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## EXECUTIVE MEETING December 10, 2018 7 pm Queens Park Arena Breakaway Room Agenda

1. Roll call: Rob, Kevin, Kelly, Mike, Kurt, Mark S, Dez, Sarah, Mark L, Jen, Greg, Lynda
2. Regrets: Jeff, Tom, Danielle, Nancy, Eric, Bill, Tara
3. Adoption of Minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike
4. Business arising:
5. Correspondence:
6. New Business: We would like to explore having a secondhand swap meet of hockey equipment before next season starts.
7. Reports:

### 7.1 President (Jeff): Short report

Attended the president C meeting. Main concerns from this meeting is trying to revamp the Balancing prices for next season.

Internally been monitoring the amount of penalties and suspensions. I feel we need to come up with more strict guidelines for suspensions internally for Bantam and Midget. I will send ideas over Xmas and maybe do a policy change in January.

Looking into a retro design T-shirt for hockey day.

Would like to form a group to review our balancing process and balancing.

7.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Tom): I have 2 sponsor boards for the tournament tables being printed up as we speak, the boards will feature all of our sponsors names and logos and our logo as well as new Westminister minor hockey and a big THANK YOU across the bottom of the board. It looks great!!

### 7.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Desiree): **Tournament Coordinator Report for December 2018**

- Herb House Tournament
  - We've had our second HH Tournament Committee meeting and everything is in the works for another great tournament. This committee has been fantastic



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and have all worked really hard to get amazing raffle baskets and prepare for a wonderful tournament.

- C Division - Had to cut off at 11 teams. Participating teams are: Surrey C1, C2 and C4, Port Coquitlam C1 and C4, Cloverdale C7, Ridge Meadows C5, Burnaby C4, New West C1, C2, C3. All teams have paid and have their TPN's in so we're good to go.
  - The schedule is done and has been sent to the teams, has been posted on the website, and has been sent to PCAHA so it should show up on teamlink soon. We will have two pools and teams will play a fourgame round robin format. There will be 2 consolation games for teams finishing in 3rd and 4th in each pool. These games allow a break between the semi finals and final games. **All Games will be at Queen's Park Arena.**
  - SWAG update: I have received: Skate towels and sunglasses. MVP and long sleeve T-Shirts should be ready next week.
  - Program: in the final stages of preparation and I will send this to Magenta printers on Wednesday. 1 team has sold above the \$500 threshold - C2 sold \$1000 (\$250 of this will come back to NWMHA) No one was interested in the shout out ads.
  - Raffle Table: The teams have really stepped it up and they all have at least 3 baskets, along with various items Desirée has sourced.
  - We are extremely fortunate to have Daniel Fontaine back announcing many of the games for the tournament. He will be giving away over \$1000 worth of intermission prizing. Our official intermission prize sponsor for this tournament is former Royals player Wes Goss. We also have 20 swag bags that were donated by Cartwright jewelers containing a few items including pearl earrings.
  - Set-up will be on December 26th at 11 am.
  - We will continue to provide fountain drinks to the players - I have already been in touch with Jim Luu
  - Trophies and Medals have been ordered from Hyack Trophy
  - Robyn Doig (PCAHA) has been sent the schedule and rules for the referees.
- Al Hughes Tournament
    - I have applications from: 2 Cloverdale teams, Lake Cowichan, Mission, , Burnaby, and Chilliwack. Cloverdale, Lake Cowichan, and Mission have sent payment and are confirmed. 2 teams have withdrawn (Port Coquitlam and Juan de fuca) 8 spots are filled and payment has been received from all non-New West Teams except one. I have emailed the local teams letting them know that they can drop off at Moody Park Arena if they would rather not chance Canada Post.



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- Bobby Love Tournament
  - I have now received 8 applications for the tournament. 5 from outside associations. Vancouver T-Birds C1 and C2 and Burnaby C1 are paid. Cloverdale and 1 other Burnaby MHA teams sent applications that I am following up on.

## 7.4 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Mark):

1. Pictures - hoping to have them by the end of this week. About 2/3 teams have not delivered their media release forms and those will need to be submitted for the entire team before I'll release the pictures for that team. Team managers need to be reminded to get their forms in. (Tyke Major H2, all Atom C & A teams, Bantam A, and all Midget C teams have submitted in full).
2. I will need to organize a HCSP meeting once we have all the team registrations confirmed.
3. I've heard anecdotally about some injuries and concussions, including one coach. Teams should be logging all player (and coach) injuries and serious injuries should be reported to me. Players need a doctor's note to return to the ice if they've suffered a serious injury or concussion.
4. Locker-boxing or wrestling is never allowed and can lead to serious injury. Players taking part face discipline from NWMHA. Players should be reminded periodically.
5. Midget A/C have had some ongoing discipline issues. Specifics aside, we have been working with the Midget A team to come up with a player code of conduct agreement and we should consider whether that should be rolled out next year to all midget players.

7.5 Treasurer (Kurt): TREASURER'S REPORT See attached

7.6 Secretary (Mark): Nothing to report



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7.7 Coach Coordinator (Mike): Going to try and get a coach skating clinic in January.

7.8 Ice Allocator (Lynda): Aaron Loughhead memorial fundraiser scrimmage January 5, 2019 supplying ice to help raise funds.

7.9 Equipment Manager (Kevin): Nothing to report

7.10 Registrar (Janet): Nothing to report

7.11 Referee-in-Chief: (Bill): See below

7.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly): **Referee Allocator and Referee in Chief Report**

It's been a busy month with all the rescheduled games, but all has been worked out and assigned.

We have had one of our officials serving a suspension and not being able to officiate a game, but we were able to cover that one quite quickly. We are still waiting to hear how long the actual suspension was or is for until he can officiate in a game again.

There has only been one no show. This due to an official not using the assigning program properly. After explaining to him what he did wrong and explaining the correct method of accepting and declining games there has not been another incident.

Out of the 17 new officials I have been able to place 10 of them in Novice Major and Novice Minor games and Bill has been able to go out and either watch them or work with them. One of our new officials is in Midget and we are trying to get him into an Atom game to evaluate him but have not been able to do so yet because of his availability, however we are working on it. Some officials are involved in other sports so the games that they can do are far and few unfortunately, but I am keeping a list of the officials that are being put into games to try and make it as fair as possible for everyone when they can. Only 3 officials to date have had more than one game so far.

We are still receiving a few complaints from officials that teams are not separating the referee money into separate envelopes. One team in particular is the Pee wee C2 team. They are putting it all into one envelope and expecting the referees to separate it in the dressing room. This is not acceptable. The proper denominations need to be put into separate envelopes.

**NOVICE:** Two envelopes containing \$15/\$15

**ATOM:** Three envelopes containing: (R)-\$22 [a 20 dollar bill and a twoonie]; (L)-\$15 [a 10 dollar bill 2 twoonies and a loonie]; (L)-\$15 [a 10 dollar bill and a 5 dollar bill] This is just in case at any time you are given a two man system you can separate the money into two envelopes of \$22. It's a good idea to have an extra envelope on hand just in case you need to do this.



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**Pee Wee:** Three envelopes containing: (R)-\$29 [a 20-dollar bill, a five-dollar bill and two twoonies]; (L)-\$17 [a 10-dollar bill, a five dollar bill and a twoonie] X2. It's a good idea to have an extra envelope on hand just in case you have a two man and have two separate the money into 2 envelopes of \$29.

Even better would be to bring four envelopes to every game. Two for referees and two for linesmen. This way, you always have the necessary amounts without ever having to break open an envelope if you in fact find that you only have two officials at a game. This should also be followed for Bantam, Midget and Juvenile games as well. I am hoping that at this point most managers have done this and know how to manage or have appointed someone who knows this procedure and have been doing it. Although I have heard some grumbings about one of the Midget teams not following this as well. I would really like the division managers to put an email out there letting their teams know that separating the money for the officials into their own envelopes is what is the preferred way and is consistent across the leagues.

After reviewing the NWMHA Manger's Manual, we would like to have the following changes made:

### **Payment of Referees**

Referees are to be paid in exact cash and the envelope is to be given at the end of the game while they are still on the ice. At the start of the game, place the envelope at the scorekeeper's booth.

Referees are to be paid in exact cash placed in separate envelopes which are to be given at the end of the game while the officials are still on the ice. These envelopes are to be placed at the scorekeeper's booth at the start of the game.

I have also put out an email to all our officials to let them know that there will be one last referee clinic being offered on December 15<sup>th</sup> for those that have not been able to get to one yet this season to recertify for the new year. I am just waiting to find out the time and place.

H1-2 (Eric): Division Managers: Nothing big from Tyke. Still working on figuring out the Tyke Major team assignments but Janet and Jeff are working with us on that.

H3-4 (Sarah): Nothing to report

1. Atom (Tara): Atom December Report

A1 Team



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The team is in a tough flight and are struggling to win games. This A1 team is not able to compete with the teams who are in this flight. The players overall are improving on the ice.

The team is looking forward to their upcoming Port Moody Tournament at the end of December because they will have the opportunity to play against other teams from other associations.

## House Teams

C1-nothing to report

C2-The team is doing well. The players are working hard and having fun.

C3-nothing to report.

2. Peewee (Nancy): Nothing to report

3. Bantam (Danielle): Bantam C teams have been declared balanced by PCAHA. All teams are progressing with league games. No issues or concerns to report.

4. Midget (Greg): Midget A1:

The team is experiencing significant behavior issues, and the coaches are incredibly frustrated, so much so I was asked by the coaches to talk to the group about their behavior. I wasn't keen to do it, I know full well the players at the root of the problem have no interest in hearing from anyone especially me about anything, and from the behavior of one player during my talk, I know he will only get worse. Unfortunately, I have real concerns the coaches may walk away from the team. No one has suggested that that is strictly my opinion.

The primary problem is a lack of respect, and this comes in a few different forms. There are a few players that have a blatant disregard for the coaches, the officials, the opponents, their own team and all that it means to be a rep level player. These players are there for themselves alone and don't care what so ever about anyone other than themselves. They come and go as they please and do whatever they like on the ice and around the team.

A more significant number of players have a general lack of respect for the game, and they show it by the sheer volume of penalties the team has taken, as well as the type of penalties taken. The players are taking an excessive amount of misconducts mostly for chirping the referees and the other teams.

A breakdown of penalties to date:

8x 10:00 misconducts

1x Game misconduct



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1x 15:00 Major

and an astonishing 189 minor penalties.

The team has taken at least three slew foot penalties and one spearing penalties. From what I can see the NW A1 team is leading or in the top five across all Midget A penalty categories

The coaches have recently put in place an internal penalty program where players taking undisciplined penalties or showing a lack of respect for the team, coaches, opponents, and officials are subjected to a progressive discipline process that can lead to game suspensions imposed by the president. The program has been in place for a few games showing mixed results. In the first game under the new plan, one player took three misconducts and was subsequently suspended a game by the president. In addition to the additional game suspension, there have been many players receiving supplemental discipline along the way.

One problem facing the team is a belief they are in the wrong division. Some of the players feel they shouldn't be in the last flight and have taken it as a sign of disrespect to them and their abilities. The current record doesn't support that idea as they are in third place with a 6-3-1 record well back of the first two teams at 9 - 1.

I will continue to keep an eye on things and talk with the coaches; I'm not overly confident that there will be much of a change with this group.

## Midget C

Teams are moving through the league play, not too much to report. We have had some penalty problems in C but nothing of significance. We have had two coaches receive one-game suspensions, along with a handful of players.

We do have some issues brewing with C3. There are some concerns amongst the parents about the direction of the team and the behavior of the players. The safety manager wrote an excellent letter to all the players and parents addressing concerns about behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. We also have some concerns from one family that will require some attention as they have some particular issues. I will reach out to the coach coordinator and VP3 for help in dealing with this.

## 5. Juvenile (Jennifer): December Juvenile Report



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Won 6- 3 vs Richmond

Won 8-3 vs North Delta

Lost 4-1 & 6-2 vs Semiahmoo C2 1st game NW player was suspended for fighting after being cross checked in the back of the head & then punched several times & then defended himself. Later another NW player was taken to the ice & punched several times.

2nd game NW player put in a head lock with various NW players being crossed checked in the back of the head. Very aggressive team out of character with the other C teams so far this season.

Won 7-2 vs Vancouver NW had 63 shots & the Vancouver team played really well for the first 50 shots.

6. Past President (Rob): Attended Pcaha semi annual AGM on Nov 18, report:

1- bulletins:

#11 team officials deadlines approaching and ineligible officials will be suspended, teams will forfeit, playoff suspensions.

#13 provincials top 16 qualify, below can opt in. Suggest that teams below 12 apply to be safe in case they drop.

#14 final 4 we can apply if we feel we are close. Will likely host something anyways. Hosting does NOT mean you qualify.

2- Electronic game forms still evolving. Still hoping for playoff implementation. Team officials registering still needs to get done ASAP.

3-officials availability bantam A and above a huge problem. Eligible officials can do academy games or MML. Huge drop off of officials willing to do midget C. There is a bulletin #10 referee complaint procedure. President to submit but also act as a filter to only send forward issues they feel are important. Realize with the limited number of officials available we need to be sure any complaints are real or significant. They do work, as we had one official banned from doing any Nwmha games.

4-Hockey Canada looking at other changes with possible elimination of tiering and playoffs. Trying to increase practice to game ratio. BC Hockey considering balances A teams.

5-OMAHA has voted to fold. They will be run by paid BC Hockey office in 2020. Hockey



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costs will go up in that region, BC Hockey says the families will have to eat the costs. The three northern districts are considering amalgamation.

6-Initiation team sizes. If small association like nwmha does not have enough to have two full teams contact PCAHA various ways to deal with it.

7-Bantam Zone, committee work starting at both Pcaha level and BC Hockey level. Abbotsford has indicated that BC Hockey is already trying to recruit players even though the program is not yet approved.

8-Scholarship team host sites needed for both Midget A and combined Juvenile A-C non-hitting combined team.

Tentative date of Next Meeting:

Monday January 10, 2018 Queens Park Arena Breakaway room

Adjournment: 8:36pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Kurt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark L.