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EXECUTIVE MEETING April 8, 2019 7 pm Queens Park Arena Breakaway Room Agenda

1. Roll call: Jeff, Lynda, Kelly, Mike, Nancy, Kevin, Jennifer, Danielle, Sarah, Dez, Rob, Mark, Janet, Greg, Tara, Eric, Tom, Bill, Mark S
2. Regrets: Kurt
3. Adoption of Minutes: Kevin, Bill
4. Business arising:
5. Correspondence:
6. New Business:
7. Reports:

7.1 President (Jeff): Presidents Report.

7.2 1st Vice President (Tom): VP1 Report. We have ordered and now received new Royals in ice logos for both arenas replacing ones that were 10 – 12 years old. Year-end Thank you letters have been sent out to all Major sponsors for the 2018/19 season and I have heard back from most of them with interest for next season.

7.3 2nd Vice President (Desiree):

Tournament Coordinator Report for April 2019

- Al Hughes Memorial Tournament - March 16-19th 2019 QPA & MPA
 - This was a great tournament with only a minor comment (not a complaint, just a comment) about officiating that I have passed along to our RIC.
 - Gold - Burnaby Peewee C5
 - Silver - Cloverdale Peewee C5
 - Bronze - Mission Peewee C2
 - Our NW PW C1 team finished 5th after missing the playoff round based on the head-to-head tiebreaker rule. NW PW C2 finished 6th.
 - NW PW C1 tied with Cloverdale PW C5 for most Sportsmanlike team.
- Bobby Love Memorial Tournament - March 16-19th 2019 QPA & MPA
 - Also a fantastic Tournament with many compliments from all the teams.



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- Gold - Burnaby Atom C4
- Silver - Burnaby Atom C1
- Bronze - New Westminister Atom C3
- New Westminister Atom C2 finished 5th after missing the playoff round based on the +/- differential tie breaker rule. New Westminister Atom C1 finished 8th.
- NW Atom C1 tied with Burnaby Atom C1 for most Sportsmanlike team.
- 3 games went to OT on the final day, with one of those games going to a shootout. The final Al Hughes game was an exciting game with the Burnaby team coming back from being down 2-0 to scoring the go ahead goal in the last 3 minutes of the game.
- I sent my reports to BC Hockey and PCAHA on March 20th 2019.
- Game sheets were delivered to the PCAHA office in person on March 21st 2019.
- The commemorative programs can be found online at:
<http://www.nwmha.ca/tournaments/TournamentsPosterBobbyLoveAndAlHughes.pdf>

I have received numerous compliments from all of the teams that attended. Our tournament was well run, fun, classy, well organized, welcoming, had great swag, have an awesome announcer and a great focus on sportsmanship. This is all thanks to the outstanding group of volunteers that helped me put this together and spent many hours prepping and being at the rink with me. I'd like to acknowledge Beth McNaughton, Erin Woolley, Daniel Fontaine, Martine Lehmann, Bernie Lehmann, Lynda Callard, Janet Lakusta, Nancy Graham, Heather Hansen, Marilyn Araujo, Christiana Pleasants, Nicole Maharaj, Loretta Fraser and Heather Epp for the many hours they spent at the rink and the many more hours before the tournament. I'd also like to recognize Kelly Corbett for being available every time I had to call her throughout the weekend when the officials were running late while she was away. Finally I'd like to note that the officials did a spectacular job...it isn't often that you can have a whole tournament happen and not receive any complaints about the officiating...well done!

7.4 3rd Vice President (Mark):

Awards Committee – the Committee completed its work with great efficiency (thank-you to the Committee members for their cooperation and responsiveness) and winners have been chosen or acclaimed for all NWMHA awards. Six awards were contested and five were acclaimed. I've also received from our RIC the names of the winners of the referees' awards. I have prepared letters to all the winners.



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Safety/Discipline – I will be working with Jeff to produce an updated draft policy around serious penalties.

7.5 Treasurer (Kurt):

1. Motion to transfer \$2,500 from Operating Fund to Financial Aid Fund. Motion by Mark, second Danielle. Passed
2. Motion to receive the Financial Statements as at March 31, 2019, and the Operating Statements for the year ended March 31, 2019. Motion by Kevin, second Mark. Passed
3. Motion to support the goalie development over the summer of 2019 as we have done the past few years. Motion by Dez, second Kevin. Passed

Please find attached the operating statements for the year ended March 31, 2019. I have also attached the financial statements as at March 31, 2019. Overall a good year with a small deficit of revenue over expenditures (\$4,676) compared to an excess amount of \$2,982 last year.

Total Revenue was similar to last year. Registration fees were up slightly from last year as there was an increase in registration fees. In addition, there were 331 players registered who played compared to XXX last year. Both of the grants we received from BC Community Gaming Grant and City of New Westminister were lower for a total of approximately \$4,000 than last year. Miscellaneous income was from two sources an unclaimed Vancouver Giants 50/50 draw form February 2017, and from BC Hockey for NWMHA hosting the Development 1 Clinic in October 2018. Sponsorship was \$6,000 compared to \$4,250 last year. Our tournament net proceeds was a deficit this year of \$1,909 compared to an excess of \$1,676 last year. The main reason is that the Herb House Midget tournament this year did not have a Rep A division and reduced the number of teams to cover all the costs.

Expenditures were approximately \$7,000 higher this year over last year. Some of the highlights and differences are:

- Clinics – NWMHA spent \$5,000 more this year over last year. The Association continues to help its players development their skills through the use of RPM



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Hockey instructors at the team level and through in season clinics. NWMHA will also continue developing its referees with in house training and other clinics hosted through New Westminister.

- Equipment and Supplies – NWMHA spent \$16,000 less this year over last year. NWMHA has now purchased all new jerseys from Initiation Minor to Juvenile in home Red and away White. NWMHA has also stocked up on its socks order to get a competitive price from the manufacturer. NWMHA will continue to work with the City of New Westminister to figure out a solution to store the temporary boards/barriers for cross ice hockey.
- Ice Rental – NWMHA spent \$11,000 more this year over last year. The main reason for the increase is that we had addition teams this year over last year, one of which was the Juvenile C hockey team.
- Insurance Costs – continue to go up each year. We spent \$2,000 more this year over last year. NWMHA expects this to increase slightly this year.
- Referee Fees – NWMHA spent \$2,500 more this year over last year. This has to do with a higher number of teams and that we had more teams in higher referee fee divisions than Initiation Minor to Novice Major. NWMHA expects referee fees to go up next year as BC Hockey increases referee fees every three year.
- Tournament Registration – NWMHA assists its teams with tournament fees each year. The amount is budgeted and each team has access to these funds. Last year we allowed a maximum of \$700, whereas this year we allowed a maximum of \$900.

NWMHA opened up registrations in April 2018 for the 2018/2019 season. Registration submitted after May 31, 2018, had a \$100 late fee. We had 331 players register this year who played. There were 42 late registrations. We had 56% of these registrations pay by credit card. This is down slightly from last years' numbers of approximately 60%. Ideally we would like to have this number up to 80%. Paying by credit card reduce the number of issues with collecting, holding and processing cheques. NWMHA is looking for easier ways to pay and considering e-transfer payments.

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

7.6 Secretary (Mark): Nothing to report



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7.7 Coach Coordinator (Mike):

Congratulations to all coaches and much appreciated all the countless hours and hard work this season to help our youth hockey players with the tools to help them move to the next level.

There was a common comment from pretty much all head coaches Atom through Midget that reffing at home was difficult to manage at times especially this season than any other season.

Another common comment was a mid-season (possibly xmas time) get together for coaches and managers. Thought for next season.

We had issues really late in the season with sudden qualification related issues. I feel that this is completely avoidable right from the beginning of the coaching staff being announced. I will be sending an email to all potential coaches to send me their current status as well as their DOB so I can monitor each carefully and give them enough notice to gain whichever course they require.

Notices have gone out to current coaches to return next season and responses have been quick and positive.

Being my first time in this position and on an executive level I have learned a lot! A lot to learn yet and will continue to be an effective member. Special thank you to Jeff assisting hugely to me in this role.

7.8 Ice Allocator (Lynda):

I would like to thank the Team Managers for making the season relatively easy this year. As well thanks need to go to the city for all their help.

Discussion is already underway with the city to get the warm up skates scheduled for the upcoming season and those will be secured shortly

7.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin):

Nothing to report

7.10 Registrar (Janet):

See next page



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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
- 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): See Attached

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 was 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 to a mix up in some communication this year it 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.



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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 report that needed to be helped with but nothing too 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.

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.



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Division Managers:

1. Tyke (Eric): Nothing major to report.
2. Novice (Sarah): Nothing to report
3. Atom (Tara):

Atom April Report

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.

The head coach has expressed an interest in returning for the following season.

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. There was a lot of negative chatter from parents of this team about the idea that they felt the teams were not balanced. At the end of the season both Jeff and I received a 3 page letter from a parent who was expressing her frustration about her thoughts of the season and how she would like to see changes for the following season.

The head coach will be moving on to PeeWee if they end up staying within the association.

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.

The Head Coach has expressed an interest to coach again in some capacity for the following season. The Assistant coach will be moving up to PeeWee.

AC3



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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.

The Head Coach has expressed an interest to coach next season.

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.
- In the following season I would like to see our association add an A2 team. After discussions with the coaches from the A1 team and the House teams we would all like to see an A2 team included to help with player development. Here is our rationale for this request:
 - * Coach Nigel Creightney for the A1 team noticed that many of the other associations all had multiple A teams and were able to compete with other associations as there were enough flights for them to do so.
 - * 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 and this is what helps with player development.
 - * Port Moody is an example of an association that is similar to ours in terms of size. They are a small city like New West and they had an A1 team and an A2 team. Their A1 team was comprised of mostly 2nd year players with a few 1st year players. This team was not a strong team and, in comparison to our A1 team we were equally matched. Their A2 team was comprised of mostly 1st year players to help with player development. Both the Port Moody teams did not do well throughout the season in terms of wins however, what they gained was the development of the players so that when the A2 1st year players try out for the A1 team in the following



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season, they will have more experience with the game and will likely be selected to play on the A1 team.

* 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): Nothing to report

6. Midget (Greg):

7. Juvenile (Jennifer):

The Juvenile team won their last playoff game 5-0 vs South Delta.

The last minute or so of the game erupted in a major brouhaha, with South Delta obviously wanting to end their Juvenile hockey experience literally going down fighting. The team had a majority of 3rd year players.

There were 4 fighting suspensions & 1 10minute misconduct given out to the New West.



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players. One of the New West players was pummelled with his helmet off. He had a bloody nose & very beat up. Not sure why the ref didn't step in?

Playoffs ended with a 3 win & 2 loss record for 3rd place out of 6 teams. Semiahmoo won the banner with New West. loosing every game against them this season.

8. Past President (Rob): Nothing to report

Tentative date of Next Meeting:

Monday May 13, 2018

Queens Park Arena Breakaway room

Adjournment: 8:22pm