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EXECUTIVE MEETING October 11, 2016

7 pm Queens Park Board Room

MEETING MINUTES

- 1 Roll call: Ross, Rob, Kurt, Pete, Lynda, Chris, Greg, Jennifer, Daniel, Bernie, Kelly, Desiree, Vandy.
Regrets: Kevin, Tracy, Pete, Bud, Jeff, Tara.
- 2 Adoption of Minutes of: September 13, 2016. **Motion:** Bernie; Second: Kelly. Carried.
- 3 Business arising:
- 4 Correspondence:
 - 4.1 BC Hockey: updated cross-ice rules
 - 4.2 New West Junior B team
- 5 New Business:
 - 5.1 Tryout Policy review – seem to be no issues with it. Still may wish to work on the 4 yr old into H1 policy.

6 Reports:

6.1 *President (Rob):*

BC Hockey: serving on the Governance Committee of BC Hockey; Cross Ice Guidelines distributed; No news on changes to cross ice guidelines

PCAHA: nothing to report

Presidents' C League: Midget C Scholarship tournament Dec 11-17; Championship Days March 4-5;

Cross ice: No league games; game #'s required; League Managers will be giving approx. 4-5 game numbers at a time for teams to arrange exhibition games; send notification to home RIC well in advance to get refs; No Teamlink; Game Sheets to League Managers; All team officials or on ice helpers on score sheets; mixing up the line-ups is recommended so not always the same top players against top players or weaker versus weaker.

League meeting (coaches and managers) for H2-4, Nov 8, Britannia High school, 7 pm

NWMHA: Thanks to Coaches who have stepped up to fill vacancies to allow us the last teams in Bantam and Midget;

H2-4 Parent meeting, OCT 17, 7:30pm QPA;

Sept 30, 2016 there was a serious issue with a Midget C player: I opened an investigation on behalf of the NWMHA; BC Hockey has issued an indefinite suspension until the completion of their investigation; BC Hockey's final decision is expected in the next few days; Once BC Hockey rules, NWMHA will complete our process.

6.2 *1st Vice President (Bernie):*

FUNDRAISING / SPONSORSHIP:

- **Giants Game** UPDATE

Confirmed Game is Feb 3, 2017 (Friday) vs Calgary Hitmen. Giants will give us 300 tickets for sure, maybe more. We will restrict to H1 – 4 at this point.



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Ticket cost will be \$18/ticket. I will be attending a game shortly to check out the venue, logistics etc. By February, the Giants may have an automated 50/50 system, meaning we would need fewer volunteers. I will announce the update to all Division Managers after our meeting and start promoting the game in our newsletter.

New and Established Sponsors

I was unable to secure additional new sponsors over the last 3 weeks but I am in discussion with three more. I will put out a blurb in the next newsletter asking our members to solicit more sponsorship.

KALTIRE and WAYFAIR patches have arrived. Midget A1 will wear Kaltire Advertising; Wayfair will be on our Atom A1 team. Peewee and Bantam A1 will wear SCOTIABANK patches as in previous years. I will need team pictures when done to send to our sponsors, along with a Thank You letter.

Discussed with Kevin and instructed Team managers how to put sponsor patches either on the back of the jerseys (just like name bars) or on the arm, depending upon size.

The Inn at the Quay

I have met with the hotel and believe that they should be our feature hotel. It has been promoted to our out-of-town tournament participants. We will feature the hotel prominently on our website and introduce it in our newsletter. The hotel will donate tournament prizes, and for every 10 room nights and up give us a 10% kickback. The hotel will accommodate the teams to the best of their ability with discounted room rates, easy bus parking, etc.

COMMUNICATION / WEBSITE

President's Report

I have done some work and hope to get it out within the week. In this edition I would like to get some contributions about coaching and do a segment "Coaches Corner with Pete Birovchak" We will also do a Survey Monkey and hope to collect valuable information on how to go forward.

Contact List for all Managers/Coaches

This is just about to complete the list and put it on the web. Our website needs a lot of updating and right now. I am not getting to it, but hopefully will in Nov/Dec. If you see anything outdated or stuff that needs to be restructured, please bring it to my attention.

6.3 2nd Vice President (Daniel): Attended the team manager meeting on Wednesday, October 5th.

Herb House Tournament – Dec 27-30th



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- We are fully subscribed for the tournament. A total of 18 teams (2 more than originally planned) have signed up. Only missing a couple of payments from Midget A teams but am fairly confident these will come in soon.
- 3-4 teams are on our official waitlist...with many other inquiring about space availability.
- First Tournament Committee meeting set for **Thursday, October 13th at 7 pm** at Queen's Park Boardroom.
- Leanne Piendl has kindly agreed to volunteer and develop the tournament schedule again.
- One Midget C team is participating from Spokane, Washington. As a result, tournament has been reclassified by BC Hockey as having "International" status.
- Besides New West A1 & A2, Midget A includes teams from Cloverdale, Mission, Langley, Ridge Meadows, Port Coquitlam and Surrey.
- Besides New West C1, C2, C3, Midget C includes teams from Spokane, Aldergrove, Port Coquitlam, Langley, Surrey, North Delta (total of 10 teams broken into two divisions).
- Print program has already secured some advertisers which we hope will offset total cost around \$900 + GST.
- Securing a number of prize sponsors including Gino's Pizza, BCAA, Fresh Slice Pizza, McDonalds, Wave's Coffee. Hope to have intermission prize for most of the QPA games.
- Bernie secured a wonderful prize from *Inn at the Quay* which we will provide as a raffle to a lucky team manager or coach participating in the tournament.
- Beth McNaughton has kindly agreed to volunteer for the Tournament Committee again this year.

Al Hughes & Bobby Love Tournament – March 11-14, 2017

- We have a total of 8 spots open for Bobby Love...and are now fully booked. There may be an option to move this up to 10, depending on whether we can attract some out of town teams. Last year two teams from Vancouver Island participated.
- We have a total of 8 spots open for Al Hughes...with 5 applications already received. 3 spots remain open, but I am confident we will fill these up by end of the month.
- Tournament Committee will be formed and will start meeting in January.
- A significant number of teams are returning from last year...or have told us they applied because "we've heard you have a great tournament."



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- One team from Kamloops has confirmed attendance for Bobby Love. One more may be attending from Juan De Fuca again...but they are uncertain as spring break dates don't coincide with New West.

Motion: "Be it resolved that all New Westminister teams participating in our tournaments are eligible to sell advertisements in our print program and receive 100% of the net proceeds up to \$500 and that anything sold beyond that limit be done on a 50/50 revenue share with the NWMHA." **Motion:** Daniel; Second: Lynda. Carried.

6.4 3rd Vice President (Tracy): Absent. Report submitted.

1. Pictures scheduled for Nov 15. Schedule has gone out to DMs.
2. Ensure safety and managers are aware about 'return to play' after injuries. If a player has gone to the hospital they require a note from the attending that they are ok to return to play. There have been a few injuries already.

6.5 Treasurer (Kurt): operating statement presented.

6.6 Registrar (Janet):

- A team rosters are complete from Atom – Juvenile divisions.
- Affiliate players are added to the Atom, Bantam and Midget A1 teams so far. Have **not** added affiliates on the Pee wee A1, Midget A2 and Juvenile A1 teams at this time.
- Any changes or moves on C teams must be reported to me by division managers as soon as you make player/goalie moves before their next scheduled tiering/league games. This is important when the moves are reflected in teamlink(time stamped). Suspensions will happen when ineligible/non-rostered players are used during a specific game. eg:a player who with a major infraction during a game and that player is not on the roster before the puck dropped.
- I have sent out an itemized list of courses & certifications that each of the carded team officials are required to complete by December 1st. They are going through the certifications of each carded teams earlier this year...especially with the mandated requirement of the CATT and CRC/VPC that each rostered team official must have before the start of their tiering games. I will send a report to all teams.
- "New" team officials must have an HC ID number and be registered with NWMHA BEFORE they register for their courses or go on the ice. I have had BC Hockey email me a few times already letting me know that we have eager coach/bench officials taking their CATT and RIS (which is excellent!!!) but their course is in "limbo" when they cannot find their HC ID# to attach to their completed on-line course.
- Apologies to Tara and Desiree... I missed a couple of emails that needed my attention.



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

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): Absent. Report submitted.

- Coaches' meeting was held Sept. 26; had a decent turnout of approx. 30 coaches.
- RPM Power skating and Saturday Veit Clinics are underway
- NWMHA Hosting Dev 1 Clinic Oct 15/16 – Thanks to Lynda and Rob for helping me organize this
- RPM Coach Mentorship program schedule has been sent to all coaches

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

- Again this year a jersey rack has collapsed. After discussions with Ron Booth, I went and spent \$400 on new rolling racks which is what I should have done years ago.
- So far, there have been no issues with goaltending supplies as they pertain to cross ice. I have coordinated with Desiree and Tara to make sure each team will get 2 sets of gear.
- The usual stuff is slowly leaving the room.
- In the last 6 or 7 years of taking first aid bag deposits, I have now had a second \$40 get returned to the wrong person. I will no longer be accepting cash; it will be cheque only.
- I am waiting on some team officials' information so I can send out the early season equipment manager letter.

6.10 Ice Allocator (Lynda): 8 conflict games to make-up and only 6 empty slots of ice; will need to purchase some ice elsewhere.

6.11 Referee-in-Chief: (Chris Malcolm): awaiting confirmation for the clinic on Oct 22nd; new ref is moving into New West who will be added to the roster.

6.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly):



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- It has been a busy month with balancing games and exhibition games going forward with a lot of them using the two man system. Unfortunately a lot of our officials thought they were unable to officiate until they took their course. It wasn't until I sent out an email letting them know they were all good to go until December without taking a refresher clinic that I started getting more people requesting games but have still run short on many occasions.
- I have been in contact with Ryan Bulger. He is the gentleman in charge of putting together our clinic for the new officials that NWMHA hosts every year. I have requested the clinic be held on October 22nd at his request and am currently just waiting to hear that it is a go. The only step that needed to be done was the actual request on the BC Hockey website. I did that last night. I have emailed Ron Booth who has been very helpful in finding me a room for the in class portion part of the clinic to see if he can again find something for me on that date. I have notified Lynda about the ice requirement and she assures me we will have ice at 12:30pm-1:30pm for the on ice portion of the clinic. It's just a waiting game now.
- I have 16 new and eager officials that are waiting for this course.
- We had only one game that had a no show for officials and that was because the referee request was not made.
- At the Managers meeting I reminded the managers that I encourage them to contact me about referees being assigned to their games. I always try to assign 3 but if I only get 2 that the game is not unsafe to play and they can go ahead with the game. If this happens I will try to let them know but as I don't have all the teams contact info it may be difficult. I also told them that if there are only 2 that show up to email me names of the officials that were there and I will go from there. I also said that they should be checking the dressing rooms at the latest 15 minutes before game time if there are officials at the game because if they call me at game time the chances of me getting anyone there is very slim.

6.13 Division Managers:

H1-2 (Tara): Absent. Report submitted.

H1 Team: As of October 11th there are 11 players; Team officials are in place-we are just waiting for Hockey ID's; October 15th will be our team meeting with the parents to introduce the team officials. Team jerseys will be handed out.

H2 Team: Team officials are in place-we are just waiting for Hockey ID's; As of October 11th there are 23 players; The teams have been temporarily formed and a balancing game will take place on October 23 from 10:00-11:30 at Moody. We will be using our ice time.



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H3-4 (Desiree):

Hockey 3

- Evaluations have been done and preliminary squads have just been put together. We will have 2 teams of 13 and 1 team of 12
- Balancing games will be held Saturday Oct 15th at 11:15am, 4:30pm and Sunday Oct 23rd at 2:00pm.
- 1 player won an invitation to attend a Canucks preseason game with his team to celebrate the Esso Minor Hockey Season Launch. As teams weren't formed we chose to invite all the H3 coaches and managers with their associated players. They had a great time at the game vs. Edmonton Oilers on September 28th.

Hockey 4

- We are still working on trying to select preliminary squads. Meeting with head coaches Tuesday evening.
- We currently have 27 players, with one definitely leaving in November, possibly losing one more. We may end up with 1 team of 12, 1 team of 13.
- Tentative balancing game set for Sunday Oct 16th 8:45am
- The head coach has spoken with the assistant coach to deal with the complaint last month. According to the head coach the conversation was well received. However this assistant coach and associated player have been absent for the past few weeks. Rumour is they have moved. They aren't responding to contact attempts. Payment has not been received for registration from this family. Will continue to attempt to make contact.
- There has been a formal complaint against a player by the family of another player. Coaches are dealing with it on ice, I will be following up with them at the end of this week.
- We are still trying to get a volunteer for a team manager. Once teams are set we are hoping someone will step up, or they may not play any games this season. (This will be the tactic I use in my next email)

Atom (Jeff): Absent. Report submitted.

All teams are set for the season. Players, coaches and all help in place. The Atom A team is in placement and is 1-0-1. Team has had a number of injuries, but is on the mend and hopes to complete in Tier this season.

The Atom C teams are balanced after 6 games and a number of player transactions. All teams look strong and hope to compete in the higher tiering this season.



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Peewee (Bud): Absent. Report submitted.

1. Try outs were well attended 36 skaters and 4 goalies
2. First cuts were made and the number remaining was 22 skaters and 4 goalies going forward.
3. Any player being reassigned got a minimum of 3 games, but most got four games.
4. Coach had a personal face to face meeting, with all 20+ players individually, when it was time to select the final team (2.5 hr.)
5. Team has 16 skaters and 2 goalies. Played Seattle the day after reassignment, 4-3 loss.
6. Played Vancouver A4 and won 10-1

Balancing

- We took the group that did not try out and kept them together as one unit for practice
- When the first group of reassignments was made we had 27 skaters between the two groups
- We ran an evaluation on the full group. Lorne Vowles, Ross Young, coaches and I ranked each player
- The coaches and I met and made sure we agreed on the score each play had. We then broke them into two even groups.
- We took the last five reassignments from the A team and divided them between the two C teams
- We have played three balancing games to make sure we were close. One or two players were moved after each game.
- We have 7 boys playing field lacrosse; one playing baseball and two playing soccer. None of these can attend our Sunday Morning ice game time or not on a regular basis. We also have a pair of brothers, and a new to hockey and new to skating GOALIE. These made the job a little more difficult.
- My coaches were involved in each and every player's placement. They made the task manageable
- One C team is in the Gold group, and one is in the Royal group for tiering. Games start this week

Bantam (Greg):

- Bantam division has had some bumps in the road to start the season. Low numbers in the division have left us with 4 teams of 14 skaters, and needing a goalie transfer for the "A" team. The smaller sized teams shouldn't be too bad at the C level but will most likely be a problem at the "A" level, as evidenced by the fact the A team has already needed call ups due to injury and suspension.



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- Low turnout / interest for the “A” team made selection fairly straight-forward. Todd selected his team and released the players on Sept. 28th allowing the C team balancing games to have all the players available for the in-house games.
- C team set up and balancing was done with input from the coaches. This year’s process was more difficult than last year as the number of special requests was much higher than usual. The 3:45 time is a problem for most, with the 3:45 at QPA the most difficult. The coaches decided on 3 or 4 more moves after the 2nd set of games. All coaches feel the teams are fairly even. The reality is there are only a few moves that can be made due to all the special requests.
- A Team: Head Coach Todd Fletcher + 3 assistants... Manager Sherie Isbister
- C1: Head Coach Kevin Gray; Assistant Coach Glen Wong; Manager Simon Heany
- C2: Head Coach James Musgrave; Assistant Coach Dale Anderson, Brad Kinnie; Manager Mark Lewis
- C3: Head Coaches Ron Connor, Matt Wilson; Assistant Coach Joe Gale; Manager Temple Anderson

Midget (Jennifer):

Midget A1: has 15 skaters & 2 goalies.

Has played 6 preseason exhibition games & won 5 & tied 1.

A1 has been placed in group 3 in the placement round for 8 scheduled games & have played 2 games & won 1 & tied 1.

Midget A2: has 15 skaters & 2 goalies.

Has played 6 preseason/ exhibition games & won 3 & tied 3.

A2 has been placed in group 6 in the placement round for 8 scheduled games & have played 2 games & won 1 & tied 1.

Midget C

The Midget C players had a series of open practices prior to the drafting of the Midget players with the 3 Midget C Head Coaches. Each Midget C team has 15 skaters. It was a challenge getting the last Midget C Head Coach. A letter went out to the Division stating that if there wasn’t a 3rd Midget C Head Coach then the last players who signed up would be put on a waitlist & not able to play hockey this season. Fortunately two parents stepped up volunteering to co-coach, with one being the Head Coach. Thank you to Tony Black and Hugh Ellis for agreeing to coach.

The 3 Midget C teams have played a total of 6 games between them all. C1 won 3 games, C2 won 2 games & C3 hasn’t won any games with one game remaining on Sunday between C3 vs C1. There have been attempts to move a strong player to C3 & everyone has declined due to scheduling conflicts.



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On a serious note during last Sunday's balancing game Oct. 2, one player received a slashing penalty, a game misconduct & a gross misconduct for a total of 22 minutes. BC Hockey has given an initial ruling & the player has 7 days to respond with a final ruling to come.

Juvenile (vacant): No report.

6.14 Past President (Ross): No report.

7 Next Meeting: **November 14, 2016**

8 Adjournment at 8:17pm : **Motion:** Ross; **Second:** Lynda. Carried.