our team game consistency our progress started to come together at The Herb House Tournament, especially against two Tier 2 Teams which showed that we could play against the tougher opponents for at least 2 periods of a game. When the season resumed in 2018 our play was much more consistent and the players were used to playing our simple yet effective way and were gaining confidence game in and out. We entered the playoffs only to lose in overtime with only seconds left while dominating the game outshooting our opponents 46-18. Entering our round robin Presidents Cup division we went 6 wins, 2 losses to finish second and being the only team to beat the eventual winners from West Vancouver in which by far was our best game of the year winning 7-4.

To end the season I feel the twelve players going forward (if they all play again) have built a good foundation of basic skills and knowledge to progress forward to playing at a higher level next season. While nothing is a guarantee in making next years A1 Team they are all ready for that next challenge and I believe much more confident in their skill and ability to take that step. I am proud of them all including our graduating team members, affiliate players and it was my honour and pleasure to coach them, their spirit as a team through good and bad times never waived.



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As far as myself wanting to coach again next season I have expressed to the players/parents and Jeff Nottingham (Coach Coordinator) that I would like to put forward my application to continue as the coach for the Midget A1 Team. If given the opportunity I will be attending the 2018 NCCP High Performance 1 Seminar in Kamloops, BC July 13-17 to be able to raise my knowledge and skill to put together and develop the team at the Tier 2 level that was set by the A1 Team this past season.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to be a part of your Association and the privilege it is to be a coach.

Larry

6.13.7 Juvenile (Jennifer): In September it became apparent that NWMHA could not ice a team with only 8 players registered.

6.14 Past President (Ross Young): Farewell, going into retirement!

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