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**EXECUTIVE MEETING April 10, 2017**  
**7 pm Queens Park Board Room**  
**MINUTES**

- 1 Roll call:** Rob, Kurt, Kevin, Kelly, Lynda, Bernie, Desiree, Bud, Greg, Tracy, Jenn, Jeff, Tara, Janet

Regrets: Pete, Vandy, Chris, Ross

- 2 Adoption of Minutes of:** February 20, 2017. **Motion:** Jeff; **Second:** Kevin
- 3 Business arising:**

TABLED from February meeting with slight wording changes to the Tournament policy.

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Two specific considerations:

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**Motion made by Kurt for draft refund policy to be put in play; Seconded by Desiree**



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## **Motion made by Tracy to accept policy; Seconded by Lynda**

### **4 Correspondence:**

### **5 New Business:**

### **6 Reports:**

#### **President (Rob):**

#### **Hockey Canada**

-In March, Hockey Canada announced the support of Cross Ice OR Half Ice hockey for H1-H2 across Canada.

#### **BC Hockey**

-Submitted a resolution to regulate arena size under the Regulations of BC Hockey. In short, I am trying to regulate the area size under 'regulations' which are higher than 'policy' and therefore force BC Hockey on the issue of "Cross ice". The submission calls for:

-Atom and above full size ice, actual size to be determined by the Districts and their leagues.

-H1-H3, small ice size, 80-130' length, actual size to be determined by the Districts and their leagues.

-H4 -September to December 31, small ice size, 80-130' length, actual size to be determined by the Districts and their leagues.

-January to March, small or full size ice actual size to be determined by the Districts and their leagues.



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\*If this makes it to the AGM and passes, then I will make a motion that the Board and Executive or BC Hockey be directed to rename and revise all references to Cross ice hockey to accommodate the changes.

\*One concern is this flies in the face of BC Hockey's cross ice policy so much that I suspect BC Hockey will try and squash it before it gets to the AGM.

-BC Hockey and the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association (PCAHA) are jointly requesting applications from interested individuals to join a Zone Programming work group.

-BC Hockey First Aid notice: BC Hockey, in partnership with Sport Med BC, is hosting a pilot hockey-specific first aid clinic for minor hockey associations risk managers. Not sure if this is going to be mandatory for all Safety/Risk personal as of yet.

## PCAHA

-Hosted Final 4 for Midget Tier 2, thanks to Jennifer Lauener and Steve Tucsok for their work.

## Presidents' C League

-League Managers needed for H3 and H4

-The NWMHA ref development model was discussed and fully supported

-Discussion regarding escalating serious penalties. The Arbutus Club automatically doubles BC Hockey, PCAHA or Presidents' C League suspension in midget and since doing this they have seen a significant drop in serious offences. I propose we consider a new policy to automatically double any suspension given by our governing bodies that are of two games or more and make this non appealable. This would cover all Gross, Match and Fighting, as well as accumulated Majors that result in automatic two games or more. My rationale is we end up dealing with these issues often at hearings that take a lot of extra time to deal with a few individuals. If we internally automatically escalate the suspensions handed down, I feel we will quickly have the desired impact on those involved.

**Rob is going to look into drafting something up to add to our policies and as an executive we will discuss further at the next meeting to see if we are interested on implementing this policy.**



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## NWMHA

-Processed the required changes to our Constitution and By Laws and filed with the BC Registries of Societies. As a reminder the Executive passed the minimum changes to come into compliance with the new act.

-Intro to Rep Tryouts in March was well attended with a lot of questions from the parents.

-AGM, are we ready? Awards, Scholarships, Budget, Registration; If you are not going to be able to attend the AGM please email Rob and Vandy and submit a report via email for the meeting. Also please include if you are going to want to continue on with your executive role, change your role or retire from your role on the executive.

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

## **NEWSLETTER**

The final President's Message for this season went out just before the tournament and earned some good feedback.

Bernie reported that there is a 50% email blast. Meaning, that at least 50% of the newsletters that have been sent out have been open and read. That is not taking into consideration that there are a lot of families with more than one child in the association and they are getting emails for more than one child. Because of this they may only be opening one email instead of all of them.

Bud would also like to report that he has heard nothing but positive feedback about the monthly President's Messages that have been sent out.

## **PR**

Helped handing out medals and trophies at the tournament

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

## **Al Hughes & Bobby Love Tournaments**

- Total of 17 teams participated. 9 played in Atom. 8 played in PeeWee.
- Probably the highest calibre hockey I've seen from NWMHA teams in last 3 years. They all looked great on the ice!
- Lots of positive feedback and a number of returning teams + coaches from last year.
- Was at rinkside and was announcer at all the QPA games except one.



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- The online system [www.volunteersignup.org](http://www.volunteersignup.org) was a huge hit with families and team managers. Would recommend using again as it was very easy to use and efficient.
- We gave our two Most Sportsmanlike Awards again this year.
  - o New West C2 – Bobby Love
  - o Surrey C5 – Al Hughes
- Medal winners were as follows for Atom:
  - o Port Moody - GOLD
  - o Semiahmoo - SILVER
  - o Aldergrove - BRONZE
- Medal winners were as follows for PeeWee:
  - o Ridge Meadows – GOLD
  - o New Westminster C1 – SILVER
  - o New Westminster C2 – BRONZE

**(Rob is going to double check with Daniel about a possible confusion with the reporting of the final Medal Winners)**

- Two New West PeeWee teams were eliminated from the playoffs even though they were tied with two other teams for the 3rd and 4th spot with 4 points. The tie breaker resulted in them being placed in 5th and 6th spots after round robin.
- Record level of donations this year totalling \$5,500+
  - o BuyLow Foods - \$1,250
  - o Derrick Thornhill - \$500
  - o Hughes Family - \$500
  - o Ippolita Corcione - \$250
  - o Boston Pizza - \$1100
  - o Dairy Queen - \$1100
  - o Fresh Slice Pizza - \$200
  - o Burger Heaven - \$100
  - o Misc - \$500+
- It was great to see representatives from both the Love and Hughes family on-hand for the puck drop ceremony.
- The Hughes Family donated almost \$500 worth of pizza to the teams who played in the medal games. A wonderful surprise for the players and coaching staff who were most appreciative.



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- Mayor Jonathan Cote made an appearance for the puck drop at the Al Hughes gold medal game. Judy Darcy MLA was invited to participate in the gold medal puck drop for the Bobby Love game but had a scheduling conflict.
- We had two advertisers totaling \$750. Excess funds from advertising sold by parents was \$300. This helped to cover the entire print program costs.
- No major incidents and penalties were relatively low for most teams.
- Had lots of positive feedback regarding the caliber of our on ice officials.
- A small token of our appreciation was provided to Beth McNaughton and Leanne Piendl for volunteering their time – despite the fact they have no kids in the tournament.
- Royal City Record newspaper had a great story about the tournament with some great action photos.
- Did not end up needing to use off-ice officials to fill parent spots – even though this was offered. Parents volunteered for all of the shifts.
- It has been a great three years and six tournaments! I look forward to supporting my successor and the NWMHA in a volunteer capacity next year!

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

Awards are going forward for the NWMHA AGM. If there were no nominations there will be no awards being awarded for that particular Award.

## **Treasurer (Kurt):**

- 1- Motion to transfer \$4,000 from operating to Financial Aid fund.  
**Motion:** Kurt; **Second:** Lynda
- 2- Motion to receive the year end statement  
**Motion:** Kurt; **Second:** Jeff
- 3- Motion to receive and recommend the 2017-2018 Budget.  
**Motion:** Kurt; **Second:** Bernie
- 4- Motion to support the goalie development as we have done the past few years. **Motion:** Kurt; **Second:** Kelly



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Please find attached the operating statements for the year ended March 31, 2017. I have also attached the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017. Overall a good year and net income was higher than expected. Income was lower than expected but there were higher sponsorship revenues received and a high net income from the tournaments. Higher sponsorship revenues were achieved by the sole efforts of Bernie Lehmann, VP1. Great job Bernie!! The main reason for the tournament income was the additional two Midget teams added as the demand was high for the tournament. Expenses were lower in a couple areas that contributed to higher net income for this year. Ice rentals were not as high as budgeted due to folding of the Juvenile A team at Christmas and less ice time that we expected to get from the City of New Westminister. Referee fees were lower as well due to fewer Juvenile A games played after Christmas and the decision by BC Hockey to make H1 to H4 cross ice hockey for the full year. Other minor reductions in expenses were Coach Expenses (did not have to pay additional months for Juvenile A coach), Projects (allocated for Hockey Day in Canada t-shirts, and other association events), Tournament Registrations (one team did not use the \$850 funds available), and Travel and Accommodation By Teams (only used twice as we budget up to four trips).

In March 2017 we opened early registrations 2017-2018 season. This was also the first time we had payment by credit card. Everything went smooth. We had 235 players register early or approximately 60% of registered players from the current season. We had 60% of these registrations pay by credit card. You can see in the March 31, 2017 financial statements the amount of registrations received in advance is much higher than the previous year. This will reduce the number of issues with collecting, holding and processing cheques. There are about 150 players expected to still register which will pay the late fee of \$50. Ideally, we would like to get 80% registered early and 80% pay by credit card. We will try to meet that goal for next year. In order to move to payments by credit card there was a cost to do it. The fee is 2.15% plus \$0.20 per transaction. We have allowed for these expected fees and included them in the Interest and Bank Charges for the 2017-2018 Budget.

## **BUDGET 2017-2018**

**REVENUES** - we based this on age group and last years registrations. So we are expecting approximately 380 players. Registration fees were increased by 5% to cover the payment by credit cards, and City of New Westminister annual ice rental increases.





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**GRANTS** - we expect these to be similar from the Province \$70,000, Amateur Sport Grant from the City of New Westminister could be as high as \$10,000 this calendar year as long as we spend according to their allocations.

**SPONSORSHIP** - We have increased this amount from previous years as the efforts of our VP1 has been able to get additional sponsors. In addition Scotiabank has been a consistent sponsor in the range of up to \$5,000 depending on the year. 2016-2017 Scotiabank gave \$4,000. Thank you Scotiabank!!

**TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS (NET)** - we allow these tournaments to operate at a loss to make them more enjoyable to all participants (players and parents). We have been able to make room for additional Midget teams which helps the bottom line. In addition there have been a lot of new and returning sponsors to fund advertisements in the tournament programs.

**CLINICS** - we expect to have additional referee development this coming year. Better trained referees is important to NWMHA and we have allocated additional funds over previous years.

**UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT and SUPPLIES** - We have generally kept this expense consistent over the years. We have been able to increase it in the past two seasons and allowed us to get new red jerseys. We expect this to continue in the 2017-2018 season. We expect all teams from Atom to Juvenile to have the new Jerseys introduced last year. Midget and Juvenile got them this year. We have recently order enough for Bantam and Peewee. Atom will be completed in the 2017-2018 season.

**ICE RENTAL** - we expect ice rental to be higher than last years' actual. This will factor annual increases by the City of New Westminister.

**REFEREE' FEES** - we have allowed room for this expense to be higher than last years' actual as we expect more referees used for H2 to H4 games and additional Juvenile games.

The rest of the expenses are expected to be similar to last years' actual expenses. Let me know if you have any questions or comments



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## **Registrar (Janet):**

Total of 247 registered for the 2017/18 Season:

H1 – 2

H2 – 11

H3 – 19

H4 – 34

Atom – 43 (includes 3 goalies)

Peewee – 43 (includes 5 goalies)

Bantam – 33 ( includes 5 goalies)

Midget – 59 (includes 7 goalies)

Juvenile – 4 and 1 goalie

## **Secretary (Vandy):**

### **Meeting dates**

AGM Scheduled for May 2, 2017

May 8, 2017

June 12, 2017

July 10, 2017

August 15, 2017

## **Coach Coordinator (Pete):**

6 Dev 1 evaluations completed for 16/17. One outstanding will be completed next season.

6 Coach 2 Post Tasks completed for 16/17. One not completed. Advised he would have to do the course again.

I will have a year-end report ready for AGM but I'm off to San Diego so won't be at meeting tomorrow.



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## **Equipment Manager (Kevin):**

Have received all jersey back except the Juvenile Whites.

New material used for the new jerseys has been holding up. Very satisfying.

Wanting to replace jerseys for the Atom – Bantam divisions. It just comes down to the diverse range in sizing. Getting a number of kids to try on a number of different sizes to gauge what to order for the groups.

**Ice Allocator (Lynda):** Season is done.

**Referee-in-Chief (Chris):** N/A

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

The Season has come to an end on a very positive note for some officials and me in particular. It was a difficult year with the added responsibility of taking on assigning for not only our association but also in becoming the Referee assignor for the President C League Bantam Boys as well. It was a juggle and not without its challenges but it got managed.

The Bobby Love / Al Hughes Spring Tournament was successful with all shifts being filled and all officials showing up for their shifts. The level of competition between some of the teams was very high but I would like to commend the officials on a job well done. In fact I had a message passed on to me from Daniel Fontaine the Tournament coordinator from one of the teams involved in the tournament expressing how courageous our young officials were for reviewing and reversing controversial calls and how much they were appreciated. Although we are unable to take video replay from Toronto the officials took the time to review many calls by consulting as a team and coming up with a decision together. Many times it was not an easy decision but as a team they worked together and supported one another. The communication between the officials was there and it was really good to see.

During the tournament I was able to arrange for a Referee Development Committee Member for our Zone to come and observe and speak to some of the officials. He himself even said some of them made some pretty great calls and he is looking forward to coming back for the 2017/18 hockey season to help out with referee development.



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Not only did I receive positive feedback on the tournament but while volunteering at Banner Day on March 5th I was approached twice by two individual teams complimenting the New Westminster officials this year. Both individuals happen to be from Vancouver Thunderbirds. The first was a representative from an Atom A team that was very impressed with the officials they had at QPA during one of their games in January and the other was a Bantam C team. They didn't know that the officials they were complimenting were in fact from New West until they saw the two individuals at Banner Day and the whole team cheered when they saw that they were officiating their game that morning. After the game the two coaches approached the League Manager who in turn called me over and wanted to let me know that the two officials he was speaking of had done quite a few of their games during the regular season and they were quite happy with them and wanted me to pass on to them that they think they did a great job this season. That's when I let them know that the two they were referring to had come from New Westminster and I would be pleased to pass on the information. I later found out that they had approached both the officials on their own while sitting upstairs in The Grill and let them know themselves. It was a proud moment not only for those two officials but it made me feel good as well.

I am looking forward to continuing on as The Referee Allocator for New Westminster and assigning for Bantam C President League. I think that with the new Referee Development we have in place for our new officials coming up and the communication with myself and the Referee Development Committee for our zone we will be able to support and develop many of our officials and hopefully keep them interested in continuing on for seasons to come.

## **Division Managers:**

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

#### **H1**

\* The season finished off well and the players all improved immensely from the start of the season. Many of the Hockey Canada core skills were taught during the season.

\* Both the Head Coach and the Assistant Coach will stay on for the next season.

## **Concerns for next season:**

1. The #'s of players moving into H2 will be really low since the team ended with 13 players. However, 2 of these 13 will move to the H3's as they were late to register and were put back with the H1 group. Another player during the season moved to Vancouver



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and there is a question as to whether the youngest Kalkat son will move over to the BWC since his older brothers play there now. So this will leave the team starting at 9 players.

2. Another concern from both the Head Coach and the Assistant Coach is the early practice times during the week. Both of the dads are having a really difficult time getting to the rink for a 3:45 practice. One dad works downtown and says he'd have to leave at 2:00 to get to the rink on time. Both of them agreed that a later time would be easier to manage in terms of their jobs.

## H2

\* The season finished off well for both teams and all the players improved immensely from the start of the season. Players who were not as engaged and involved in the play during the games at the start of the season were right into all the games at the end of the season. A big part of this was due to the cross ice hockey format. All the players were able to touch the puck and score goals. Many of the Hockey Canada core skills were taught during the season.

\* For the following season, there will be many hands on deck to help out with the team or teams. All the coaches and assistants are all looking to come back to help next season.

\* The coaches are interested in knowing if our association is able to purchase the little goalie nets for the novice group? After playing against other associations who use these little nets, they noticed that the nets were good for giving the goalies more confidence in stopping the pucks. With the larger nets the players in net often felt as if they were getting shot on all game. It's hard for the little players to cover the whole area of the net. As well, for the players who are more advanced and who were able to fire in the pucks, the little nets would give them more of a challenge to get the puck in. They would have to learn to have more control over their shots.

## Concerns:

\* The coaches from both teams found that their numbers of players on the team were too low. The H2C1 team had 11 players. The H2C2 team had 10 players. During games, not all the players would show up to games and when playing cross ice games this meant that it was difficult to organize the teams due to a lack of players. Both head coaches would like to see a minimum of 14 players on each team. We know that all the players will return except for 1 player.

A question that both the head coaches had was what is the maximum # of players that can be on a team during the season? One of the Maple Ridge teams this season had 22 players. Both of our head coaches are wondering if we can combine the two H2 teams for the following season? If so this would give us 22 players.

Sign: I am getting this sign project resurrected again. A design is being worked on and Bernie has looked into the printers. Stay tuned!



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

The Atom Transition plan was released by BC Hockey on March 15<sup>th</sup>. This is to prepare H4 players for Atom.

**Suggested:** 6 ice times-with 6 coaches (3 would be practices / 3 would be scrimmages) between August 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> before Atom tryouts.

The hockey 4 head coaches will not be available to run ice sessions in August for the Atom Transition plan (They have planned vacations). They suggest we hire RPM to run these. They also don't think they will be very attended. They suggest we run this plan at the end of the season next year for the upcoming group of H4 players.

The Hockey 3 and 4 teams have wrapped up for the season.

I prepared a short online survey for the division. I received 33 responses out of a possible 63. (52%)

I reviewed the results of the survey with all team managers and head coaches when I met with them last week to wrap up the season. There is a summary of the survey results at the end of this report.

### **H4 Team Managers Meeting**

They felt their teams had good seasons with no real issues. For future seasons they would recommend that the association provide a firm direction on how we want our cross ice teams to be divided. (Balanced teams or teams separated by skill level)

### **H4 Coaches Meeting**

Started out this season with a lot of resistance to the cross-ice change from many of the parents. As the season went on most parents saw the value in the cross-ice format. However attendance to practices this season was often low as many families made outside training a priority over minor hockey. Overall the coaches felt they had good seasons, but did not focus on positional play in their drills enough. Both head coaches are unsure if they will coach again next season.

### **H3 Team Managers Meeting**

All the team managers felt they had a great season. They felt the strength of the coaching teams was more balanced this season than it was last season. They all agreed that having no league schedule was a real challenge as the burden to schedule games fell completely on them. 6 players were identified as having keen interest in playing as a goalie at least somewhat regularly.



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## H3 Coaches Meeting

All coaches felt they had a really good season. It was noted that they prefer the half-ice orientation to the cross-ice format. They would like to stress that smaller nets and dividers really need to be purchased for the future years of cross-ice. It was also noted that a certain RPM coach regularly left the ice 10-15 minutes early at every morning practice for all the H3 teams. 2 of the coaches have said they will return next season, the 3<sup>rd</sup> says it depends on what happens with his older sons team.

## Summary of Survey Notes

- Most families felt they enjoyed the season. Only 1 family felt it was below average.
- Almost all families were very happy with their head coaches. Some of the negative feedback about the team cohesiveness and communication came from families that do not help out with the team and did not attend team meetings.
- All families were very happy with their team managers.
- According to two families their player did really HATES THE CROSS-ICE FORMAT. Some players like cross-ice, but most are just not happy to be playing hockey.

### **The main positive aspects of cross-ice hockey were:**

- More passing and team play
- More ice time
- More fun
- More puck touches
- It challenges the stronger players and gives more opportunity to the less skilled players.

### **The main downfalls of cross-ice hockey:**

- No gradual introduction of the full game of hockey.
- Skating does not improve.
- Necessitates larger teams.
- Players do not learn positional play.
- We need dividers in New West.

All but 2 players plan to play in New Westminister. One player is likely going to BWC, another is unsure if they will play.



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## Suggestions for the Association:

- Get dividers and smaller nets for cross-ice.
  - o **Discussion among executive think that smaller nets should be first priority.**
- Continue to bring in outside professionals for player development. RPM or Inside Edge. Many people feel that RPM is not the way to go.
- We should have a policy to allow H4 players to try out for Atom.
  - o **BC hockey need to approve this policy.**
- “It would be great if we could consider being open to a more competitive approach where warranted. We seem to have a “This is how we have always done it” approach, and “If you don’t like it, go to BWC”. Times change, and what was right for the club in the past isn’t always the right thing in the future. We realize that none of our kids will be playing in the NHL, but getting a chance to be pushed, develop and set goals is a positive regardless of where they end up”
- Saturday morning goalie clinics were not as well run as previous season. They didn’t run good practices if they weren’t being watched.
  - o **Desiree is going to find out more information on this matter.**

### **Atom (Jeff):**

It was a quiet month. I would like to thank Daniel and Desiree for all their hard work. All Atom teams did well.

### **Peewee (Bud):**

A good year for all teams this season. The tournament in New West was a good experience.

The C Teams had great coaches.

The A team got knocked out by Burnaby Winter Club and continued playoffs in the President League where they did well.

### **Bantam (Greg):**

This past season was relatively quiet for Bantam. There were only a few incidents that required some level of board involvement, and those seem to be resolved successfully.

The team balancing process was the most difficult I’ve ever faced. We had challenges with coaches, ice times and players skill level. There were a number of families that simply would not accept the earlier practice times, making balancing difficult.





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Throughout this process I wondered about two specific items that the association might want to look at to help guide the parents and the DM at the Bantam level.

- 1) Early morning practices, I know there are a few that find this unacceptable, they feel that at the Bantam level they're entitled to afternoon practices. Unfortunately, as our communities have grown and changed so must our association. Unless there is a new rink in the very near future I suggest the board consider an early morning option for Bantam. Or at least have all early afternoon practices at Moody Park Arena close to the high school where a significant number of players attend.
  - o **It was explained that at this level and age most of the player at the high school may have what is called a "Z" block and would have to be at school even earlier than expected and that is why early morning practices don't work.**
- 2) NWMHA to look at more explicit guidelines for parents and DM's around refusing to accept a team's practice/game time. What is acceptable and what isn't? This year we had a number of families that simply would not accept any other time than the time that fit for them. More than one family told me they would not play if they had to practice at any other than a specific day and time. Very difficult.
  - o **It was discussed that all "C" practices are open to all players. Any player can practice with any "HOUSE" team at any available time that is good for them. It would be unfortunate that they would chose not to practice with their team but they would be able to practice and improve their skills that way.**

This year was a tough year for our Bantam C teams. Our skill level was not the same as in the past when compared to our competition. After winning all the in-house balancing games C1 went 6-20 and were outscored 91-170 finishing 9<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in the Blue Group. C2 was 14-12 with 99 goals for and 81 against finishing 7<sup>th</sup> of 10 in the Green Group. C3 went 4-21 and was outscored 68 to 140 finishing 10<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in the Blue Group. The issue around practice times and the player availability certainly played a role in the level of disparity between the three teams. Personally, I have some question around how the in-house balancing games were played. Hard to have one team sweep the balancing then go 6-20 in the weakest group. If I'm DM going forward I will talk to all the coaches before the balancing games and ask that they play the game to win.....

Our A team had a good season. The team struggled in the placement round going 1-7 but found themselves in league play going 13-4 to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in flight 5. The boys went 1-1 the first round of playoffs, then went 5-1 in the president's series.

This year's Rep Team selection process was very different from years past. We had a much smaller pool of players to select from and in the end needed to bring in a goalie



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from Richmond to round out the roster. There were a number a number of different players called up to help with injuries and other missed games. From what I know, there were no issues with the Taxi Squad and how it was used. The coaching staff was all non-parent volunteers lead by Todd Fletcher. From my conversations with the parents, everyone was quite happy with how things turned out. The boys enjoyed working with them and the parents felt that the team and individuals progressed.

The feedback I received indicated a good year for the most. I did have a couple of complaints about the balancing but there was not much I could do once the PCAHA deemed the teams balanced. I understand Bernie received a complaint specifically about a coach and the Bantam DM, but to my knowledge it never formally surfaced.

I want to thank all our coaches and managers for volunteering countless hours to give our kids a chance to play a game they enjoy. Additionally, I want to extend a big thank you to the board for the dedication to the kids of New West. A special mention and thank you to Lynda, The Ice Allocator job is one of the toughest ones around.

## **Midget (Jennifer):**

### **Midget A1**

Beat Semiahmoo twice 5-2 & 6-1 to advance to the Final 4.  
New West hosted the Final 4 over three days with 2 games each day & it went very well.  
Had Beat Aldergrove 5-3, lost to Port Moody 2-1 & 1 tied Vancouver for a 2nd place tie with Vancouver.  
They played a tie breaker game in Vancouver & lost 4-2 with Vancouver advancing to the Provincials in Port Coquitlam.

### **Midget A2**

In the President's Series they beat Coquitlam A3 3-2 & lost to West Vancouver A1 1-0 & Chilliwack A3 4-2.

### **Midget C1**

Finished the season on a strong note with 5 wins & 3 losses. They were tied for 2nd after the playoffs & missed going to the banner game as the other team had more wins.



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## **Midget C2**

Had 2 wins & 6 losses, with 2 losses by 1 goal & 1 loss by 2 goals.  
The team ran into suspension problems with 3 players & the Head Coach.

## **Midget C3**

Had 0 wins & 8 losses, with 2 losses by 2 goals & the other 6 losses by more than 3 goals.

**Juvenile (vacant):** N/A

**Past President (Ross):** N/A

7 **Next Meeting:** NWMHA AGM May 2, 2017 NWSS Library 7pm / May 8, 2017 QPA Board Room 7pm

8 **Adjournment:** – **Motion:** Rob ; **Second:** Kelly **8:55pm**