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EXECUTIVE MEETING February 9, 2016 7 pm Queen's Park Board Room MEETING MINUTES

- 1 Roll call: Rob, Kurt, Tracy, Jeff, Desiree, Kelly, Kevin, Dave, Janet, Bud, Jen, Daniel, Vandy
Regrets: Barb, Ross, Christel, Greg, Lynda
- 2 Adoption of Minutes of: January 11, 2016. **Motion:** Kevin; Second: Jeff. Carried.
- 3 Business arising:
 - 3.1 Policy Recommendations, see attached.
 - 3.2 Hometown Hockey, see attached.
- 4 Correspondence: Rob invited to attend the School Board meeting to discuss the Hockey Academy. (Time conflicts with this meeting so unable to attend.)
- 5 New Business:
 - 5.1 AGM date – Looking at April 13th or 14th, 2016. **Action:** Vandy to check with NWSS and the city re booking the library on one of these dates.
 - 5.2 Scholarship application process. Vandy presented the application process. **Action:** Vandy to update the Awards Description and have the Scholarship Application put up on the website.
- 6 Reports:
 - 6.1 President (Rob):
 - 6.1.1 BC Hockey: Governance Committee meeting working towards solutions to the outstanding By-Law issues remaining from last AGM...meeting Feb 26
 - 6.1.2 PCAHA: Presidents Caucus Jan 24, no quorum. Follow up meeting Feb 7 to pass budget amendment; Awards and Rules changes due April 1.
 - 6.1.3 Presidents C League: Championship Days March 5-6, RIC.
NWMHA 3 volunteers (Vandy, Kelly, Tracy) for March 6 late shift 3-6pm;
Peewee C player put on notice for excessive penalties, meeting with player, parent and coach; Juvenile C challenges, T-Birds disbanded due to turn out and goalie quitting
 - 6.1.4 NWMHA: Peewee C1 problems now with Richmond: attended game in Richmond Feb 3. Game was uneventful, but parent issues in the lobby afterwards; Policy and Scholarship work with Vandy; Intro to Rep tryouts March 7-11.....TIMES TBA...9-10th; Home Town Hockey, see attached.
 - 6.2 1st Vice President (Dave): Busy month.



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6.2.1 Giants game went very well. Only 4800 fans but we sold \$6800 in 50/50. We sold 659 tickets to the game. Ticket sales are getting smaller each year, but I think it's still worth doing it. I'm wondering if a Saturday night is better. There were 3 of our teams that played the night of the game and couldn't attend the Giants game.

6.2.2 Been helping with prizes for Rogers Hometown Hockey and I think we've done very well getting some great prizes. Attended meeting with Rob, Daniel and Beth to discuss logistics of Friday the 12th. It's going to be a very busy night. Hopefully very well attended!

6.3 2nd Vice President (Daniel):

6.3.1 Bobby Love & Al Hughes Tournament

- Held one tournament committee meeting in January; next is scheduled for Feb 11th at QPA Boardroom.
- Teams were asked to help raise 50% of the unexpected printing costs. Initially they provided \$500 through an advertiser they secured. However, there was concerns raised that no other teams have had to dedicate funds for a print program in the past and this was unfair to the current Atom & PeeWee teams who weren't aware of this development.
 - As a result, NWMHA returned the \$500 to the teams...and subsequently had to raise the \$1,100 needed for produce the print program. One parent did assist by helping to secure \$300 in advertisers.
 - In turn, the teams were able to use the print program to raise in excess of \$2K...of which 100% of these funds go to the team to cover year-end parties, swag, tournament fees etc.
- There was significant debate as to whether NWMHA should phase out the print program for future tournaments. Even a suggestion to get rid of the snacks players get after games. By cutting this out, it would help reduce volunteer and fundraising workload for parents.
- Advised teams that this is a decision to be made by the Board and I would bring it to their attention for discussion/debate after the tournament is over.
- Tournament program is now complete and is in process of getting printed. It is 56 pages in length and was produced entirely in-house. The program required well in excess of 100 volunteer hours to set up and gather information. It should take less time for the subsequent program as we now have a template. However, the volunteer commitment required to do the program may become a deterrent to attract and retain future VP Tournaments – something to consider when this brought to the table for discussion later this spring.
- NWMHA raised \$1,400 through advertising sales and sponsorships. An additional \$500 worth of intermission prizing has been secured by Ippolita Corcione, Park



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- Georgia Realty. A good number of smaller local companies have also stepped up and provided support.
- Swiss Chalet will be setting up a large blow-up hockey arena in foyer of QPA on March 12th as part of their sponsorship. Prizes will be given away.
 - T-shirt order has been placed with Sagewear. We will have different colours for the Atom & PeeWee players.
 - Each player will be receiving a number of items upon registration including a free water bottle, t-shirt, 6” Subway sandwich & Dairy Queen Blizzard – valued at approx. \$30 per player.
 - Game schedule is finalized and posted on NWMHA website.
 - Some concern expressed by the PeeWee teams that they will not be able to fill all of their volunteer shifts. They attribute this to the fact NWMHA approved an A2 team which has left them with a smaller parent pool to pull from. Will get an update from them at the Feb 11th meeting if we need to move to Plan B.
 - Effective next season, it is recommended the VP Tournaments send a written notice of expectations directly to all team managers/parents in September/October each year. This notice should outline in detail what is expected of them during the spring tournaments.

6.3.2 Rogers Hometown Hockey

- It took a few weeks, but the eight-page insert in the Record newspaper is now out into the community.
- We were able to secure \$3,250 in advertisers to help defray the advertising cost. It should be noted we no longer have to incur the additional cost of a separate notice of registration.
- Big thanks to Kevin, Jenn and Bud for helping to sell necessary ads in such a short period of time. They were so successful, that we had to move to an eight-page insert vs four as previously thought. This allowed us to add a considerable amount more content including info on our Financial Assistance Program & upcoming tournaments.
- In exchange for the Record newspaper being our “media sponsor” we have negotiated they provide us with two complimentary ads to be used at a future date. They also provided free of charge 350 extra copies of the insert for us to distribute on Feb 12th.
- We were able to secure an amazing list of prizes including the big \$2,000 travel voucher. A complete list of all the prize sponsors was sent out to our contact list and posted online. We also sent out a tweet acknowledging their contributions.



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- I drafted several “Message from the President” over the last few weeks in order to keep awareness high of the event. Janet was able to send them out directly to our contacts. One more scheduled for this Thursday.
- Mayor Cote was invited and has accepted to be part of the ceremonies at the Bantam A1 game on Friday night. Will be on site for the big draw at the end of the game.
- Spent a considerable number of hours liaising with Rogers Hometown Hockey crew in preparation for the event.
- Held a meeting with Pres, VP1 and Beth McNaughton on Sat Feb 6th to work out logistics for Friday event.
- I plan to be the emcee for the Bantam A1 game and act as “DJ Dad” for the open skate. QPA will turn down the lights a tad for the special skate...and we’ll crank up the remix music! Should be lots of fun. We have approached Rogers KiSS FM radio station to see if they want to broadcast live from the arena on Friday afternoon. No word yet if they are interested.

6.4 3rd Vice President (Tracy): nothing to report.

6.5 Treasurer (Kurt):

6.5.1 Operating statement for the 10 months ended January 31, 2016 presented.

6.5.2 Motion to increase registration fees by 4% for the 2016-2017 season. **Motion:** Kurt; Second: Dave. Carried.

Notes:

Ice rental is up 3% for 2015 calendar year. This will equate to an increase of approximately \$3,000.

Referee fees are expected to go up approximately 10% at the PCAHA May AGM. This could be an additional \$3,500 of expense.

Finally, the PCAHA/BC Hockey will be increasing the player insurance by \$5 per player. With 400 players this will be at least a \$2,000 increase.

Our registration fees were approximately \$210,000 this year. A 3% increase would cover \$6,300 of the expenses. A 4% increase would cover \$8,400 and all of the increases noted above.

6.6 Registrar (Janet):

6.6.1 CERTIFICATIONS: I will be doing my last review of RIS re-certification. These are the ones with expiry dates between Dec 16, 2015 to Mar 30, 2015 especially for those whose teams may qualify for championships or provincials.

6.6.2 EARLY REGISTRATION: I will open on-line early registration



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on Feb 22nd - Mar 31st. \$50 discount is automatically applied until 23:59 on Mar 31st. No exceptions.

2 important key notes to emphasize with respect to the application of the 3rd/4th/5th etc... child discounted fee. This will be noted

*the 3rd child must live in the same household to be eligible.

*it is applied to the LOWEST fee the player is registered under, NOT based on the lowest division a player is registered in. For example, this may be applicable to registered goalies with gear who are in the same division as the eldest child. If this occurs, I will inform the parents of the discrepancy and re-issue an order invoice with the corrections.

6.6.3 TAX RECEIPTS: Tax receipts can be obtained by making an email request to: registrar@nwmha.ca It will be sent to you by email within 24hrs of request.

6.6.4 CARDING: Since we are moving towards the NCCP model of certification and accreditation, there may be an expectation that A teams playing in the final four and championships, at least, may be required to sign physical cards starting this season. However, this is still under discussion at the BC Hockey and PCAHA level. Stay tuned...

6.7 Secretary (Vandy):

6.7.1 Policy review wording (see attached.)

6.7.2 Scholarship application process and form developed.

6.8 Coach Coordinator (Pete): I want to express how proud I am of the Exec team members and other volunteers for working so hard on Rogers Hometown Hockey. I am grateful for all of the effort being put in to make this event a success for our community.

For Documentation

6.8.1 Collecting feedback from RPM and coaching staff on the coach mentorship program. So far the feedback has been very positive with 12 coaches responding. Received feedback from Robin and Rory. Will be sending a summary of feedback to coaches and RPM.

6.8.2 Signed off on three Coach 2 Development booklets. It's good to see them coming in early. Reminder that any Coach 2 post tasks need to be completed, signed off by President and Coach Coordinator, and sent in to BC Hockey by March 31. Coaches that took Dev 1 also need to have their workbooks in by the end of March. I will work with Janet on this.

6.8.3 Will send reminders next week that RPM Power Skating/ Development ends Wed Feb 17 and Veit Goalie training ends Feb 20.



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Projects Update:

6.8.4 Team Selection Policy Project – Due to competing priorities Barb Drake has stepped in to chair this project to completion. Thanks Barb! - Will remove from CC report.

6.8.5 Service Provider Market Sound – IN PROGRESS –
Timeline: to complete by the end of March.

6.8.6 Recent Item – Standardize Rep tryout evaluation/assessment forms – Timeline: for April – with plan to complete by the end of May 2016.

6.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin):

6.9.1 Donated 10 jerseys for Hometown Hockey @ a cost of approx. \$700. Name bars for Ron MacLean and 7 City Councillors/Mayor are done. Jerseys were selected as per Diane Perry and name bars sewn. The other jersey was for Aaron Loughhead.

6.9.2 A new rack has been installed in the equipment room.

6.9.3 I will now be pushing for extra lockers in the back hallway.

We'll see if Parks and Rec will cover the cost, or are we going to have to pay for them.

6.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda):

6.10.1 Just starting to get the playoff schedules now so am starting a new round of conflicts. With the Banner Days in one month it doesn't allow for many options so I need teams to cooperate.

6.10.2 There with 5 no shows last week! **Action:** DMs – please remind Team Managers that they must release the ice (game or practice), if not using it.

6.11 Referee-in-Chief: Vacant.

6.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly):

6.12.1 Since the last meeting it has become increasingly harder to fill shifts for some reason. I have had to send out a number of emails reminding officials that there are shifts available and only then I get people requesting them. I have had to put our more qualified officials into H1 and H4 games because our first year officials are not available.

6.12.2 I have had two no shows. One of which ended in a one week suspension because he showed up to the next game 3 min before game time and I had already arrived at the arena with another official. This was because this was the second time he had shown up very late and that same day he was the no-show for the game before it.

6.12.3 Positive feedback from Desiree on some of the officials that have been officiating in her division but there seems to be a growing concern that they



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are still lacking the confidence during the H3 games to call penalties. I will discuss with Shawn Hagan and a few of the other older officials to see if we can work on this.

6.12.4 I have nominated 8 officials for the BC Hockey Championships during March 13th – 17th. They will be scouted over the next few weeks and selected by the BC Hockey Officiating Coordinators and Supervisors.

6.12.5 I received a phone call last month from a RIC from Burnaby about one of our NW teams and one of their players. He was concerned about this player and this team as it was not the first time he had observed an overwhelming amount of behavior issues with this particular player. I told him it has been brought to my attention by officials in our association and I have since then been making sure I have strong, confident officials for this team and they are aware of the individual. I have not heard of any further complaints nor have I observed any issues since then, but I do know that the coaches and the managers are aware that this individual is being observed.

6.12.6 I have started entering the games on assignr for the Bobby Love / Al Hughes Tournament. I have finished with the Pee Wee games I am now working on the Atom games. I need to touch base with Daniel to get the game numbers. I have also sent a request for the referee money to Kurt.

6.13 Division Managers:

6.13.1 H1-2 (Desiree):

H1

Both teams attended the Tim Hortons Jamboree on Jan 31st. They had a great time. It was noted that the event was smaller this year and there weren't as many freebies as past years.

Coaches meeting on Wed Jan 27th - reviewed checklist and they're on track, with a few more skills to cover. In hindsight, the head coaches would have preferred RPM to have run practices until December so they could have observed more. Looking forward to their Banner Game the weekend of March 5/6th.

H2

Coaches meeting on Monday Jan 25th - reviewed checklist, they've touched on everything and are now focusing on the skills that aren't as strong as well as the individual tactics.

Cross-ice: Usually 4 on 4 with strong players on one half of the ice and stronger players on the other half. This seems to be the norm. Although they were skeptical going into the season, they love this format and how much fun it is for everyone.

C1 - Played 15 games so far (13 exhibition, 2 league). Have found that their strong players tend to be stronger than most other associations, and their stronger players are about equal with most other associations. They are in the Vancouver Thunderbird tournament this weekend.

C2 - Played 15 games so far (7 exhibition, 4 league, 4 tournament). Have found their team is about equal to most other associations.



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6.13.2 H3-4 (Jeff):

H3 played the intermission at the Giants game and had a great time. They also played in the intermission for a Canucks game in January as well.

All H3 & 4 teams are finishing out their schedules and getting ready for their team parties.

6.13.3 Atom (Barb): Absent. Report submitted.

A1 continues to develop.

A2 is working together as a team and have had a few wins.

C teams are having some success and playing well going into playoffs.

6.13.4 Peewee (Bud):

Both A1 and A2 opted out of the playoffs. They will start their Presidents series this week.

C2 was placed in the Gold group and C1 was placed in the Green group.

The NW C1 team had a very heated game against Richmond. The two teams played again the next day, and both Rob and the President of Richmond were in attendance. The game on ice was a 3-2 loss for the New West team, in an uneventful game. However, there were some issues in the lobby.

I would like to thank Daniel for all the work and time spent on both the Bobby Love and Al Hughes tournaments, and Home Town Hockey. Without this kind of selfless dedication these event would be far less than they are now. Also thanks to Rob for his assistance with the Peewee team.

6.13.5 Bantam (Greg): Absent. Report submitted.

Not much to report. All Bantam teams have started playoffs. Presidents League Bantam has divided the 30 teams into 6 groups for the playoffs. It appears that C1 and C2 are in the same group, with C3 being in the next one down.

The common thread amongst all Bantam teams is the penalty trouble. Each team had either the lowest or 2nd lowest sportsmanship points in their group. If C1 and C3 had just 3 more Spt points they would have moved up a group. C2 had enough wins to overcome their sportsmanship shortfall.

C1 10 - 8 - 3 Finished 5th in the Gold group is playing in the Green playoff bracket. Finished with the lowest SPT in their group.

C2 14 - 5 - 2 Finished 3rd in the Green group playing in the Green playoff bracket. 2nd fewest SPT points in their group



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C3 11 - 5 - 2 Finished 3rd in the Orange group, playing in the Orange or red bracket. Finished with lowest SPT total in Bantam presidents league.
A Team 1 - 14 - 5 finished 10 in flight 3 below average in SPT points. Won first round playoff game vs Surrey.

Looks like Alicia Narin from Bantam C1 will get some airtime with the Hometown Hockey broadcast. Rogers has been in touch with the family; they are very excited.

6.13.6 Midget (Jennifer):

A1

Completed the regular season league play in flight 2
After 18 GP, 5W 11L 2T for 25 points. 9th of 12 teams.
Had a lot of injuries for the first half of the season. Up & down season consistency-wise.
Beat the 2nd place team for 2 wins & the 3rd place team once for 3 of their 5 wins.
Had a bye for round 1 & played Semiahmoo A2 in round 2. Lost game and moving to President's Series.

A2

Completed the regular season league play in flight 5.
After 18 GP, 10W 6L 2T for 36 points. Tied for 2nd of 12 teams.
Season has gone well overall with a few up & downs. Team has beaten every team in the division & was placed in the appropriate flight for an A2 team.
Played Semiahmoo A3 in round 1 of the playoffs and won. Moving to round 2.

C1

Completed the regular season in the 2nd Gold division.
After 18 GP, 5W 10L 3T for 27 points. 9th of 10 teams.
Overall it's been a good experience with a few ups & downs consistency wise over the regular season.
Attendance has been good for practices, with almost a full roster for games.
Attendance has been the best of all the Midget C teams.
Placed in the Red Division along with the 2 other Midget C teams. Red division is the 5th of 6 levels.

C2

Completed the regular season in the 2nd Gold division.
After 18 GP, 4W 11L 3T for 26 points. 10th of 10 teams.
Going into the season they were seen as the strongest Midget C team.



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Overall it's been a challenging year with some of their top players either injured, sick, away due to exams or one player missing almost half the games due to work commitments.

The Head Coach missed most of November & half of January due to illness which had a negative effect on the team.

Placed in the Red Division for the playoffs.

C3

Completed the regular season in the 3rd Green division.

After 18 GP, 10W 7L 1T for 36 points. 3rd of 9 teams.

It's been a tale of 2 seasons. First half, team lost a lot of games as they were missing a number of top players to football & baseball; in the second half, the team attendance improved & started winning games, 7 of 9 games & overall players seemed to be having fun.

Placed in the Red Division for the playoffs.

6.13.7 Juvenile (Christel): Absent. Report submitted.

Juvenile A1 did well in Flight 2 in their regular season and ended in 2nd place, behind Vancouver A1 and ahead of Poco A1. The Juvenile Scholarship Tournament is taking place this week with four New Westminister players participating. Final game is Saturday, February 13 6:30-9:30 at Sungod Arena (N. Delta). Playoffs are expected to start right after.

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

- 7 Tentative date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th, 2016. **Action:** Vandy to confirm with the city.
- 8 Adjournment at 8: 43pm.



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3.1 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS:

POLICY NUMBER 5.7 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1. The scholarship committee will consist of the Juvenile Division Manager, the Midget Division Manager, the Head Coach of NWMHA and the Chairperson appointed by the Executive.
2. The mandate of the committee is to review and decide on the awarding of scholarships.

Recommend, point 1 be changed to:

1. **The scholarship committee will consist of the Treasurer (Chair), President, Juvenile Division Manager, the Midget Division Manager, and the Coach Coordinator of NWMHA.**

Motion: Kevin; Second: Tracy. Carried.

POLICY 4.4 COACH SELECTION – REP AND HOUSE TEAMS

Add the following, or similar wording:

13. The Coach Selection Committee will monitor the conduct, performance and dedication of all team officials within NWMHA and has the power to remove a coach and/or any other team official from the roster if, in the determination of the committee, it is in the best interest of the association.

14. Decisions by the committee to remove a coach or team official are subject to appeal only with respect to the process followed and not with respect to the judgment of the committee.

Motion: Kevin; Second: Desiree. Carried.

AWARD renaming:

#6 - N.W.M.H.A. Juvenile Award (Plaque and either registration for the following season or \$300 scholarship towards higher education)

- **Skater or goalie, usually first or second year Juvenile Division**
- **Same criteria as Scott Stacey Award**

Propose, renaming this award:

CHUCK CAMPBELL AWARD, from NWMHA Juvenile Award

Motion: Tracy; Second: Kevin. Carried.

5.2 Hometown Hockey:

- 1- Planning: Daniel and Rob



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2- Promotion:

- a. Record Pull out Ad, DANIEL.
- b. Email Blast: JANET and DANIEL.
- c. Web site, locking front page photo for 2 wks with PDF.
- d. Shirts from Bud (distributed to DMs at Exec meeting)

3- **February 12, launch: LOGISTICS DISCUSSION**

- a. 3:30-4:30pm QPA Rogers PAZ Pep rally...ROB MC
- b. 4:30-7:30pm BBQ pit
- c. 4:30-5:30pm NWMHA skate.....need special event sanction. ROB Red jerseys – kids; white jerseys – volunteers. BETH to supervise.
- d. 5:30-7:30pm Video Lounge
- e. 6:00-7:30pm Bantam A1 game vs Coquitlam A2: PRIZES AWARDED during game

4- H1 H2: Feb 12, 3:30-4:30pm

- a. players bench and behind to observe pep rally
- b. Coaches to clear them out ASAP after pep rally to allow stage removal.

5- PARKING: Feb 11-14

- a. DM's pass on parking info email from City to all teams, who need to pass on to visitors.

6- VIP teams: Sunday Feb 14

- a. One team pulled out due to game conflict away, replaced by H3C2
- b. Start 12:30-1:30pm until approx. 5pm

7- Cheer event is a National competition, see BC Hockey bulletin sent out in December.....Several teams accepted into contest.

8- February 13, SATURDAY.....Rogers still to advise

9- February 14, SUNDAY.....Rogers still to advise.