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NEW WESTMINSTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:00pm

Zoom call

1. Roll Call: Jeff, Kurt, Frank, Lynda, Kelly, Mavra, Dale, Desiree, Rob, Mike, Brad, Nancy, Bill, Manny, Christiana, Janet
2. Regrets: Tom, Danielle, Heather
3. Adoption of minutes: 1st Mike , 2nd Dale . Carried
4. Business Arising:
5. Correspondence:
6. New Business:

7.1 President (Jeff): Nothing to report

7.2 1st Vice President (Tom): Nothing to report

7.3 2nd Vice President (Desiree):

Tournament Coordinator Report

- No Tournaments for this season

Covid Communications

What has been done this month:

- Ongoing weekly communication with the city to address any issues and concerns as we continue to adjust our guidelines for game play.
 - Recent observations from the city – there has been an increase in the number of parents loitering in the parking lots during our ice times. A reminder to not linger outside the arena was sent to all when the updated guidelines were sent out.
- Updated guidelines were distributed and posted on the website. Return back to phase two ViaSport Return to Sport as of December 2nd 2020.
 - New increase in physical distancing to Three (3) Metres on the ice.
- Live streaming guidelines were distributed to DM's to forward to teams on December 1st 2020.



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- I have two teams that have completed the required permission forms and media releases and are approved to livestream.
- As far as I know the most secure ways to do the live streaming to ensure privacy is through a private Facebook live stream and through a private YouTube link.
- Many of the popular streaming apps cannot guarantee that others cannot find the stream through a search.
- A huge thanks to Lynda for securing an additional ice time for the U7 group so that every team in our association is able to have 2 weekly ice times so that we no longer have players practicing with multiple groups and increasing our risk of possible transmission between multiple teams.
- Many thanks to all for their continued patience and flexibility as we continue to change and adapt this season.

7.4 3rd Vice President (Frank): Nothing to report

7.5 Treasurer (Kurt):

See attached Operating Statements for period ended November 30, 2020.

7.6 Secretary (Mark):

When you send me your reports can you reply back to Jeff's original email just so it's easier to find.

7.7 Coach Coordinator (Mike): Nothing to report

7.8 Ice Allocator (Lynda):

I have worked with the city and Team Managers and have worked through all the ice throughout the Christmas break. With the lost ice due to the Christmas closures and a few later in the day slots added I ended up juggling and rearranging so we could hand back some of our early morning slots. This works out better for the city as well with not having to bring staff in as early in the day.



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As well I have worked with the city and obtained an extra U7 game slot so the group doesn't have to share their game ice. This will only be for this season as it goes against our Principles of Arena Use contract with the city.

7.9 Equipment Manager (Dale):

1. Hockey Shop delivered the remaining sock order, including
 - 116 pairs of Junior Socks
 - 13 pairs of Intermediate Socks
2. 19 new jersey's @ cost of \$77.50ea, to replace lost and damaged ones over the last couple years have arrived
3. Goalie gear was given out to U9-U7 teams

7.10 Registrar (Janet): Nothing to report

7.11 Referee-in-Chief (Bill):

REFEREE-In-Chief REPORT

Currently, we only have 31 officials certified. There is one more clinic to be held but do not expect to increase our numbers. COVID-19 has been a factor for those that I have talked to that do not want to officiate this year. I am hopeful that they will come back next year.

We held our new officials' clinic on November 29, 2020. We initially had 6 who all qualified, but only 4 signed up for the actual clinic for different reasons. I rather enjoyed this year's clinic as I ran the clinic with information provided by BC Hockey. It is the first time that I have been involved that me managed to use the whole 6 hours and I could have gone for 1 more. I hope association RIC's will have the option to continue this in the future as I found it most beneficial for both me and the new officials. These 4 are included in the overall count of 31. In a normal season, we would have seen an average of 12 attend, so I was not concerned with the low numbers. With the way the season is progressing, we may only have just enough games for these four, if any at all.

The use of HiSports was dropped on us with only a couple of days notice. I spent much of my time going back and forth with the individual responsible for this at the PCAHA level to help shape what we needed as one of the associations that has been using the program for the past 8 years. Although it will be nice to have everything in one system, I wished they would have given more thought into the launch, especially when it comes to training



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for both Assigners and on ice-officials. I am working on collecting all our official's (both active and in-active) gradings so we can ensure they are correct in HiSports. Hopefully, we will see some games in the next round in the new year so that I can start working with our officials again.

7.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly):

Referee Allocator Report

It has been a bit of a stressful season with all the new rules and the loss of a few officials. I have been able to make it work as well as possible but with COVID and games being scheduled and then cancelled with little notice it has been a lot of work to stay on top of.

I have been informed that all assigning is now being done through HiSport and was only given two days notice for that switch when the games in November started coming out. So, with no training or discussion on the matter I was juggling two systems to assign officials and try and get everyone switched over to using HiSport. It is not only a learning curve for me but for most of my officials as well. I am hoping with the break that is happening at the moment to get everyone on the new system, but I am not sure yet if everyone is aware of how the system works and if they understand it. There are many more steps that need to be performed to request and assign games and the gradings are not set properly so it is making things a bit more time consuming. Hopefully with a bit more direction and a bit of help from the people making the changes the rest of the season will go a bit smoother, but we will have to see what the New Year brings.

Division Managers:

1. U6/U7 Mavra:

U7 Report

When the 3m distancing mandate came out families, safeties & coaches were very concerned about our larger combined ice times on Saturdays. We temporarily went back to alternating Saturdays, but then there was concern for the development of the kids falling behind with only one ice time some weeks.

A huge thanks to Lynda, Desiree, Frank & Kurt for helping to guide me through all this and resolve it with an extra ice time so all 25 of our players are one ice twice a week!



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We have two teams playing as follows:

U7, C1 has 12 players

Wednesday practice at Queens Park 4:30pm;

Lynda has secured extra ice for us over the holidays

Beginning January 10th: Sunday at 9:15am at Moody Park.

U7, C2 has 13 players

Monday Moody Park 3:45pm practice;

Lynda has secured extra ice for us over the holidays

Beginning January 10th: Saturday 1:45pm at Queens Park.

U7 both teams have started rotating goalie gear.

U6 Report

One team of 10 players.

There was concern with the combined larger practices when U7 was on ice with them, but the U7 players are no longer joining Saturday practices so that is resolved.

2. U8/U9 (Brad):

U8

U8C1 – 10 Players

U8C2 – 9 Players

Being back in phase 2 has started discussion around re-rostering as one team in order to have a larger team feel. Attendance is not always 100% on one team, so practices are tough with 6-7 players. However, it is difficult to maintain social distancing in this age group so smaller groups are safer. Plus, we have coaches rostered nicely for each team and if we form as one, not everyone can be in the rink.

U9

U9C1 – 13 Players

U9C2 – 12 Players

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3. U11(Heather):

When in club Phase 3 game play was allowed, the C teams continued to play against each other and the U11 A team chose to practice / scrimmage within their team. Since the return to Phase 2 and social distancing on the ice, all four U11 teams have resumed practicing 2 x a week, at minimum. I would like to acknowledge the commitment, adaptability, and resilience of the Coaches, Managers, Safeties, Parents and Players.

4. U13 (Christiana):

The 3 U13 teams have been doing social distanced practices as per the health order. In November lots of discussion was had with coaches and parents in regards to reshuffling teams to create a third house team. In the end we did not proceed with this as the majority of parents preferred to stay in existing teams and doing individual practices.

I have suggested we look into doing a jamboree with A and C teams but since the health order changed, we have not explored this further yet.

We have lost one A goalie as of Dec 17, 2020 as he is moving to the island. I don't see this causing too much trouble this season, but we may be short goalies' next season.

5. U15 (Nancy): Nothing to report

6. U18 (Danielle): Nothing to report

7. U21 Manny: Nothing to report

8. Past President (Rob): Nothing to report

Motion to adjourn: 8:00pm Motion: 1st Kelly , 2nd Mike . Carried