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EXECUTIVE MEETING December 14, 2015 7 pm Queen's Park Board Room Meeting Minutes

- 1 Roll call: Rob, Vandy, Kurt, Tracy, Daniel, Desiree, Kelly, Bud, Pete, Jennifer, Janet, Christel
Regrets: Greg, Jeff, Kevin, Dave, Barb, Ross, Lynda
- 2 Adoption of Minutes of: November 9, 2015. Motion: Pete; Second: Tracy.
Carried.
- 3 Business arising: Shadows have started being paid \$15/game for reffing have started being funded by us.
- 4 Correspondence: nothing of note
- 5 New Business: nothing of note
- 6 Reports:
 - 6.1 President (Rob)
 - 6.1.1 BC HOCKEY:
 - 6.1.1.1 Governance Committee meeting – working on the outstanding By-Law issues remaining from last AGM
 - 6.1.1.2 Several BC Hockey suspensions were received. All Hockey Canada minimums cannot be appealed.
 - 6.1.2 Presidents C League:
 - 6.1.2.1 Dealing with many parental complaints that are not following protocol. Eg. Parents going straight to PCAHA or President League without going through home association, creating a lot of work for nothing.
 - 6.1.2.2 Hosted Midget C scholarship game Friday Dec 11.
 - 6.1.2.3 Arbutus Club wrote to thank our Bantam C1 team for the way they handled the fact there was a last minute ice problem.
 - 6.1.3 NWMHA:
 - 6.1.3.1 Home Town Hockey, see VP2 report. But things have gone quiet lately.
 - 6.1.3.2 One discipline issue was elevated to me from a team. I gave player a 3 game suspension. Grievance/Discipline reviewed.
 - 6.1.3.3 Jumpstart: I was contacted to put a name forward for a player to get free gear. Initial player's parents could not make it work so, in the last 24 hrs, I put forward another name. Coordinated with parent and player to be at Sport Chek Metrotown on Dec 8. Player was told he was getting a stick, surprised when Jacob Markstrom presented stick and all gear, estimate at approx. \$2500. Furthermore, the player who could not participate was given a gift certificate



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to Sport Chek. **Action:** will draft thank you note to Sport Chek. Vandy to edit.

6.2 1st Vice President (Dave): Absent.

6.2.1 I have been working on getting the Giants volunteer list completed. There are 4-5 teams that do not have a volunteer and will not be participating in the event. It doesn't look great right now for ticket sales. I'm wondering if the Giants game is getting stale. H3 will play in the intermission.

6.2.2 I met with the new Manager of Scotiabank on Columbia and signed off on our sponsorship for this season. His name is Raffaele Gaudio and we also discussed Hometown Hockey a bit. He said he would get in touch with Daniel as the event gets closer.

6.2.3 I am working on prizes from local families and businesses for Hometown Hockey. These are a few who will be donating: Kyle Turris, Cloud Nine Bakery, Vancouver Giants, the Hockey Shop, The Hub Restaurant White Spot, Burger Heaven, the Inn on the Quay, Old Spaghetti Factory, Steel and Oak Brewery.

6.3 2nd Vice President (Daniel):

6.3.1 Herb House Tournament: 18 teams have been secured and paid; North Vancouver pulled out and replaced by Surrey A4. They are lower tier, but are looking forward to the challenge; Dec 26th set-up day for committee – baskets to be dropped off. Referee allocation not set up yet – hopefully by next week. This is coordinated by PCAHA. Secured a number of sponsors this year: **Subway Restaurants; Douglas College; Fresh Slice Pizza; BCAA; Rogers Hometown Hockey; Fraserway RV; The Record; Fresh Slice Pizza; Save-on-Foods; Landmark Cinemas; City of New Westminister; BC Care Providers Association; SafeCare BC; Kal Tire; KidsSport; Safeway; Lowe's; Sanderson Concrete.** Will be having a special Team Manager prize giveaway on Day 2; Will be using Twitter to record all the game scores. Big thanks to **Bernie Lehmann** for helping me to secure some of the prizing and sponsorships – he is amazing! Volunteer schedule is about 90% complete. A2 parents are filling in the gaps – and there were quite a few this year. **Mayor Cote** will drop the puck for the Gold Medal Midget A game @ 6 pm – Dec 30. **Councillor Trentadue** will drop the puck for the Gold Medal Midget C game @ 4 pm – Dec 30. The House family will participate in the puck drop with Mayor Cote. Over \$1,500 worth of ads sold in the printed tournament this year. KidsSport has purchased a \$150 ad which will be directed to the NWMHA. Program off to the printers and t-shirts/towels ordered.

6.3.2 Al Hughes & Bobby Love Spring Tournaments: Due to significant interest in the tournament we have requested to move from 16 to 18 teams. Lynda is working to secure more ice. 3 teams have been



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secured from out of Metro Vancouver – two from Juan de Fuca and one from just north of Victoria. 3 teams on a waitlist wanting to participate. Only one team left to pay from outside New West – which is way ahead of last year. Cheque is on the way and hope to receive next week. First spring tournament committee meeting is set for Jan 13th at QPA boardroom. Over \$1,000 worth of printed ads already sold in the program.

6.3.3 Rogers Hometown Hockey (Feb 12-14): Worked on coordinating the program for the Friday Feb 12th kickoff at QPA. Secured a number of sponsors who have contributed prizing we can give away during the Bantam and Midget games. Marquee Prize will be given away at Midget 2nd intermission – Trip for 2 to Las Vegas [or equivalent] valued at \$2,000 – sponsored by **Derrick Thornhill and the Park Georgia Realty** team! Other giveaway prizing/donors include: Signed jerseys and sticks from NHL players including Jamie Benn (Dallas Stars), Kyle Turris (Ottawa Senators) and Ryan Johansen (Columbus Bluejackets). Fairmont Chateau Whistler has provided one night stay including 2 complimentary breakfasts. Special prize package from the Vancouver Canucks. \$200 gift basket from the Port of Metro Vancouver, Inn At The Quay, Cloud 9 Bakery, Vancouver Giants, The Hockey Shop, The Hub Restaurant, White Spot, Burger Heaven. Some swag will be given away during the public skate which will also feature “The Hockey Circus” and DJ Dan will play top 40 hits music! Looking to give away one free prize giveaway ticket to all NWMHA skaters attending public skate. Could give one free ticket to everyone attending the games at QPA. Could provide arm’s length tickets to anyone making a donation to the NWMHA Financial Assistance Program. Winners *must be in attendance* to accept their prizes! Then, odds of winning will be very high. City of New Westminister has agreed to set up full BBQ service to keep people there after the public skate which tentatively ends at 5:30 pm. Live announcing and “cheer competitions” planned for game fans + much more. **Action:** DMs – please put word out about Feb 12th 3:30 early in January.

6.4 3rd Vice President (Tracy):

6.4.1 Pictures: Went well. Will be ready December 18th, 2015. Recommend moving the date up next year to accommodate a number of needs.

6.4.2. CRC's: To be completed by November 30th, 2015. I am in the process of compiling a list and will follow up. 8 left to follow up with who are rostered to teams for this year.

6.4.3 Safety Courses: All HCSP to have completed on-line course by December 15, 2015.

6.4.4 Injury Reports: Please send me copies.



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- 6.4.5 Social Evening: Not going to happen before Christmas; could consider an end of the year wrap up and include awards.
- 6.5 Treasurer (Kurt):
- 6.5.1 Budget is looking good. No material deviations from budget or forecast;
 - 6.5.2 Additional tournament fees were received in first part of December that aren't on the Operating Statement;
 - 6.5.3 Registration fees will be reconciled with the Registrar over the next period;
 - 6.5.4 **Action:** DMs – if team managers need ref fees, let him know.
- 6.6 Registrar (Janet): went through officials' qualifications; will need some time to update the application form prior to February meeting
- 6.7 Secretary (Vandy): Nothing to report.
- 6.8 Coach Coordinator (Pete):
- 6.8.1 Two Peewee Coaches serving suspensions. I had to cover the bench for one game.
 - 6.8.2 Completed an on-ice Dev 1 Evaluation. Coach did a great job but I realize there are not many coaches on staff with Dev 1. I would like to hold a Dev 1 clinic next year in NW in September in the down time (if I return or am re-elected to this position) after tryouts.
 - 6.8.3 I am trying to arrange a coaching clinic in January on how to better develop and utilize goaltenders during practice. Of the practices I have attended, I see that goalies are not being used properly and we need to help the coaches. Unfortunately, according to ice allocator, there has been no ice available to host a clinic but I've requested again and hopefully a slot will free up in January. The plan is to do a one hour off-ice session, followed by an on-ice session. We might need a few goalies to attend as well.
 - 6.8.4 I will be sending out the following communications over the next two weeks once the league games are complete: (1) To Coaches – Asking for feedback on the RPM Program, how it is working and how it can improve; (2) To RPM – Update on how our coaches are doing and identify and address any concerns; (3) To Membership – Reminder about Wednesday Development sessions (will need DM's assistance to circulate this) and encourage participation for the last session of the season; (4) To Membership – Ask parents to fill out coach evaluation forms to get a temperature check on how they feel things are going and address any concerns but also provide positive feedback to coaches
 - 6.8.5 Projects: (1) Ongoing - Service Provider Market Sound – have organized a small focus group and will be working with Rob, Barb and Kurt to engage different hockey development service providers to provide a quote for services. The project group will meet to design the material to send to the market, analyze and evaluate any proposals and



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bring any recommendations forward to the Board. Timeline Mid-January and complete end of March. (2) Team Selection Policy Review: Timeline - All committee members to read the policy and send recommendations to Pete by **Thursday December 17 – 8PM**. Pete will compile the information and send agenda with materials to team for review by **Sunday December 20**. I will plan a two hour meeting for **Tuesday night December 29 @ 730PM at QPA Arena Meeting room** where we can review, discuss make edits and hopefully get this done. If need be, I will schedule another meeting early in the new year prior to the Board meeting to wrap things up. Pete will prepare materials and recommendations and send to Vandy to circulate to Board members prior to meeting so they can frame questions. At the Board meeting, Pete to present committee findings and make recommendations.

- 6.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin): Absent. Nothing to report.
- 6.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda): Everything is winding down for the Christmas break and is waiting for the next round of schedules. Still working on the last conflict from this round and it appears to have its challenges.
- 6.11 Referee-in-Chief (vacant): no report
- 6.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly):
 - 6.12.1 Four individuals have stepped up to shadow new officials: **Shawn Hagan, Seamus Marcantonio, Ryan Horton, and Parker Corbett.**
 - 6.12.2 Eight out of the eleven new officials have been shadowed – one of whom is carefully being monitored. I have two that have not been shadowed yet and one that hasn't requested any games yet.
 - 6.12.3 I have six officials that I am currently working on getting upgraded in the assignr program but have still not heard back from the individual that does it. I am hoping to get this confirmed and done over the Christmas break. Hopefully I can add a few more to the list I have. I am also going to go through the list of officials we have on assignr to remove the ones that are no longer eligible to officiate anymore because they didn't recertify.
 - 6.12.4 With no RIC in place, I have been trying to get the officials more aware that they are working as a team and letting them know they need to help each other out and not take any suggestions or criticisms to heart.
 - 6.12.5 This week has been a hard week keeping officials assigned to shifts as the teams have been rescheduling their games and, in turn, officials have been declining shifts to play on their teams.
 - 6.12.6 We have had no (no-shows) for games. All the officials have been really good at letting me know and giving me time to find fill-ins for them. There has been only one game and it was this weekend that we had to do a two man system because an official had a situation that he had to take care of. I have been trying to get out to as many games to watch the officials as I can and I am hoping that that is helping as well.



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6.13 Division Managers:

6.13.1 H1-2 (Desiree): H1 – practices going smoothly; coaches seem ready to reduce RPM's assistance. Pete is checking with RPM about this. Have contacted the Tim Horton's Marketing department and the medallions have been ordered for H1-4 for year end. No Information yet on the annual Tim Horton's TimBits Jamboree, usually get info in January. 2015 Jamboree was February 22nd 2015. H2 – overall, the group doing well. Teams are balanced. All the head coaches are working together for this group to continue to develop together. New skaters are skating well and most have caught up to the skill level of the previous seasons players. Coaches are continuing to focus on developing strong skating skills. Finding the 3 on 3 cross-ice format is working best. Both teams have played 6 games (1 balancing; 5 exhibition). H2C2 will be playing in the Trail Appliances Tournament at RIC in Richmond, Jan 1-3, 2016.

6.13.2 H3-4 (Jeff): Absent. All is running well; no problems. Selecting players for Giants game this evening.

6.13.3 Atom (Barb): Absent. No issues to report. Atom A1 was moved up to flight 1 and have only one win. The December games have a closer point spread for the losses. Atom A2 is asking for some help from RPM. They are wondering if Rory can come and watch a game and provide feedback to the head coach. Would need to be a team budget item. The Atom A2 team is on a losing streak and are being outshot by the opposing teams. C1 and C2 are fairly equal in the standings. Atom C2 has a goalie rotation so some of the losses have a large point spread.

6.13.4 Peewee (Bud): The two C teams are at the top and the bottom of the Gold flight. When the two top players are missing from the C1 team they are a very different team. They have both missed a number of games thru suspension and illness. Both team are about even in gold against, but C1 has about 1/3 the goals for and thus the difference in the two teams. Both A1 and A2 are having a difficult time getting wins. But both are working hard and the scores indicate improvements. The A2 had a tournament planned in North Van over Christmas that was cancelled by North Van. I have had three coaches handed suspensions, one deserved and two questionable to very questionable. There appears to be very little consistence within the officials ranks. I have had one incident between a coach standing in for missing coaches, and a player on the bench. This was dealt with within the division, with the parents of the player and the coach involved. I will monitor both for any future problems. Wondering about the use of a Go-Pro camera on the officials' helmets. Action: Rob to look into why Go-Pro cameras are prohibited.

6.13.4 Bantam (Greg): I reminded all coaches and managers to review their certifications and to get caught up on any deficiencies. So far



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I've seen one coach take steps to update; I will follow up on the others. Janet might be able to update on any still needing certification or expiring certification. Teams are playing games and doing okay. Coaches have reported in that things are progressing, and for the most part they seem happy with how things are going. There are some penalty issues for a couple of teams. C1 is 4-3-1 and 7th in Gold; C2 is 5-2-2 and 3rd in Green; C3 is 5-2-1 and 2nd in Orange. A2 is 0-6-2 and in last place.

- 6.13.5 Midget (Jennifer): A1 is 2-6-1. Many injuries. Won gold at tournament in San Jose, CA; A2 is 5-2-2 in 3rd place; one player has quit; tourney in Osoyoos this past weekend. C1 is 3-2-2 in 3rd in Gold; tourney in Cowichan Valley. C2 is 4-3-0 in 5th in Gold; Brian Tuccori organized player fundraising for Empty Stocking Fund and some served at the Salvation Army. C3 is 2-6-0.
- 6.13.6 Juvenile (Christel): First scheduled away league game was no-show. There was a 3 day notice. Apologies were extended to North Van and situation was handled amicably. North Van provided new ice time free of charge. New West is responsible for the extra referee fees. Next time this would happen would result in a \$500 fee from PCAHA. Attendance has not been a problem since. Are sitting at 6-1-0. Request from assistant non-parent coach for financial support to cover driving expenses. Was discussed previously by executive (Oct 2013) and agreed that it would be considered @ 0.25/km for away games. Mileage to be submitted and total costs reviewed prior to commitment of full payment. Games have been relatively close to New West and costs are estimated at \$115 so far this season. **Motion** to pay the non-parent assistant coach @ 0.25/km for mileage expenses with a cap of \$500 for the 2015-2016 season, payable once or twice for the season. Motion: Christel; Second: Jennifer. Carried.

6.13.7 Past President (Ross): Absent. Nothing to report.

- 7 Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.
8 Date of Next Meeting: January 11, 2016