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New Westminister Minor Hockey Association

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EXECUTIVE MEETING January 14, 2019

7 pm Queens Park Arena Breakaway Room

## Agenda

1. Roll call: Jeff, Tom, Bill, Kelly, Danielle, Rob, Nancy, Tara, Eric, Janet, Kurt, Sarah, Des,
2. Regrets: Kevin, Linda, Mark, Greg, Mike, Jen. Mark
3. Adoption of Minutes: Tom Second Kelly
4. Business arising:
5. Correspondence:
6. New Business: Danielle Motion to change Susp. Policy Tabled to February
7. Reports:

### 7.1 President (Jeff): Presidents Report.

Attended PCAHA monthly meeting, Main topics of discussion was Balancing and Coaching and player discipline. Over the next few months the group is going to come up with ideas to address some of the balancing concerns and scheduling to start the season. Second was many assn are looking at adopting secondary suspension that go over and above the current rules set out by BC Hockey. Both Arbutus and us have been used a positive example of being proactive on this front.

I will be Attending the Presidents Caucus on January 27, waiting on agenda.

### **Current projects**

Looking at a letter for Rep players, outlining extra Cost, travel, tournaments, Parents Help, commitment level that they can receive prior to tryouts.

Mark and I looking at revising Susp. policy, Adding Misconducts, separating into two groups Atom/Peewee and Bantam and above.

Hoping to bring a draft to the February meeting for discussion and having it ready and in place for the end of the season. Along with a new player code of conduct for all players Bantam and above. Plus a new coaches Code of Conduct.

In discussion with RPM on player and coach development for next season. Working on making the Forward and Defence clinics Bigger and maybe changing sign up based on abilities rather than age. Group 1 Rep or taxi Squad, Group 2 Rec. Also been talking with them on how we can get the coaches ready for there season. a big difference



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between the rep and C programs. And needs in each level. Talking about having RPM taking a number of practices in each group to help the teams getting ready for the first month of the season. From Basic team play in Atom to Full Checking and Hitting in Bantam and Midget rep. There is a need to have these discussions with all coaches.

NWMHA Clothing website is closed, but they are available for Team sales for year end gifts, The Hockey shop is very happy with in season sales and we are looking at some revision base on request they have received.

NWMHA Tournaments, Des and myself will be starting at looking at replacing the Rep Level for the Herb House, I have spoke to the family this past Christmas, and they would love to restore it with a Rep Division. With have details and a plan to bring to you by March.

Looking at new guidelines for making teams in the c devisions, with PCAHA changing there way, it will be a good time to relook at how we do things, Was hoping to get a small group, to look at ways to make it easier for all..... looking at teams sizes, goalies, coaches, evaluation and a time line.

PCAHA is talking about putting in a Double Blind Draft.

Even Donnelly award Midget C Scholarship

Bud Sage Celebration of life Jan. 27 2019 2pm SFU

7.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Tom): Nothing to report

7.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Desiree):

## Tournament Coordinator Report for January 2019

- Herb House Tournament
  - Many thanks to the amazing volunteers and the tournament committee for all their help putting on a fabulous tournament. We had many compliments from all of the team managers and many coaches as well.
  - The tournament took place Dec 27-30th 2018 at Queen's Park Arena
  - 11 C teams attended: Burnaby C4, Cloverdale C7, New Westminister C1, New Westminister C2, New Westminister C3, Port Coquitlam C1, Port Coquitlam C4, Ridge Meadows C5, Surrey C1, Surrey C2,



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Surrey C4

- PoCo C4 won Gold, Surrey C1 won Silver and New West C2 took the bronze
- There were very few major penalties and all of the teams were great to work with
- 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. I have also received an application from a 3rd Cloverdale team, and they are undecided if they will participate knowing there are already 2 teams from their association. I was hoping to fill to 10 teams, I will accept applications until the 20th.
- Bobby Love Tournament
  - One of the Vancouver teams had to withdraw as they didn't have enough players. They did so before the deadline so there was no penalty to them. The Cloverdale team has not responded to follow up emails. We have had one more application from a Burnaby team. Currently we have 7 teams registered. 3 from Burnaby, 3 from New West and 1 from Vancouver. I usually have a few more applications come in at this time of year so I am still hopeful we will get at least 8 teams. Applications will be accepted until January 20th.
- I have the tournament committee meeting for the Al Hughes and Bobby Love Tournaments set for this Wednesday at QPA at 8pm - I expect a representative from each of the Atom C and PeeWee C teams to attend.
- I am looking into the cost of banners for the gold medal teams to take home next season. Currently the top 3 teams take home small trophies. Those 3 trophies cost approximately \$100 total. Brad at Hyack trophies gave me rough ballpark of about \$100 for 1 banner. What are the executives' thoughts on this? I was thinking a Black Banner with our crown logo and White or Gold writing...any thoughts/suggestions on this are welcome.

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

1. Janet can report on team registrations, including CRC/VPC, CATT and HSCP registrations. She recently reported to me and Jeff on this, so she should have the numbers handy. Jeff and I are going to recommend for next year that we set regular target reporting dates for team official registrations as there were a couple of situations left very late by the teams. The President, VP3 and Coach Coordinator should be kept informed of the status of registrations to avoid playoff eligibility issues for teams who do not have the proper officials registered.



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2. Similarly, Jeff can report about safety/discipline issues, including possible tweaks to our policies, how we deal with Midget C penalties, how we monitor penalty minutes overall for our players, and whether we need to take any additional steps to curb serious penalties below Midget.
3. With respect to reportable injuries, I have not been told by any team or division managers of any reportable injuries. DMs should periodically check with their team managers about this and report back to me whether any have occurred.
4. Awards - requests for nominations will go out next month.

Lastly, for your Peewee A2 team's photographs, I've given them to Jeff to bring to the meeting. (All others have already been distributed.)

7.5 Treasurer (Kurt): We recently received a cheque from the Vancouver Giants for an unclaimed 50/50 prize from February 3, 2017. It is for \$2,871.50 and will be record in January 2019 activity.

I submitted receipts for up to \$7,500 to the City of New Westminster Amateur Sports Grant in December 2018. I expect the City of New Westminster to process the receipts by February 2019.

7.6 Secretary (Mark): Nothing to report

7.7 Coach Coordinator (Mike):

We had a head coaching change in Midget due to a coach not abiding to the coaches code of conduct. The coach volunteered to step down and allow another to take over. I haven't heard of any issues to the team since.

There were some concerns from a parent regarding a Peewee team in which I was called into try and mediate the resolve. One was discussed and both parent and coaching agreed to engage. Again, I have not heard of any issues since.

I also had a couple of late inquiries into coaching in some fasion this season with NWMHA. I had one young swiss international student who's very keen on volunteering time to the bantam and midget teams. I currently have him working with my peewee C1 team as an on ice helper and still trying to get him accredited to be on the bench.



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## 7.8 Ice Allocator (Lynda): Ice Allocator Report

All the conflicts that I currently have are finally rescheduled. Thanks to Cindy Semkew of the Midget C2 team for her patience and help with getting all 4 of her conflicts rescheduled. We eventually had to pull in the help of the League Manager to get the last one rescheduled. It seemed that Burnaby didn't want to play 2 games in one day even with a 9 hour break in between.

I have also given one of the Midget A scholarship teams a practice slot.

This year has been challenging as the city does not seem to have any extra ice except for Saturday and Sunday evenings at Queen's. The Saturday slot is only good for Bantam and below and typically they already have weekend games scheduled thus making it an unusable slot. The Sunday is more universal for all the divisions but there again teams are generally already playing on that day. Moody doesn't have much available ice at all except about one late slot a week which is only good for Midget or Juvenile. Juvenile doesn't have games to reschedule with only one game per week and the city doesn't like to put Midget teams in at Moody so I am really limited to ice these days.

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's Report January 14/19

During the Christmas Break I helped out at the Herb House Tournament. I would like to commend Desiree for a job well done. Everything was very well taken care of and everyone was very happy as usual with how New Westminister puts on a tournament. I am also very happy to report that we had someone from BC Hockey there evaluating officials throughout the whole tournament. Although only a handful of the officials he evaluated are ones that I use regularly, I would just like to put it out there that the officials are being watched regularly and so are the people in the stands so please keep that in mind when you hear people yelling at the officiating being done at the games. I am hoping to get this person out at the Spring tournament as well to help move some of our officials up even further for future use.



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After the Christmas Break there was quite a bit of confusion with games being rescheduled and team managers not letting me know about them. (Thank goodness for teamlink) As far as I am aware there was only one game that had no officials assigned to it and that was my error as I forgot to release the game into the system. It was an H3 game scheduled to be played on Saturday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>. Apparently, the coaches had to officiate, but the game went ahead.

All new officials except for one (who has not yet officiated a game) has been on the ice now for a number of H2-H4 games now. I would like to now start assigning them to do Atom games along with shadows. This would involve letting the team managers of the Atom teams know this is going to happen as they are going to need to have a couple extra envelopes of money at these games. There should be two shadows at each game. One for the head referee and one for the Linesmen. They will each get paid \$25 for doing the shadowing. I would like to start this as soon as the next set of games starting January 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Division Managers:

1. H1-2 (Eric): Nothing major to report for Initiation Minor/Major. We had our first tournament for Major and are beginning league play.

2. H3-4 (Sarah):

- 1) call-ups
- 2) ref development sessions

3. Atom (Tara): A1 Team

The team took part in the Port Moody Tournament during the Christmas break and came in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 6 teams.

The team has now been bumped down to Flight 3 so hopefully the team will find the level of competition more equitable.

## Atom House

C1-The team has been struggling all season to win games. They did not place in their recent tournament.

Their coach Amanda is still positive and mentioned that the team has been improving and that despite the many losses the players all still have a positive attitude about coming to practices and games.



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C2-This team has been playing competitively and has been winning many of their games. They recently came in third place and took home the Bronze medal in the tournament they played in over the winter break.

C3-This team has been doing okay in their league play. They did not place in their recent tournament.

The team took part in the Port Moody Tournament during the Christmas break and came in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 6 teams.

The team has now been bumped down to Tier 3 so hopefully the team will find the level of competition more equitable.

#### 4. Peewee (Nancy):

The season is going well for all the Peewee teams. The A1 and A2 teams are winding down on league games and will be gearing up for playoffs starting in early February. The C1 and C2 teams are preparing for the Al Hughes Tournament in March.

#### 5. Bantam (Danielle):

##### Bantam Division Manager Report - January 2019

##### Bantam C1

Unfortunately, this team lost a player due to the family moving which has put them to 11 players and 1 goalie.

Attendance has been an ongoing issue for this team.

##### Bantam C2

Nothing to report

##### Bantam A2

Nothing to report

##### Bantam Division Penalties

The Bantam division has been struggling with excessive penalties this season, especially the Bantam A2 team.



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We are hoping to add a checking clinic for players to help them learn how, why and when to make hits. This is not a skill that is practiced during team practices and yet there is an expectation for kids to make hits and take hits during game play.

It would be useful for our NWMHA to facilitate more educational opportunities for players and coaches.

Another observation is that as the hockey and sporting community has become more aware of concussions and our referees are being directed to penalize to prevent injury, our players are not being given more instruction themselves. Perhaps sitting with a game official and understanding what referees are looking for might be a way to address this a little. There is not the time during practices to spend educating kids. A one hour checking clinic at the beginning of the season does not seem to be sufficient.

## 6. Midget (Greg):

The Herb House tournament was excellent, once again Desiree and her team did a fabulous job. A very big thank you to all that helped make the tournament a great success.

The Midget division is moving along as usual.

## Rep Team

Participated in two tournaments over Christmas, winning their division in both Richmond and Coquitlam. Despite winning and playing well, the Rep team is still having discipline and behavior issues. In the Richmond tournament, three players received game misconducts with one player receiving multiple misconducts resulting in supplemental discipline from BC Hockey, NWMHA, and the team, it seems to be the usual suspects, and they appear to have little interest in changing. Larry has reached out to the association for help in dealing with a couple of the kids; he is looking for direction on how to handle the repeat offenders as it is now at the point where some of the players simply don't care.

I recommended an indefinite suspension for the worst offender, his blatant ongoing disregard for the team, the coach, the officials, and the association needs to come to an end. At this point, I feel he has lost the privilege and opportunity to play hockey in New West.

## C teams

C3 Coaching changes:





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After a few weeks of stress, Alex Jimmie decided to step down from the team. Thankfully, Glen Wong, Bill Corbett, & Bryan Pitken have stepped up to finish off the season.

All three teams had a great Herb House tournament, with C2 and C3 moving through to the championship rounds. Unfortunately, neither were able to advance to the medal rounds, but all teams played well.

The teams are back after the break and have moved into league play. C2 had a number of conflict games to resolve, Cindy Semkew and Lynda Callard did a great job getting them sorted out. Thanks, Ladies!

Penalties are steady; there were a few misconducts handed out since the last meeting with one misconduct resulting in the coach sending an unnecessary and abusive email to the DM and President. This is the second or third inappropriate email the coach has sent, at some point, it needs to be addressed, I'd like to get some direction from the board.

## 7. Juvenile (Jennifer):

### January Juvenile Report

8-4-0 for 24 points, tied for 2nd in standings. 9 points behind the 1st place South Delta. Last Wed. lost 5-2 to South Delta, was 3-2 with 5 minutes to play. 4 games remain before playoffs.

## 8. Past President (Rob):

Tentative date of Next Meeting:

Monday February 11, 2018 Queens Park Arena Breakaway room

Adjournment: