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**NEW WESTMINSTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 30, 2019 Awards 7:00pm; AGM 7:30pm
NWSS Library**

2018 - 19 AWARDS CEREMONY (Presented by Mark Lewis)

1 **New Business:** 2018 2019 Award Winners

Aaron Loughhead Memorial Award: Mathew Forero

NWMHA Scholarship Awards: Mathew Forero Alec Lakusta
Alex Lazecki Jennaveve Phillips Ryan Rizzo Noel Wong

Silver Whistle Award: Jaxon Corbett

NWMHA Referee Development Awards:
Luke Anderson Jayden Braich Jaxon Domville

Dave Dailey Award (Rep Skater): Ash Rutherford

Norma Dailey Award (Rep Goalie): Mathew Forero

Scott Munro Award (Bantam C): Aleksei Lehmann

Scott Stacey Award (Midget C, 1st year): Ethan Fontaine

Matthew Smith Award (Bantam, 1st year): Trent Gagné

Chuck Campbell Award (Juvenile): Matthew Napady

Fred Chapman Memorial Award: Brandon Titian

Hockey Canada Safety Program Recognition Award: Brita Hobkirk

3M / Hockey Canada Coach of the Year: Dale Anderson

Al Hughes Volunteer of the Year: Desirée Savoy



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Lifetime Achievement Award: Robert Nasato

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

3 **Adoption of AGM Minutes** of April 30 2018.

4 Motion: Jeff ; Second: Rob . Carried.

5 **Business arising:** nothing of note

7.1 President (Jeff): Presidents Report.

This past year was my first as President and my 4th year on the executive and my 10th year overall as a Coach within NWMHA and 19th season Scouting, running programs or coaching hockey. I am honored to be a part on NWMHA and will continue to be a part of NWMHA as long as I am needed.

This year I Attend the monthly meeting with PCAHA and was at the BC Hockey AGM for the second straight year. As I moved into the Presidents role, I continue to my role with develop, this season we added many programs, including Forward and Defence Clinics, Battle and Checking and move the Tyke and Novice Power Skating to Friday to help increase participation. This season we had 108 kids sign up for one of programs run by RPM. As well we had RPM run Tyke Minor and Major practice for the entire season. This allow our parent base coaches to learn and develop as a coach new to the game or coaching at this level.

Off the ice we continue to develop our Policy and as we move forward, we will introduce and revise policy, thing we are looking at Supplementary Discipline, Making of teams, team Sizes in Midget. This season I tried to attend games for every team within the Assn. to gain a feel of the membership and to take in information to help myself make decision that will affect all of us. With the changing landscape in minor hockey, every decision is import to all as it effects small Assn like ours.

Moving to next season I hope to continue on as President and a coach within NWMHA and look forward to working with everyone to make NWMHA a great place to play hockey.



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Also Thank you to all the Players, Coaches and Volunteers .

7.2 1st Vice President (Tom):

VP1 Year End Report, it's been a great year for our association as far as Sponsorship is concerned, we had **11** major sponsors this year in total (\$500 or more) We also had **6** new local businesses come on board this year. This year we had Thank You Sponsor signs made up to display at our Tournament tables. I have ordered and now received 3 new ROYALS LOGOS that will replace the current In-Ice logos at both Moody Park Arena & Queens Park Arenas, replacing the 10-12-year-old ones with the Heritage Style ROYALS CROWN AND LOGO. We are also working on replacing the minor hockey banner that hangs on the back wall at Moody Park Arena with a new one, that will have the proper colors and crown. Looking forward to another great year next year. GO ROYALS!!!

7.3 2nd Vice President (Desiree):

2018-2019 Season Year End Tournament Coordinator Report

Once again, this season NWMHA hosted 3 Tournaments. In December we hosted the Herb House Memorial Tournament for Midget Players and in March we hosted the Bobby Love Memorial and Al Hughes Memorial tournaments for Atom and Peewee players.

In August of 2018 all 3 tournament applications were made and sanctions were given by BC Hockey, however due to our website update we didn't have the applications up and running until mid-September. Early on this season I looked into the possibility of using an online tournament platform run by a Canadian company called RoomRoster however after discussion it was decided it would be best to hold off and see what will be happening with TeamSnap in the near future.

The Herb House Tournament took place from December 27-30th 2018 and was smaller this past season as we had to cancel the A division due to a lack of registration. There are a few factors that contributed to this: There are fewer Midget A teams overall throughout the lower mainland; Richmond, Vancouver Minor and Coquitlam also host



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very large Midget A tournaments at the same time of year; and our applications went live later than usual this season. Nevertheless, we held a very successful C tournament with 11 teams participating from around the lower mainland. With the smaller number of teams participating we were able to host all games at Queen's Park Arena which eased some of the strain on our volunteers. We had some great SWAG at this tournament as we gave away the popular long-sleeved T's as well as our jersey shaped Skate towels, NWMHA Sunglasses and souvenir programs to all the players. All the teams in this tournament were great to work with and we had very few major penalties throughout the tournament. The final results were: PoCo C4 won Gold, Surrey C1 won Silver and New West C2 took the bronze. For next season we will likely change the A division to a younger group and keep the C division for Midget C.

The Bobby Love Memorial and Al Hughes Memorial Tournaments took place at both Queen's and Moody Park Arena's from March 16th-19th 2019. We hosted 8 Atom C teams in the Bobby Love Memorial and 9 Peewee C teams in the Al Hughes Memorial tournaments. This tournament was a lot of fun and I received many emails from the visiting teams about the quality of our tournament. We had great Swag for this tournament as well giving away T-Shirts, Hockey Sacks and souvenir programs to all players as well as NWMHA sunglasses to all the visiting teams. This tournament has a greater focus on sportsmanship and we awarded skate towels to all the sportsmanship winners at each game. In the Bobby Love Tournament NW Atom C1 tied for fewest penalty minutes with Burnaby Atom C1 for most Sportsmanlike team, however in their head to head game Burnaby was penalty free so they received the award. In the Al Hughes Tournament we had a tie for most sportsmanlike team between New West PW C1 and Cloverdale PW C5. In the playoff round for these tournaments we had 3 games go to overtime and 1 team go to shootout. The Bobby Love Tournament was won by Burnaby Atom C4, silver went to Burnaby Atom C1, and bronze went to New Westminister Atom C3. Burnaby Peewee C5 took gold in the Al Hughes Memorial tournament with silver going to Cloverdale Peewee C5 and bronze to Mission Peewee C2.

All of our tournaments had amazing support from sponsors this season. Thank you to our main sponsors for the tournaments were: Key West Ford - \$1000 this helps to provide free souvenir programs to everyone, Wes & Patti Goss - Intermission Prize sponsors for all 3 tournaments, Boston Pizza MVPizza provider for all games for all 3 tournaments, Dairy Queen provided Dilly Bars to all teams in the Herb House Consolation Games, Fresh Slice Pizza Sapperton provided 2 free pizzas to all teams in the Herb House Tournament medal Games, Grimm's Fine Foods provided pepperoni to all Sportsmanship award winners at all games during the Bobby Love Memorial and Al



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Hughes memorial tournaments. Many thanks to the many other local businesses that stepped up and donated gift certificates and merchandise to our tournaments as well.

These tournaments would not run as well without the amazing efforts of many volunteers. Thank you so much to all the parents from the Atom, Peewee and Midget teams that spent hours in the rink helping to run the tournaments. I was very lucky to work with amazing people on the tournament committees this season. These volunteers worked really hard to get their parent volunteers organized and provide spectacular raffle baskets for all 3 tournaments. Our tournaments are becoming known for the great announcing of Daniel Fontaine who volunteers many hours freezing in the scorekeeping booth to make these games extra special for the players - Thank you Daniel! I am very grateful for the help of Beth McNaughton and her daughter Erin, who put in many hours helping to run the registration desk like a well-oiled machine even though they no longer have a family member in the association. Thank you to Lynda Callard for securing all the ice times, Kelly Corbett for scheduling the referees for the spring tournament, Martine Lehman and Renée Jones for their numerous hours at the registration desk and the City of New Westminister for their ongoing support of Minor Hockey in New Westminister.

Next season I'd like to make a few changes like the addition of giving banners to the tournament winners, re-examining the use of RoomRoster or some form of online tournament platform and changing the A division in the Herb House tournament. I truly enjoyed running the tournaments this season and I hope to continue on as Tournament Coordinator for the 2019-2020 season.

7.4 3rd Vice President (Mark):

I'd like to thank Jeff and the entire Executive for helping me navigate my way through this role in my first year. Their patience with me was greatly appreciated. The VP3's responsibilities involve off-ice matters focusing on (1) supervising safety and risk management issues over the course of the season and (2) organizing two NWMHA events: The Picture Day in November and the NWMHA awards presentation before the AGM.

I'd also like to thank Tracy Dunsford for making my transition into this position much easier by providing me with her accumulated files and documents, as well as a "manual" that she had compiled. By working through the manual, I was able to get a clearer picture of the role. As the season progressed, I was able to update the VP3



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manual on a real-time basis to capture improvements that can be made to processes with the goal of learning from and then avoiding mistakes as we move forward.

The VP3's safety and risk management responsibility comprise several components, including:

- Working with the Registrar on team official registrations
- Working team managers to ensure compliance with NWMHA and BC Hockey policies, and also insurance requirements
- Assisting with the reporting of serious injuries in compliance with BC Hockey requirements
- Addressing concerns about player safety and discipline in both on-ice and off-ice situations

Unfortunately, my invitation to the team manager meeting in October got lost in the mail so I was not able to discuss with the managers the issues that are my responsibility. We will remedy that for next year. I'm hoping that we can do more to collect end-of-season feedback from managers about issues they faced over the course of the season and how we can help them carry out their tasks. I would also like to have a meeting with HCSPs in October to review safety and risk management issues.

When I attended the PCAHA/BC Hockey risk managers' meeting in October, it was clear that BC Hockey is paying more attention to risk management issues and in the coming years we will face higher expectations and greater scrutiny as it relates to our compliance with applicable rules and policies. Fortunately, with only a couple of exceptions, we were able to avoid serious injuries this season. On-ice discipline remained a periodic challenge, in particular at the Midget level.

With respect to registrations, we had a situation this year in which a C team was denied the opportunity to play in banner game by the PCAHA because the team did not secure all of their team official registrations on time. There was a lack of vigilance on a few fronts that contributed to this, and it was a harsh result for the players who were faultless in the matter but who were the ones who suffered most. We will strive to provide teams with improved resources to reduce the likelihood of this happening again. I also served as acting chair of the Grievance Committee for two hearings. This was a very involved process that ideally would never be needed during a season. We will be examining options to revise the NWMHA policy around player discipline in an attempt to identify and address problematic behaviour earlier in the season so that we do not need to engage the Grievance Committee later in the season, in particular as we get into playoffs, which can be very disruptive for teams. We will also be examining the use of a player contract (in addition to the code of conduct form) for both Bantam A and Midget A players, and possibly other teams as well.

For Picture Night, much of the work gets completed by the division and team managers. The night itself ran very smoothly overall (and on time), although several managers and



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teams did not read the instructions for the evening beyond the time at which to show up. Division managers can do more to make sure teams receive the relevant information on time and team managers need to be more vigilant about reading and following instructions. Next year I hope to be able to reduce the paperwork needed for picture night. We have signed on with the same photographer for the next two years and I will work with them on that.

The Awards Committee process ran smoothly once the nominations were submitted and I'd like to thank the Committee members for making that run so efficiently. The response to the request for nominations was generally light and many coaches and managers had to be prompted more than once to make submissions for their own teams. We would like to see every coach make a submission for each award applicable to his or her team. That will usually only comprise 1-2 players from each team to be recommended for an award. I received a couple of comments from parents of older players who said they never knew there were end-of-season awards, so we need to do a better job of informing the Association about the awards and the process. The list of 2018-2019 award winners will be attached to the minutes for this AGM – congratulations to all of them!

7.5 Treasurer (Kurt):

Motion to approve the Financial Statement as presented for 2018-2019. Motion:

Kurt, Second: Mark Callard. Carried

Motion to approve the Budget 2019-2020 Motion: Kurt, Second: Greg Sanderson. Carried

7.6 Secretary (Mark): I would like to thank the executive for a great year and would also like to thank them for pursovering with me as this was my first year. With my busy personal life, I found it difficult at times to get the monthly reports out on time but I would like to do it again next year if you all want me. Thanks again.

7.7 Coach Coordinator (Mike):

I want to thank all of the volunteers, team mangers, safety people, coaches that put their personal time into helping our Association and kids play hockey. I also want to thank my colleagues on the Executive for their dedication working week in/out to make our Association run well.

I would like to especially thank all of the coaches that volunteered to help run rep tryouts at the very beginning of the season.

Coaches meeting on Oct 1 – Had about 25 Coaches attend the meeting in Oct. A little less than in years past and would like to see attendance improve as important



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information is released at these meetings. More importantly it is a forum for coaches to connect and network with each other.

Clinics- We hosted a BC Hockey Dev 1 Clinic had a great turn out from NWMHA coaches sign up and complete. We actually made money from running this clinic so it was a win-win. We will continue try again to host more clinics at home.

This season we engaged RPM to run Tyke Minor/Major (H1&H2) practices and also mentor the new coaches. We also engaged RPM for Forwards/ Defense clinics along with Tyke and Novice (H1-H4) development clinics – I am awaiting the final numbers on the program, but the ones I did observe had great turnouts. These programs have been extremely well run this year. The curriculum was planned by RPM with the messaging from Jeff Nottingham that the kids need to be highly skilled at an earlier age. For the most part, there was 1 instructor for every 7 skaters. This is an excellent coach: player ratio. Most programs will have 20-25 skaters to 1 instructor. I want to thank Rory McDade for all of his hard work and owning this program.

Goaltending Program – I am extremely happy with the Viet Goaltending Program.

Parent feedback has been very positive, especially regarding the 1 on 1 training at the Viet Training Ctr in New West.

Coach Suspensions – This year we had ZERO! I had expressed early into the season to the coaches at the Coaches meeting the importance of respect to our Ref's and this truly was exercised. Our expectation is that whatever interaction Coaches have with an Official, regardless of the situation, is handled appropriately and in a manner respectful of the dignity of "all" participants. We want our Coaches to project a favorable image of hockey and of coaching to our players, other Coaches, Officials, spectators, families and the general public. We have to remember that most of the time, especially in the younger divisions, the Officials are just kids learning a new aspect of the game in a fluid environment and with a lot happening at once. We need to support them so they get better and continue officiating.

Coach Feedback from parents has been positive but few and far between. I encourage all parents to fill out these evaluation forms. The Coaches appreciate the feedback and it helps them work on their coaching skills. It also helps me recognize situations that may require attention.

I want to thank Jeff Nottingham for all his support and guidance throughout the season. He truly mentored me right through.

I have already engaged past coaches for next season recruitment. We are still looking to have more applicants at all levels of REP apply. Hoping to have REP coaches in place by May.

There were many "C" house coaches who already submitted their application for next season and would still encourage more to apply.

A slight difference from prior years is to make certification easier and less intrusive during the season. We had too many incidents where credentials were not achieved for



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the current level of coaching and it was highly stressful to all. We will be looking to get ahead of this going into next season. This will be my personal goal I elected to another term.

7.8 Ice Allocator (Lynda):

To start off I would like to thank the city staff, Ron Booth, Lori Tumber and Anne Malm for all their hard work and patience though out this past season. Secondly, I would like to thank the Team Managers for stepping up and making my job easier, it always helps when we have great managers in place.

This year ran relatively well with not ton of conflicts to resolve, although the Midget C2 team certainly seemed to get their fair share and I would like to thank Cindy Semkew for not only her patience but also her help in getting these resolved.

I have already been in contact with the city to start the warm up schedule for the upcoming season and after that will start on the tryout schedule provided of course I am still in this position. In the middle of June, I will meet with Jeff Nottingham and Ron Booth to go over our regular season slots but we need the registrations to pick up beforehand so we can go in the some substantial numbers, so Division Managers please get the word out to get your registrations completed. The past season format worked fairly well and will go with something similar this next season provided our teams are pretty much the same. I would make one small change with possibly moving the Atom slot on Saturdays to an early time to hopefully avoid some of the conflicts which arose this past season. Typically the later slot gets the conflict so moving this to an earlier slot would hopefully resolve the situation.

Thank you to the NWMHA for making my season enjoyable, and I hope to see you all again next year.

7.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin):

7.10 Registrar (Janet):

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2018-19 SEASON

Part 1 - 2018-19 Registration per division

- Tyke Minor (H1)-- 6
- Tyke Major (H2) -- 20
- Novice Minor (H3)-- 22



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- • Novice Major (H4) -- 29
- • Atom -- 65
- • PeeWee -- 55
- • Bantam -- 45
- • Midget -- 68
- • Juvenile C -- 23

To get the early registration fees, please register on-line on or before May 31st at 9pm Pacific Standard Time. If you have any technical issues, please do not hesitate to contact the registrar by:

Email: registrar@nwmha.ca

Cell: 778-917-8873

Part 2- Certifications/Qualifications -- Please note

PCAHA Rules:

- • **Safety Person** -- To qualify for playoffs, a team must have at least 1 qualified and fully certified safety person by the absolute deadline of **DECEMBER 31st**.
- • **Mandatory certifications** (applies to all team officials) -- Criminal Record Checks(CRC/VPC Clearance); Respect in Sport(RIS) and Concussion Awareness Training Tool(CATT).
- • **Coach qualifications & certifications** -- Deadline for Carded officials (Dec 1st). Deadline for non-carded teams (Dec 15th)
- • **Head Coach (non-carded)** -- requires the supplemental certification: Coach Instructional Skills(Checking clinic)
Criminal Record Checks -- Please contact registrar to obtain the link to initiate your on-line CRC/VPC Clearance. registrar@nwmha.ca



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7.11 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.

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 scheduling conflicts, this process extended further into the new season than normal.

I spent the beginning of the season welcoming back 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 as they shook off the rust from their time off. For the older, senior officials that may or may not have New Westminister as their home association, I introduced myself to those officials I did not know yet to put names to faces.

I also made an appearance at the managers' meeting to introduce myself and to let them know 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 continue 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.

We had an on ice development session for returning officials on September 10th at Moody Park Arena which 15 attended. It was a great opportunity for our second year officials to get a chance to meet and work with our more experienced officials whom had likely officiated our newest officials at one time or another.

We hosted the clinic for the new officials on November 3rd at Queen's Park Arena after having to reschedule from our original date of October 27th due to a conflict with the coaching clinic. We worked with BC Hockey to open our clinic to other associations after we knew all parties in New Westminister had been given the opportunity to sign up for the clinic. Both the referee allocator (Kelly) and I were receiving emails from various associations asking if we could accommodate a few of their kids. We eventually opened the clinic up to accommodate 35 spots; 30 level 1; 5 level 2. We were also able to make our clinic available for returning officials that wanted to recertify for this year. This is something we would like to work on again for next year. With this, Kelly was able to recertify her level 2 at the same time as our new officials. There were 21



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registered New Westminister officials, 18 of which attended. One of those was a new level 2, one was a recertifying level 2 and the rest level 1. There were 3 individuals from Arbutus and two from Maple Ridge taking their level 1. In total we had 23 attend the clinic with 12 spots still left to fill in the end. Now that we are aware that we are able to open up to new and returning officials, we believe that next year we will be able to

have a better turn out. We will still have to limit the spots for new officials for New Westminister due to the lack of games that are available for them, but we will be able to help out some of the returning officials and possibly help out other associations as well.

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 the new officials that were available to sign up.

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. 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.

I spent a lot of time at the Herb House Tournament with BC Hockey Minor Development Facilitator, Larry Krause. This was a valuable experience for me as I worked with Larry in evaluating the on ice officials. Although most of these officials were outside my scope as Association Referee-In-Chief, the standard for officiating is the same at all levels of hockey.

Referee Development commenced in February for our first year officials but did not go as well as in the past. The intention was to get everyone to referee at least one session and be a linesman for up to two sessions. Unfortunately, due to factors beyond our control, we only had four sessions and had to cancel the rest. However, the sessions that we had went well as we had 12 new officials involved. Through the year we have had 16 active officials of the initial 18 that took the clinic provided by NWMHA and put on by BC Hockey.

We had a total of four officials from the Bantam and Midget divisions that helped out as shadows. We had two that did it last year and added two new ones. Each session had two shadows assigned. One shadow worked with the referee while the other worked with the



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linesmen. Along with the shadows, a senior official and I were observing 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. Unfortunately, with the issues we experienced this year, changes for next year will need to be made. I am looking to setup an ice time for each of the months from September to February for both returning officials and new officials. I am hopeful to setup some exhibition games from the Atom division in November, December and January for less experienced returning officials and new

officials. We will continue the development sessions in February with the Novice Major division to work in conjunction with the Atom transition program.

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 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. Other separate occasions involved a couple of parents and one coach from our association that provided emails to me outlining their concerns about the officiating which is the correct way to go about it. After discussions with the officials involved, I answered back regarding their concerns letting them 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.

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/referring 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.

Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, I was not able to attend the Bobby Love and Al Hughes Tournaments, although I did have a couple of our senior officials watch games in which they were not participating in and report back to me any concerns or praise. Although we were in Virginia, we were in touch by phone and text with these officials as well as the tournament director to answer questions when certain issues arose. For the most part, the tournaments went well and I received positive feedback from my evaluators, on ice officials, and tournament director whom spoke with team managers and coaches. Upon our return, I did manage to take the day off for the last day of the tournament and spent all day at the rink. It was a good day of hockey with sportsmanship mostly on display, with no issues arising with respect to officiating.

Again, 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 more negative experiences, it is



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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 no longer be playing hockey for New Westminister, and will spend most of their available time officiating Bantam, Midget and Juvenile, I look forward to continue building a program for the development of officials, working with a great group of officials, to continue their development and usher in a new group of individuals wanting to become officials.

7.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly):

Referee Allocators Report

This year we started off with a total of 41 officials in New West. We finished with 35 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:

17 first year officials – finished with 15

11 Second year officials – finished off with 9

13 third year and up officials and finished with 11.

This year first-year official were assigned 0 – 13 games (again this is because of availability and suspensions); Second year officials 10 – 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 our referee clinic again and did re-certify as a level 2 official. Next year we are going to look at opening it up to more of our returning officials as well.

February and March this season were a busy two months.

February is when we usually hold the referee development. This again was well accepted and well attended by all our officials, when we did have games scheduled. Do



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to a mix up in some communication this year is was not well organized as in the past but we are looking at ways we can better deal with our referee development next season. 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 Jaxon the games that were available again went really well.

This year again was a bit of a challenge filling the spots for the Spring Tourney. I again did the same juggling of officials as last year. Several of our more experienced officials were 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 the first two days so I tried to get them in as many games as I could for those two days they were available. 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 again this year. I even pulled some officials from my Bantam C bunch that were willing to help out when needed. I started filling shifts on Friday, March 4th and didn't complete the assigning along with all the officials accepting their shifts until Thursday March 13th. I sent the final list to Desiree while on a plane on my way to Virginia.

During the tournament, we only had a few shifts that had to be worked with and one incident with a referee 7

report that needed to be helped with but nothing to drastic. I was able to help with this while still away.

The final tournament games were 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. The Referee-in-Chief was at the final games and he said they were well done. 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 6 - 8 shifts each. The more experienced officials were given more but that is because they were helping with the first-year officials and because of their overall availability during the tournament over all.



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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.

Division Managers:

1. Tyke major/minor (Eric):

Overall there were no major issues in Tyke Minor and Major. Both fielded a single team, with Minor consisting of 6 players and Major 20. We had a little difficulty getting enough parents involved in the Minor level given the small cohort but, in the end, it worked out. The teams really benefited from having RPM with us all year, especially Minor since they did not have a dedicated coach. If we continue to have a small Minor cohort then it is important to keep RPM for them at least since the volunteer pool is so small.

As my son is moving on to Novice, and Sarah has agreed to continue being division manager at that level, I would like to retire as Tyke division manager. I am not aware of any candidates to succeed me as Tyke Division Manager yet. I am happy to continue on until a replacement can be found.

2. Novice major/minor (Sarah):

Novice Minor

Had a great year- expanded to 2 teams this year.

In September skated during a Canucks pre-season game.

Team 1 attended a tournament in Port Moody

Team 2 attended the Grouse Mountain tournament

Novice Major

Had a great year. 2 teams this year.

Both teams attended a tournament in Chilliwack.

Thanks to all the players, volunteers and families for a great year.



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3. Atom (Tara):

Atom AGM Report-2019

A1 Team

The season finished off well for this team after they were bumped down a flight. The players developed as a team as the season progressed. This team ended up winning the Presidents Banner.

House Teams

AC1

This team struggled throughout the season and the team as a whole experienced many losses which was upsetting to the players and the parents. Player development was noticed by the coaches

AC2

This team had a good season overall. The coaches noticed player development throughout the season. The team ended up winning a medal during one of the tournaments they attended during the season.

AC3

This team had a good season overall. Player development was seen by all players throughout the season. This team finished the season off by winning the Bronze medal in the Bobby Love Tournament.

Where to Next for Atom

- In the following season, I would like to see more transparency for the parents at the House level in terms of explaining to them how the balancing process works and why some teams end of developing quicker than other teams. I realize that there is no perfect formula to create balanced teams, however, I feel that we as an association need to be more vocal with our families and explain how this process works. Perhaps at the beginning of the season we host a mandatory meeting for all House families where we can explain the balancing process and also discourage negative discussions from parents about team volunteers.
- In the following season I would like to see the association better manage the team official qualifications so that our volunteers aren't scrambling to complete certifications halfway through the season.
 - For the following season I would like to discuss the idea of adding an A2 team to the Atom organization if we have enough players and goalies.



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* By including an A2 team we are then focusing on player development which our players need. Having an A2 team gives the players a chance to work with like-minded players and players with the same skill set to help encourage player development.

* As an association we have been talking about player development and I and the Atom coaches believe that if we are serious about developing our players over time then we need to start this process at the Atom level.

4. Peewee (Nancy):

I would like to thank all the volunteers, players and parents for a successful 2018-2019 hockey season. The season started off well with no real issues during tryouts and balancing. This year Peewee had four teams - A1, A2 and two C teams. All four teams were small in numbers, which required extra commitment and dedication from everyone involved. Even with the small numbers, the teams had a great season and I couldn't be any more proud of the kids for their enthusiasm and hard work.

End of season summary:

A1 – Finished 5th in the league standings for Flight 4

A2 – Won the President Series 1 Banner!! Finished 3rd place in the league standings for Flight 9

C1 – Finished 8th in the league standings in the Green Group

C2 – Finished 5th in the league standings in the Green Group

A very big thank you to all the coaches who worked tirelessly at each practice and game and to the team managers, thank you for stepping up to help organize your teams! It was a great season!

5. Bantam (Danielle): The Bantam 2018/2019 season ended on a high note with the Bantam A team and Bantam C1 team both winning President Series Banners in their respective divisions.

The Bantam division did struggle with numbers this season. The Bantam C1 team had one player move during the season which left them with 11 players and 1 goalie. The other rosters were small as well:

Bantam A - 13 players, 2 goalies

Bantam C2 - 13 players, 2 goalies

Bantam division teams also struggled with player penalties at the beginning of the season but making coaches / players / parents aware of the accumulated minutes and subsequent coaching helped to bring those numbers down.



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With the limited number of players and uneven number of goalies in the C division balancing the two teams was a serious challenge this season.

A recommendation moving forward would be to offer more hitting clinics for rep level bantam players. This could help reduce both injuries as well as penalties.

6. Midget (Greg):

Midget Report
2018-19

Declining numbers resulted in four teams this season, one fewer than last year. This year, as in the past, we did a player draft with the coaches, there were some challenges as we had a new coach who wasn't familiar with all the players. This year's goalie situation was stronger than last year, with the player mix roughly the same. This season we had several players moves to make as there were several conflicts with school or work, some of which were not brought forward until well into the balancing process.

The teams played each other twice in our in-house balancing process and were assigned into 2 different balancing groups by the PCAHA. The PCAHA balancing process was poorly done, the numbers used were not in line with the protocol, and it resulted in a reshuffling of the teams before the league started. C1 was assigned to the Gold group 2nd of three, with C2 and C3 being assigned to the Green group 3rd of 3. There was one unfortunate situation this year. Due to an administration error, the Midget C3 team was deemed ineligible for the banner game. This error was amplified by the fact the team, based on their record, won the right to play for a banner, made even worse by the timing of the decision. In the end, it added up to a tough year for C3. I feel terrible for the team, parents, and coaches and have to take some ownership in this mess. Over the year, I could have been more engaged in the qualifications of the volunteers. I could have been more on top of the communication process. Fair to say I didn't do enough to prevent a preventable mistake. I volunteer because I want all kids and families of NW to have a good hockey experience. There is no doubt that this was not a good hockey experience. My sincere apologies to all involved.

**C1 – Coach James Musgrave – Brad Kinnie – Mike Philips –
Manager Mark Lewis**



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Balancing record; 5 – 5, League record; 11-4-3 3rd in the Gold group, playoff record 4 – 4 3rd in the Green Group.

Good season the team was in most games, very few blowouts, didn't play great at the NWMHA Christmas tournament. Played well in the playoffs and controlled their fate for the banner game but were unable to win the last game to go on. No major penalty issues. One player suffered a season-ending injury during the balancing session.

C2 - Coach Kurtis Lyons, Brad Semkew, Huss Nestman
Manager Cindy Semkew

Balancing record 4-4-2; League record; 11-6-1 5th in Green, playoff record 3-3-2 4th in the white group

Had a steady season but suffered from a lack of discipline at times. The team had several misconducts, a couple of majors and suspensions.

C3 – Coach Alex Jimme up to the end of November – Bill Corbet, Glen Wong, and Brian Pitken the rest of the way. Manager Josee Pomerleau.

Balancing Record: 3-6-1; League record 7 -11 8th in the Green; playoff record 4-1-3
White group

The team had a very tough start; the coaching situation was not ideal, and the team suffered. Once the coaching was sorted out, the team flourished and played very well, so well they managed to earn a spot in the banner game. Unfortunately, due to some administrative errors, The PCAHA would not let the boys play in the white banner game. A very disappointing end to what had turned into a great season. It was really a tale of two seasons for this team. The first couple of months were not very good, no discipline with several penalties and player issues. From December on the boys got down to playing hockey and they did well.

For the most part, the C players had few incidents requiring supplemental discipline with no C players needing to go to the grievance committee. Again, this year we had a few parent issues, with some conflicts in the stands and some disruptive actions and behaviors behind the scenes.

Desiree and her team ran a fabulous Al Hughes Christmas tournament. This year we had to make changes to the tiers as we were unable to attract enough rep teams to fill out a tournament bracket. The tournament moved to a larger C tournament and was very successful. A big thank you to Desiree and her team and all the team volunteers.

Rep Team:

Low numbers at tryouts resulted in a shortened process and no option for an A2 team. RPM and the head coach were pretty much in agreement with the decisions, no



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surprises for the selections. Several of the better players in the division elected not to play rep this season.

Rep A – Coach Larry Ling, Eric Jones, Manager Barb Drake up to February Yvette Jones the remainder of the season.

The team went 1-6-1 in placement with 120 penalty minutes in 8 games the second most in the group. From the placement results, the team was placed in the bottom flight – flight four where they went 12-6-2 to finish 2nd in the flight. The players seemed upset with their placement and let their emotions take over resulting in very undisciplined play. In the 20 games played the team amassed 308 penalty mins with a select few of the players taking most of these penalties. The situation inside the team was deteriorating through the season, and the coaches felt they needed to institute an internal code of conduct. A contract was created, and all players were required to sign off on the conditions. The contract was based on progressive discipline that would be put in to play when players took bad penalties or excessive penalties in the game, as well as when they showed a lack of respect for pre-game and pre-practice rules.

Through the year a few players were exposed to the program with one player receiving an extra two-game suspension due to his excessive penalties. In general, the boys played hard, but there were a few players that were not team players and made the environment inside the team a very negative place.

The head coach and one of the volunteer coaches were pushed into a place where they were prepared to walk away from the team if the executive didn't take some action with some of the players. In the end, the players, coaches, and board were able to keep the coaches engaged and get the team through the year.

When the team played hockey, they played well. The team put together a good stretch through the Christmas break winning both The Richmond and Coquitlam tournaments. In the playoffs, they lost the single elimination game to Aldergrove and were placed in Presidents series where they went 4-1. In these 5 games, the team took 99 penalty mins, one of the games had the majority of the penalties including a couple fights and a few suspensions.

Overall, a frustrating year for all involved in the A team.

My thanks to Jeff and the board for the support they provided to me and the Midget division. A big thanks to the coaches and managers for their time and dedication to the players and families.

My son has decided to play one more year so I will continue as Division Manager unless there is someone that desperately wants the job.



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7. Juvenile (Jennifer):

2018-19 Juvenile Report

This was the first year of having a Juvenile C team & overall the players seemed to have fun.

Many thanks to Head Coach Dwight Noda & Assistant Coaches, Ermi Mulatu & Ryan Wilkinson.

Manager Lee Cowley & Steve Tucsook for helping in Lee's absence. Lee was the manager all season, even with his son only playing 2 games.

The season started with 22 players: 20 skaters & 2 goalies. By the end of the season 4 players dropped out due to work, school & other commitments.

2 preseason games were played against Coquitlam & Port Coquitlam with New West. winning both of them.

During league play New West. played against 8 other teams from Burnaby, North Delta, South Delta & 2 teams from Richmond & Semiahmoo. After 16 GP 12W 4L for 35 pts & 3rd place.

During playoffs New West. was in the top group. After 5 GP 3W 2L for 9 pts & 3rd place.

I'd like to thank the parents, grand parents & friends for coming out to watch the Juvenile players.

Many thanks to the executive for all their time & energy they have given to NWMHA over the 2018-19 season.

Looking forward to another fun & successful Juvenile C team for the 2019-20 season.

8. Past President (Rob):

New Westminster



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This season for the first time in 20 yrs I was not too actively involved. I helped the executive as needed and attended meetings of PCAHA and Presidents C League as Jeff needed. I continue to volunteer for other organizations within PCAHA in various committees based on my years of experience in NWMHA. Although I am enjoying my retirement I am only a phone call, text or email away.