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EXECUTIVE MEETING August 22, 2016
7 pm Queens Park Board Room
MEETING MINUTES

- 1 Roll call: Rob, Bernie, Lynda, Kelly, Jeff, Bud, Greg, Pete, Vandy, Jennifer, Desiree, Tara, Kurt, Tracy
Regrets: Janet, Ross, Daniel, Kevin, Chris
- 2 Adoption of Minutes of: June 13, 2016. Motion: Jeff; Second: Lynda. Carried.
- 3 Business arising: nothing of note
- 4 Correspondence:
 - 4.1 BC Hockey....too many to list, the important ones have been circulated or are reported on by president.
 - 4.2 Vancouver Canucks are looking to expand their program of inclusion of minor hockey associations.
- 5 New Business:
 - 5.1 Tryout Policy review. Vandy presented the Section 2: Team Selection Process and Classification policy. Motion: Vandy; Second: Kelly. Carried.
 - 5.2 Underage and Age-up policy. Tabled.

6 Reports:

6.1 President (Rob):

BC Hockey: further to the verbal report at the last meeting a few important notes from AGM:

Membership changed passed, the end result is the same voting structure where minor hockey has the majority of the votes in BC Hockey

Resolutions that passed and the membership needs to know about, CRC must be submitted before going on the ice, and CAT on line course now required by all team officials.

Provincial Championships changed to second week in spring break. Midget DM: Please inform the A1 coach.

BC Hockey board decision in July, to force ALL H1-4 games to be cross ice hockey, this is a big change for H4 kids who have never played cross ice. My concern is BC Hockey inadvertently has now promoted spring hockey to a new level. Kids entering atom will have to play spring hockey to be prepared for tryouts (icing, off sides, full ice etc). Along with many association Presidents have been in contact with BC Hockey trying to get the decision modified as it relates to H4. The CEO of BC Hockey is coming to the next PCAHA meeting and I will update the board on the outcome.

Sportsmanship Starts in the Stands program required yet again!

PCAHA: New President Lynne Kiang, former VP of PCAHA.

New websites being developed for PCAHA and Team Link.



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Presidents' C League: Meeting date conflict so Ross is attending instead of attending our meeting.

Coach/Manager meeting date times TBA

Bantam and Midget/ Atom and PW – scheduled for Sept 27th and 29th at Britannia Auditorium

H2 – H4 scheduled for Nov 8th

Atom C and above C leagues start Oct 11

Midget C Scholarship tourney - Dec 11 – 17. Hosts for this year are RMHA / SMHA / VTMHA

- Championship weekend/Banner Days - March 4/5, 2017

NWMHA: Summer, what summer?

Ice meetings with the City.see Lynda's report.

Thanks to all the Executive members who have been busy this summer, in particular the registrar and treasurer: Preseason planning – thanks to Pete and the DM's for getting coverage; Tryouts – Are we ready? (Pete and DM's); Policy meeting regarding tryouts. Thanks to Vandy for taking the lead on this.

6.2 Vice President 1 (Bernie):
FUNDRAISING / SPONSORSHIP

GIANTS GAME

Got Registration. Changes to the program include ticket price (was \$ 12 / now \$ 13) and amount of tickets being available (300 max). Need to get application in by Aug 31. Determine date and inform team managers accordingly. Change of venue to Langley. Will limit it to H1-4 at this point due to smaller venue size.

SCOTIABANK

Met with the branch manager a few weeks ago. Program should continue as usual, but not confirmed yet. They offered their fundraising help should we decide to do an Association-wide event/fundraiser (other than Giants Game) in some cases they would match any funds we would raise.

WAYFAIR CANADA

Approached us for sponsorship. Who's Wayfair?

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Founders: Steven Conine, Niraj Shah

COMMUNICATION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to introduce a monthly newsletter/update to our membership with the help of Daniel Fontaine. I will use short updates from each division and executive member including an opening statement from Rob. I have included a sample of what it could look like:

WEBSITE

We do want eventually a new look with more structure and more visual effects. In our inaugural newsletter we will include a "monkey survey" to find out what our members would like to see. One of the ideas was to get Bruce and Kyle Turriss involved with a short WELCOME Message. The Senators are in town Oct.25!

MISC

Contacted the city to advertise REGISTRATION on the MESSAGE BOARD 6th & McBride. Also tried to get flyers hung up in Community Centres; Canada Games Pool, etc.

6.3 Vice President 2 (Daniel): Absent. Report submitted.

- Have been working with web designer to introduce a new online application system for teams. Work has been completed this summer and teams can now [apply directly online](http://www.nwmha.ca) through www.nwmha.ca which will reduce paperwork, increase accuracy and simplify the process.
- Paperwork for the Herb House Tournament has been submitted to BC Hockey and we now have a permission number.
- One application has already been received for the tournament from PoCo. They have participated the last several years.
- Dates have been set for Herb House – December 27-30. Anticipating interest from 10 house teams and 8 rep teams.
- Will be working with VP sponsorships to incorporate more sponsors into the program this year.
- Plan to invite the Herb House family back to participate again this year.
- Work has just begun on the Al Hughes and Bobby Love Tournaments. Not much to report at this stage.



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- I am planning to send out a special communique to all team managers from 1st year Atom to help orient them regarding what will be required for the spring tournaments. Will speak to Atom Division Manager to coordinate.
- Planning to attend the September team manager orientation session to provide a general overview of our tournaments.

6.4 Vice President 3 (Tracy):

1. CRC AND VPC needs to be completed by all junior and minor team officials prior to entering ice. Valid for 3 years not 5.
2. CATT (concussion training): Needs to be completed by [Oct 15](#) by all team officials.
3. RIS: All team officials must take course prior to [Dec 15](#).
4. NWMHA Picture Day -November 10th (TBC).

6.5 Treasurer (Kurt):

- Operating Statement distributed.
- BC Gaming Grant - We finally received confirmation and approval of a grant for the upcoming season of \$72,650. This was received in the bank account on August 10.
- Other grants received - We applied (thanks to Rob) for a grant through Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation on behalf of Kyle Turris. We were awarded \$1,250 US dollars.
- Registrations - All post-dated cheques have been deposited in the bank. Will look at alternatives for payments for next season.
- Will look into e-transaction possibilities.

6.6 Registrar (Janet): Absent. Report submitted.

- 1) I have closed the on-line registration for goalies in Midget and PeeWee. We are now FULL in that category. We still have room for players in all divisions.
- 2) If I do not get enough players from other associations in Bantam to comfortably roster a 4th team, then we will have a waitlist.
- 3) I am getting late inquiries and registrations in the H1-4 divisions almost every day. I am just waiting for paperwork before registration.
- 4) Kurt and I are clamping down on the payment this year – especially those who have indicated their intent to attend tryouts.
- 5) I would like to add to the attached documents Vandy distributed. Could we please consider adding in the policy to have the tryout fees paid prior to the day of tryouts. *General discussion – decision was “no”.
- 6) **Action:** Division Managers: If you have volunteers on the ice who are volunteering during pre-season skates and tryouts to please make sure that you send me a list so that I can



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check their certifications and add them to the pre-registration list this season. It will affect our insurance with BC Hockey if they are on the ice prior to official hockey season starts.

6.7 Secretary (Vandy): Nothing new to report – just the usual assistance with correspondence.
Meeting dates are as follows:

September 13, 2016 (Tuesday)
October 11, 2016 (Tuesday)
November 14, 2016
December 12, 2016
January 16, 2017
February 13, 2017
March 13, 2017
April 10, 2017
May 8, 2017
June 12, 2017
July 10, 2017
August 15, 2017

6.8 Coach Coordinator (Pete):

Working on organizing coach coverage for tryouts. E-mail will be sent this week

- RPM coverage for tryouts and H1/2 warm up skates is complete
- I attended the BC Hockey Coach Coordinator meeting on Aug 16.
- Coordinating with Lynda and BC Hockey to conduct a Dev 1 Clinic in Sep/Oct
- Scheduling a meeting with Veit to confirm goaltender training
- RPM Coach Mentorship program schedule being finalized.
- Has changed the player evaluation form to be more in-line with what other associations do
- Scheduling Coaches Meeting for 3rd week Sep (TBD)

Projects Update:

- Service Provider Market Sound – Edits to draft document have been submitted. Need to revise the document and send.
- Standardize Rep tryout evaluation/assessment forms – Rob and Pete are working on a new form. Should be ready by next weekend.



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6.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin): Absent. Report submitted.

The new jerseys are in. I will be picking them up later today.

6.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda): Tentative practice/game schedule was distributed. Not to be shared more widely than with coaches at this point because it may still change.

6.11 Referee-in-Chief (Chris): Absent. No report submitted.

6.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly): The past couple weeks has been spent cleaning up the assignr program which consisted of sending out emails to all officials to confirm they would be returning this season and deleting all officials that have not officiated in over a year.

We have currently gone from 75 individuals in the program for the NWMHA to 66 individuals. This includes 3 PCAHA members and 2 NWMHA executives. That leaves us currently with 61 officials that are still in the system. Only 16 of those 61 have confirmed as of August 20, 2016 that they are returning.

I have sent out an email to inform all the officials that the clinics are now up on the bchokey.net website and that all officials 18 years of age and older need to get a criminal record check completed.

I have sent out an email to the now 11 individuals that are interested in becoming officials this season to let them know they need to complete the online portion of the clinic before being able to participate in the face to face portion of the clinic. Along with that email I included what they will need for their uniform and where they can find it. I have also let them know that when the face to face is scheduled either Chris or I will let them know the date and time of the clinic and that this will be the only one we offer so they need to be prepared to attend with no chance of rescheduling.

6.13 Division Managers

6.13.1 Hockey 1-2 (Tara):

Players Registered

As of today, there are 9-H1 players registered and 19 –H2 players registered.

I've been talking to parents in the community and, one family has told me that their son is currently registered for Hockey 2 but they will be moving in October or November to another city. This is the Willard family.

Coaches and One-Ice Helpers

H1- has one parent who has expressed an interest in coaching and that is Scott Scheibler. He has previously coached his older son's teams.

H2- has 2 possibly 3 parents who have expressed an interest in coaching and these parents are Amanda Semenoff, Nigel Creightney, and possibly Matt Freeman. All 3 of these parents coached the H1's last season. These parents have expressed an interest in either assisting or being on-ice helpers: Greg Miller, Angie Whitfield, Bryan Tasaka, and Dan Hunchuk

Team Managers:



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H2- One parent has expressed an interest in managing a team her name is Michelle Ramsay.

Pre-Skates

All three of the pre-skates have coaching and on-ice coverage that is being provided by the parents listed above.

6.13.2 Hockey 3-4 (Desiree):

Warm-up skates are starting and ready to go with lots of coaches to help out.

Coaches are lined up and ready to go for H3 and H4. Still need a manager or two.

Looks like we will have 3 H3 teams and 2 H4 teams.

Not one parent is excited or happy about their child playing cross-ice this season. Many H4 parents are shaking their heads in confusion at this decision as these kids have played full ice from the beginning, and they are now feeling like their only option for full ice hockey experience is spring hockey.

6.13.3 Atom (Jeff): Things are pretty much organized and set to go. Have some interest for "C" coaches. Looking forward to the coming season.

6.13.4 Peewee (Bud): Things are set. Thank you to everyone for your hard work.

6.13.5 Bantam (Greg):

Have communicated with all registered and previously registered players from the 2015-2016 season.

Working with Janet on numbers, we currently sit at 56 with 4 goalies. One player is working through an injury but they are expecting to sign up soon and be ready for the season, bringing the number up to 57 with 4 goalies.

With these player number we need to make a decision on number of teams. If it stays at 52 skaters then I would lean towards 3 teams of 17, 7, and 18 as I feel that 4 teams of 13 is too small. Will go with the recommendation/direction of the coach coordinator and executive on the final number of teams.

Numbers are down and my feeling is that we are missing more 1st year (2003) than 2nd year (2002) players.

Bantam seems to have a payment problem. Of the 56 registered, it appears that 23 have not yet paid. The box at Moody was empty, so it is possible that Janet has some cheques and this will clear up shortly. I know, personally, that I forgot, and the same can be said for at least 2 others...

I have confirmation from 4 coaches, but one is borderline as his son is trying out and will likely make the A team. May be have some issues getting a 4th coach as these are the usual guys that step up in this group.



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I will again raise my concern around the 4pm ice time. This is a very difficult time for many players, parents and coaches. I understand that there are limits and we have to take what we can get, but even 30 mins later would be better. I would really like to see all Bantam practices be from 4:30-5:30 or later at either rink.

6.13.6 Midget (Jennifer):

85 players registered for Midget this 2016-17 season.

10 Goalies & 75 players.

Looking to have 5 teams. 75/5 = 15.0 players & 2 goalies per team.

There will be either A1 & A2 teams & 3 C teams or A1 & 4 C teams.

First Pre Season skate is this Sunday August 21 from 6:00- 7:00pm @ MPA.

Have 2 Coaches: Ken Pattison & Shawn Hagan who have volunteered for the first preseason skate Sunday.

Only have Ken Pattison available for the Friday August 26 & Saturday August 27 pre season skates.

12 players have not yet paid in full.

3 players payment are pending.

If they haven't made arrangements with Kurt before 6pm Sun they won't be able to go on the ice as they won't be insured.

Regarding Midget Rep Tryouts there are 46 players signed up.

5 Goalies have pd, 1 Goalie T/O fee pending payment, 1 goalie indicating trying out but not paid & 1 goalie not paid who has tried out in the past & may or may not do rep tryout. So there could be 7 goalies trying out for rep with possibly 1 more.

There are definitely more than enough goalies trying out for rep this year, very different than last year, where Janet had to get goalies from other associations to play for New West.

So there are 46 players - 7 goalies for 39 skaters signed up. However it all depends on how many attends the tryouts & the skill level of players & goalies.

Regarding Coaches there are 2 coaches for A1 & A2. Likely 1 coach for C team & thus need 2 more C coaches for the 2 remaining C teams. Will work on this in the coming week.

Need coaches of players not trying out for Rep for the try out skates & will again work on this in the coming week.

6.13.7 Juvenile: Vacant. No report. We have a couple of potential coaches for this division.

6.14 Past President (Ross): Absent. At Presidents' C Meeting

7 Tentative date of Next Meeting: September 13, 2016

8 Adjournment at 8:49pm: – Motion: Lynda; Second: Jeff. Carried.



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