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EXECUTIVE MEETING February 20, 2017 7 pm Queens Park Board Room MEETING MINUTES

- 1 Roll call: Rob, Pete, Kurt, Bernie, Kelly, Bud, Tracy, Jennifer, Greg, Chris, Tara, Desiree, Janet, Lynda, Vandy
Regrets: Daniel, Jeff, Ross, Kevin
- 2 Adoption of Minutes of: January 16, 2017. **Motion:** Jennifer Second: Kelly.
Carried.
- 3 Business arising: Communication with lacrosse executive re Arenex collapse has occurred.
- 4 Correspondence: nothing of note
- 5 New Business:
5.1 Two policy considerations. **Action:** Table to next meeting. Send comments to Rob.

(1) Draft Refund Policy:

As a not-for-profit organization, NWMHA enters into contracts based on the number of players registered. Because our costs are fixed after these negotiations, it requires our income to be fixed as well.

That being said, refunds in full will be given to players withdrawing before June 30.

After June 30, any request for a refund can be submitted to the Financial Assistance Committee chair (Treasurer of NWMHA); however, there will be no guarantees of any or partial refunds. Each case will be decided on the merits of the request and the financial stability of NWMHA.

Two specific considerations:

1- Beginning players (first year in hockey) of any age will be given up to 5 ice times to decide if they want to play the game. If they choose not to continue, a partial refund will be given minus the insurance costs and percentage season remaining.

2- Any player in which the player or parent is involved in disciplinary matters will not be granted any refund.

Given that matters of financial assistance are considered confidential, all decisions of the Financial Assistance Committee are final and are not subject to further appeal within NWMHA.

(2) Draft Tournament policy addendum:



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There is an expectation that parents/guardians of players who participate in the New Westminister-hosted tournaments will assist in the coordination of the tournament (e.g. volunteering for the tournament committee, running the clock, scoresheet). Players of families who do not assist will not be permitted to play in the tournament or their families will be subject to a fine.

5.2 Constitution and By-Laws for New Societies Act.

Motion to approve the revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws, to be in accordance with the New Societies Act. Motion: Chris; Second: Tracy. Carried.

6 Reports:

6.1 President (Rob):

BC Hockey:

- Feb 7, attended a special meeting of the PCAHA with CEO and Board member in attendance. Areas of discussion:
 - Recruitment and Retention of players and volunteers
 - Skate Canada instructors program
 - Initiation Cross Ice program and the plan is a 2 week transition in September.
 - Referee Development: all Presidents in attendance said the BC Hockey model was not working. After the meeting, several associations indicated they were using the NWMHA model of ref development.
 - Coach Development: discussion of over-regulation, Sports Canada and Coach NCCP looking at forcing more course requirements; no understanding of how they are driving volunteers away.
 - Societies Act Webinar online; will be useful in amending our Constitution and By-Laws.

PCAHA:

- Feb 7 Zone Team discussion: comes down to two different models: 1-Big teams created within the existing Tiering system which has big negative consequences to tier 2 associations; or 2- Zone team outside of tiering, similar to MML.
- NWMHA host Midget Tier 2 Final 4 March
(NWMHA Midget A1 families to run the duties as per policy)

Saturday, March 4th, 3:00p-5:00p at Queen's Park Arena

Saturday, March 4th, 5:15p-7:15p at Queen's Park Arena

Sunday, March 5th, 4:00p-6:00p at Queen's Park Arena

Sunday, March 5th, 6:15p-8:15p at Queen's Park Arena

Wednesday, March 8th, 6:00p-8:00p at Queen's Park Arena

Wednesday, March 8th, 8:15p-10:15p at Queen's Park Arena

- Midget academic scholarships application deadline March 31.



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Presidents' C League:

-Two players and one coach incurred long suspensions from PCAHA.

-Championship Day NWMHA volunteers needed for:

March 5th 10:00am-2:00pm NWMHA

Volunteer 1 Kelly

Volunteer 2 _____

Action: Rob will send an email to Jeff to find a parent volunteer

NWMHA:

-Giants event, well done everyone. In a snow storm NWMHA still thrived at ticket sales.

-Hockey Day in Canada shirts distributed; I have the spares in case anyone was missed.

-Referee Development program well received. Thanks to Kelly, Chris, Team official both home and visitors. The program has been well received by parents and young officials. The program is also being copied by several associations.

-Season ending ice decisions to be made at meeting.

-Intro to Atom tryouts for H4 players, week of March 6-10, date and time to be finalized.

-Registration, thanks to Kurt and Janet for getting us set up, decision was for average 5% increase. More details in treasurer and registrar reports.

-Taxi squads: report that one team had no participation at all. My concern is why did this happen and how to we prevent it from happening again. Action: DMs to send an email to taxi squad players.

-Vandalism on vehicle complaint against one of our coaches by an on ice official; I referred the official and the matter to the NW Police as there are no witnesses.

6.2 1st Vice President (Bernie):

GIANTS GAME

The weather gods were not with us on Feb 3. It made for challenging driving conditions and kept plenty of people from the game. Attendance was approx. 2900; which brings me to the outstanding 50/50

selling job which resulted in \$ 2,800 for the association. Kurt can give you some more financial details. I

wanted to thank my colleagues, Rob, Kelly, Linda, both H3/4 and H1/2 managers, Kurt and Dave Schweitzer who helped me make the best out of the event. Special thanks go to the coaches and parents who looked after the intermission game, and of course Trevor Schweitzer who represented

our Refs at the game.

In the end we had 15 unsold tickets out of the 300. We will have a better understanding next year, as to

open it up sooner to different divisions.

SPONSORSHIP

Kurt was the happy recipient of another cheque for \$ 700 – from the Inn at the Quay. Thanks to Kendall Birovchak, whom I met in the fall to discuss our preferred accommodation, and the tireless work of our Tournament Director, Daniel, we got this “kickback” from the stay of the



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Spokane Team during our Midget Tournament. My understanding is that Powell River will stay at the Inn during the Spring Break Tournament which will earn us additional sponsorship funds.

NEWSLETTER

The final President's Message for this season will focus on registration, the Spring tournament and volunteering. I am hoping to release March 1.

6.3 2nd Vice President (Daniel):

- 9 teams have registered for Bobby Love Tournament – as we accepted a late application from Powell River.
- 8 teams registered for Al Hughes Tournament.
- Held our 2nd and final Tournament Committee meeting on Feb 15th.
- T-Shirts have been ordered through Bud. We will get them delivered early and sort through them prior to the official set up night.
- Weekly communique sent to team managers every Friday.
- Sent draft print program to team managers for final review before going to printers.
- Two teams sold advertisements to fundraise. One team sold in excess of \$500 resulting in \$300 in new revenue for the tournament due to our new revenue share policy.
- Our NWMHA print program ad revenue will cover all costs of printing estimate at approx. \$900
- **Leanne Piendle** to be thanked for volunteering to do the tournament schedule – which was sent out in January to all the parents. Something they really appreciated.
- **Derrick Thornhill** – Park Georgia Realty donated \$500 to purchase intermission prizing
- **Ippolita Corcione** – Park Georgia Realty donated a \$300 Nespresso machine as a parent door prize.
- An amazing list of community and corporate tournament sponsors this year including Buy-Low Foods, Boston Pizza, Dairy Queen, Fresh Slice Pizza, Gino's Pizza, Burger Heaven, Key West Ford and many more!
- **Inn at the Quay** donated a one night stay & pillow set.
- **Vancouver Canucks** donated 2 tickets as part of a joint promotional plan with NWMHA.
- Representatives from both the Love and Hughes family will be there for special puck drop during Gold Medal game.
- **Mayor Jonathan Cote** will be there for puck drop at PeeWee final. **MLA Judy Darcy** will be there for the Atom final.
- On a personal note, I've spoken to Rob and advised I will be stepping down from the Executive this year. Hope to come back again in 2018-19 if there is room! I will continue to volunteer on the tournament and provide assistance to my successor.

6.4 3rd Vice President (Tracy):

Will send out information regarding Awards and Scholarships shortly.



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6.5 Treasurer (Kurt):

Operating Statements for the 10 months ended January 31, 2017 presented. I am projecting a small loss; but, if ice rental costs are lower than projected, we will have a surplus of up to \$7,000. I would like to make a motion to increase the Equipment, Uniforms and Supplies category from \$17,500 to \$24,000. This will allow the purchase of new jerseys for up to 7 teams.

I received the the 2016 Amateur Sport Grant issued by the City of New Westminister. I also received the grant approval for the 2017 Amateur Sport Grant.

I will be completing the budget for the 2017/18 fiscal year and will email it to the Executive to review and look for approval at the next Executive meeting in March.

I have registered NWMHA with Paysafe to allow payment by credit card on the Hockey Canada registration website. This will be active for early registration which will start in the next two weeks.

6.6 Registrar (Janet): Nothing to report

6.7 Secretary (Vandy): meeting dates

April 10, 2017

AGM : end of April/early May TBC

May 8, 2017

June 12, 2017

July 10, 2017

August 15, 2017

6.8 Coach Coordinator (Pete):

- Met with Midget coach to discuss ongoing suspensions and team penalty minutes. He has been suspended to attend games for the remainder of the season. Assistant coach is handling games.
- Received feedback report from Rory (RPM) on coaching progress. Report was very positive with some comments surrounding dealing with behavior issues and appropriate and balanced (skills v tactics) practice plans for age group.
- Working on completing Dev 1 evaluations for end of Feb.
- Starting to receive coach 2 workbooks – Due March 31.

6.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin): Absent.

Will work with Kurt for goalie equipment and jersey top-up.



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6.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda):

2 conflicts to resolve for Bantam A. Dates sent for Rep Intro skates. March 4th is when all C teams are done.

6.11 Referee-in-Chief (Chris):

We have now completed the first 3 weekends of Full Ice development for our newer officials. We have seen many of them make large changes in their attitude, assertiveness and skill in the past weeks. Also, our mentors, drawn from our more senior youth officials, have done a fabulous job in leading, coaching and supervising these younger officials. They also are learning and developing new skills, with overall good success.

Thanks to all our team managers, division manager and president we have received great cooperation from other organizations, and no issues have developed. Also our Referee Allocator has done a stupendous job in scheduling and organizing a large group of officials and mentors, with almost perfect attendance, and no major issues.

We look forward to evolving this program next season.

6.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly):

Referee Development has been a success. This week was the third referee development session and we have had a consistent group of senior officials that have stepped up to help in the shadowing process. Thank you to Ethan Donnelly, Joe Callard, Parker Corbett and Jacob Hamm. They are doing a fantastic job.

I have had to send out a reminder to the managers of the teams that each official should be receiving their own envelope of money and that the money should not be in the same envelope. It was brought to my attention that teams have been giving only one envelope of money and even then the money was not in increments where it could be dispersed correctly amongst the officials

There has been one incident that I had to send out a reminder to a team that they didn't let me know they had a game that needed officials to be assigned to and I had to scramble to find officials for a game the same day and as far as I know I have only had one situation that an official didn't show up for a game but we got it covered when it was discovered. I am now awaiting the schedule for the Spring tournament so I can get those assigned and ready for Daniel.

6.13 Division Managers:

H1-2 (Tara):

H1:



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* We had a late player register and join up with this group although she is at the age level of an H2. We thought that since she's had no experience with hockey that the H1 setting would be a better fit.

* This team is starting to plan for their season wrap up party.

H2

H2C1:

* This team just took part in the Thunderbird tournament and everyone had a very good experience.

* Games are still on going and all is well.

* This team had a minor glitch against a Bby Minor team. Bby double booked this team with another team and as a result our team lost out on the opportunity to play the game as the game number was requested for the other visiting team.

H2C2:

* This team just took part in the Thunderbird tournament and everyone had a very good experience.

* Games are still on going and all is well.

* This team also had a team that double booked a game and as a result this team too lost out on the opportunity to play the game.

* Both the H2 teams will be joining up for their season wrap up parties.

Banner/Sign: Once I get some free time, I will look into getting the sign project resurrected again.

H3-4 (Desiree):

H3

Giants Game

One player was the 7th man for the warm up. 20 players participated in the intermission game. They all had a great time.

One team manager was not aware that it was necessary to send volunteers in order to receive the 50/50 fundraising money. Bernie has addressed this with her.



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This year I found that teams were not as interested in attending and it was really difficult to sell tickets. It was also very difficult to get volunteers for the 50/50. I think that we should pass on this next season.

Grouse Mountain Pond Hockey Tournament

Our H3C3 team played in the Grouse Mountain Pond Hockey tournament on the family day long weekend. They were transformed into team Sweden for an amazing outdoor experience. They were blessed with fantastic weather and thoroughly enjoyed the tournament.

H4

The H4 teams are wrapping up their seasons at the end of this month. Both teams have decided against doing second tournaments as they don't want to spend additional money to play more cross ice hockey. They are thoroughly enjoying the referee development that has been ongoing throughout this month. The H4C2 team also played in an SFU Intermission game on Saturday the 18th.

Atom (Jeff): Absent.

The Atom A team lost a close game to BWC to get knocked out of the playoffs. They are now in the Presidents' Series playoffs where they sit in First place after the first week.

Both the Atom C1 and C2 made it to the top group and sit 1 and 2 after three weeks, with the C3 team in the third group and are .500. All teams are ending strong in each of their groups and have hopes of a Banner game.

PeeWee (Bud): Nothing to report.

Bantam (Greg):

C1 Head coach will not be available for the last 2 weeks of the season. He has a family vacation planned and was not able to make a change. Coach Glen and Coach Chris will finish off the season.

Rep team players all decided to dye their hair blonde after their 1st round playoff win.

Playoff records:

Bantam C1: 1 – 4 5th of 5 in the Orange Group. 11 GF / 24GA

Bantam C2: 3-2-1 1st of 5 in the Gold Group 15 GF / 16 GA

Bantam C3: 1 – 5 4th of 5 in the Orange Group 15GF / 33 GA

Rep Team: 1 – 1 in the Playoffs. Beat Burnaby in the first game, lost to Langley in the 2nd game.



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Goaltending remains the biggest issue in the division.

Midget (Jennifer):

Midget A1: League play: 6th out of 12 teams & 3rd against other Tier 2 teams behind 1st place Port Moody A1 & 2nd place Vancouver A1 in flight 2.

Playoffs: 1st round: bye

2nd round: beat Abbotsford A2 3-2

3rd round: playing Semiahmoo A2 in a 4 point series that starts Tuesday.

A1 will be hosting the Final 4 for Tier 2 March 4, 5 & 8th @ QPA.

Midget A2: League play: 1st in flight 5.

Playoffs: 1st round: beat Port Moody A2 4-2.

2nd round: lost to Mission 9-0. Mission played against the NW Midget A1 team in flight 2 during league play & likely are the top team going into the Tier 3 playoffs.

Midget C1: League play: 9th out of 10 teams in the green group.

Playoffs: 4 wins & 1 loss, 2nd out of 5 teams in the white group.

Midget C2: League play: 8th out of 10 teams in green group. Has had major issues with excessive penalty minutes with 345 minutes over the season. There have been player & head coach suspensions, with 2 players suspended until March 1 & the Head Coach until March 10. Shawn Hagan A2 Head coach & Dwight Noda, assistant A1 coach, have stepped up to help coach the last 2 games.

Playoffs: 1 win & 4 losses. 5th out of 5 teams in the red group. Have used call ups from Bantam as had a short bench due to the player suspensions.

Midget C3: League play: 10th out of 10 teams in the green group.

Playoffs: 0 wins 3 loses, 5th out of 5 teams in the white group.

Juvenile (vacant): team has folded.

6.14 Past President (Ross): Absent. No report submitted.

7 Next Meeting: **April 10, 2017**

8 Adjournment at 8:37pm: **Motion:** Janet; **Second:** Bernie. Carried.