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## EXECUTIVE MEETING January 13, 2020 7 pm Queens Park Arena Power Play Room Minutes

1. Roll call: Jeff, Tom, Mark L, Dez, Kurt, Mike, Lynda, Janet, Kelly, Bill, Brad, Chirstiana, Sarah, Frank, Nancy, Jennifer
2. Regrets: Mark S, Greg, Rob
3. Adoption of Minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Lynda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly
4. Business arising:
5. Correspondence: Transparency in the referee allocation, it was an issue raised at the AGM and feel it needs to be addressed.
6. New Business: Recommendation for the Herb House tournament. Any players/coaches receiving a fighting penalty will be suspended for the rest of the tournament, on top of the standard PCAHA discipline.

This year there were at least three fights, three too many as far as I'm concerned.

Registration policy. Janet to present- **Tabled till next meeting**

Recreational Tournament call ups. BC Hockey Tournament Roster.

Call Ups.

### 7.1 President (Jeff): Projects 2020

Atom development 2020. Parent meeting End of January. Invite all hockey tyke/Novice and Atom First years.

Agenda.

BC Hockey mandate Atom 2020

Novice Half ice

Development RPM. Other

Coaching

A down the road look

Volunteers. Coaches, DM, etc.



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Coach development  
Clinics Hockey 1. And 2. 2020  
Skills Clinics October 2020

Coaching Applications March 1 2020 open. Close April 1st 2020. Need to be proactive  
. Also all tricity area hiring ASAP for rep A1 teams.

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Registration 2020. Update policy's. for February meeting.

Find new ways to reach out to tyke and novice players.

Find ways to find goalies.

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January attended PCAHA Meeting.

Have Ask BC Hockey for Atom Development model.

Had all Rep teams insure APs are signed for playoffs and provincials.

Attend multiple games at the Herb House Both Midget C and Pee wee A games.

In the process of buying Dividers for QPA. Have involved Tom VP 2 and Jay from Hockey 2.

Executive plans for next season. Will discuss.

Once again thanks for all your hours and work to make it about the kids.

## **7.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Tom):**

Working with Jeff on Rink Dividers for QPA, Pricing and Meeting with Ron at QPA regarding storage. Nothing else to report at this time.

## **7.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Desiree): January 2020**



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## Tournament Coordinator Report

### Herb House Memorial Tournament Summary

- Midget C results
  - Gold – Semiahmoo Midget C5
  - Silver – Surrey Midget C1
  - Bronze – New Westminister Midget C2
- Pee wee A Results
  - Gold – New Westminister Pee wee A1
  - Silver – Richmond Pee wee A2
  - Bronze – Surrey Pee wee A2
- It was great to see 4 different associations represented in both the Midget C and Pee wee A division playoffs.
- There were a few games that had penalty issues, but nothing too unusual for Midget C.
- I learned about a new rule pertaining to Goalies being called up as an AP at the C level.
- We had one incident with an official and a volunteer, but I worked with PCAHA to eliminate further problems throughout the tournament.
- The PCAHA tournament report was sent in on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.
- I have received numerous emails and verbal compliments about the tournament, which is in large part due to the amazing group of people I had working with me on the tournament committee and all of the parents and volunteers that helped to put together another successful tournament.
- A huge thank you to all the volunteers that put in many hours at the rink, but especially Daniel Fontaine who announced more than half of the tournament games throughout the 4 days.
- I also want to recognize the great contributions of our sponsors and the amazing support we receive from the city throughout these events. On all levels this is truly a joint effort and it's a pleasure to work with such a great team.

### Al Hughes and Bobby Love Memorial tournaments

- The two tournaments are now full.
- Bobby Love Tournament has 10 teams registered
  - NW1
  - NW2
  - NW3
  - NW4 - Paid
  - Aldergrove C2 - Paid



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- Burnaby C4-Paid
  - Penticton – Cheque is in the mail...maybe lost in the mail.
  - Burnaby C1 - Paid
  - Ridge Meadows C1 – Paid
  - Quesnel - Paid
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- Al Hughes tournament has 8 teams registered with a wait list. 1 NWMHA application received to date. All teams have paid except for NW C2
    - NW1 - Application in and paid
    - NW2
    - Hope - Paid
    - Vancouver T-Birds - Paid
    - Burnaby C5
    - Burnaby C1
    - Summerland
    - Nanaimo
  - I will be starting to send out emails to the all the teams as well as organize the first meeting for the tournament committee within the next week.
  - The banners that were made for this tournament were done with the Herb House Memorial Tournament name instead of the appropriate tournament names in error so they will need to be reordered.
  - Wes & Patti Goss will once again be on board to sponsor the intermission prizing for this tournament.

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

1. Safety/Risk Management - all of our teams met their respective deadlines to have HCSP personnel in place. Any ineligible team officials should now be removed from rosters. Janet can report further regarding coaches and their risk management requirements.
  
2. Safety/Risk Management - we are having some recurring issues with Midget C1 picking up a lot of penalties. The league manager has issued a warning to the team and Greg is working with the coaches to address this. Bantam C1 also has penalty issues and I've asked Nancy to look into it. Otherwise, we generally seem to be doing ok on the penalty front. As I think Jeff will be noting, it looks like we are finally getting more complete access to HiSports to examine penalty issues proactively.
  
3. Safety/Risk Management - a reminder that players should be allowed



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to warm-up prior to practice and games as long as parents have given informed consent that any activities (whether undertaken individually or as team) that take place anywhere other than the dressing room, the rink and the hallway(s) in between are not covered by insurance (unless the team has obtained specific approval from HC to extend coverage to such activities). I heard from a Bantam C parent who said that her son's coach wasn't allowing him to warm-up because there was no insurance. The parent was consenting to the player warming up without coverage but the coach had implemented a blanket ban on warm-up activities.

4. Serious injuries - I've heard about a couple of possible injuries and have advised some managers regarding reporting and return to play procedures but have not seen confirmation of anything too serious. The Midget C1 player who suffered a broken arm in an October balancing game has now been cleared to play. A reminder that DMs should periodically check with their team managers about injuries and report back to me whether any have occurred.

5. Pictures - As of the January Executive meeting, all pictures should be distributed via the DMs (assuming all DMs are at the meeting). There was a screw-up by AAA Photography that affected both Novice Minor teams and delayed delivery of their pictures until January. It happened because the C2 team wanted to photoshop a coach into their picture but he was placed into the C1 picture instead. We should consider not allowing teams to make side arrangements for photoshopping. That said, I've let AAA know how disappointed we are with their service this year because they really botched it on a couple of fronts. I've had no negative feedback from anyone (beyond the Executive) about this year's pictures in terms of the look of them (e.g. no skates).

6. Awards - the first request for nominations will go out in February.

**7.5 Treasurer (Kurt):** Please find attached the Operating Statements for the 9 months ended December 31, 2019.

I submitted the 2019 Amateur Sports Grant with the City of New Westminister. If all receipts are approved NWMHA should receive a total grant of \$6,500. The City of New Westminister will be sending out letters for the 2020 Grant Program in January 2020.



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**7.6 Secretary (Mark):** Nothing to report

**7.7 Coach Coordinator (Mike):** Nothing to report

**7.8 Ice Allocator (Lynda):** Nothing to report

**7.9 Equipment Manager:**

**7.10 Registrar (Janet):**

**7.11 Referee-in-Chief (Bill):**

As a member of the PCAHA Referee Development Committee, I attended our first meeting on December 17, 2019, at the PCAHA office. This committee has not met for a few years as there was not a Referee Development Coordinator. The main point of discussion at this meeting was the use of the two-person systems for officiating C hockey and what some of the takeaways have been to that time. It had already been predetermined that Juvenile C would revert to utilizing a three-person system if the assignors were able to fill all three spots, otherwise a two-person system would be acceptable. Bantam C Presidents League was given permission to assign three-person systems when possible but is initially a two-person system. It was determined that we would continue with the status quo and decide for the rest of the season at our next meeting on January 16, 2020.

There was an issue with officiating at a Bantam A game where the referee called off a goal when he noticed that a team official that was removed from the game was still rink side. The official knew almost right away that he made the wrong decision, but it was too late to fix the issue. He is sure not to make that same mistake again.

With the change in format for the Herb House Tournament, I had the opportunity to work with and evaluate officials as they took on new roles at a higher level. The individuals did quite fine and will be graded accordingly moving forward to allow for them to request lining PeeWee A games. Our Level 2 Officials, although we do not have a lot of them, stepped up and did a great job of refereeing their games, as well as working with those officials doing PeeWee A for the first time. Overall experience at the tournament was great with only a few teams from both PeeWee A and Midget C (none involving NWMHA teams), having situations where parents or coaches not complying with their Code of Conducts. Fortunately, not enough to negatively affect the overall success of the tournament.

I have had the opportunity now to work with all our new, active officials. One official started the season with NWMHA but has since left the association and has to date, not



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requested any games. We have a strong group of first year officials in terms of both skating and knowledge of the game. All but one official has been informed that if they feel comfortable, to request lining Atom C. The one official has only one Initiation Major game done, so I want to see him in a Novice Major game first. Once that is completed, I expect him to also be able to request lining Atom C.

So far, three officials have requested lining Atom C games. Unfortunately, one of them did not feel up to it when the time came and declined the game at the last moment. They were able to find a replacement to take their place, but also informed us as to the situation. We don't want anyone going on the ice before they are ready to. We explained to the father that all is well and when he feels up to it, I will go out on the ice with him as a shadow to help him get over his anxiety. The other two went out and performed well for their first time. They had the usual nervousness and taking a little longer to process certain situations, but we had them with experienced officials whom did a great job of working with them.

It has been a busy weekend for me as I watched and worked with our last two officials to hit the ice. After three games back to back on Saturday, I returned later to QPA to watch two of our 3<sup>rd</sup> year officials work a two-person system as the referee had to back out at the last minute. Due to issues with Assign'r, we were not able to get a broadcast out to fill the position. Under the circumstances, I was fine with this as it was good opportunity to get the officials to work a two-person system when I was available to work with them. In the end, they did a great job.

I also spent some time Saturday night at MPA watching one of our Level 2 officials Referee a Bantam C game before heading off to Vancouver to officiate a game. As the game moves much quicker at this level, there had been some concern about his ability of keeping up with the play, and in turn, the calling of the game. I felt confident in his calling of the game for the first period. Kelly managed to get down to watch for the last half of the game, and only had good things to say.

One of the new officials that has taken on the next level, being a Level 2, has had the opportunity to referee an Atom C game, which went well and I observed and evaluated him being the Head Referee in a PeeWee C game on Sunday. He did a great job and will only get better as he gains more experience.

Following this game, I left QPA and went to MPA and watched the Atom C game with the replacement as he was lining his second game, and the other linesmen was doing his first game since last March. With the help of the referee guiding them to where they should be at certain times, and when and where to go at other times, they did a great job in a very intense and fast paced game.

As our officials move up through the ranks, it can be expected that it may take them a bit to get use to the higher speeds, and more action. I continue to work with these officials to help build their confidence in their ability to work at these new levels.



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I ask that everyone be supportive of all our officials, and those of other associations, so that we can continue to build our numbers across the board and stop those officials from quitting for all the wrong reasons.

If you have any concerns regarding any of our officials, I would appreciate that you bring it to my attention and not talk to the officials or their parents as this is most inappropriate.

Overall, I am very happy with the progress of our officials. I am currently working on their Grades and upgrading those that are ready to take on the next challenge in officiating.

## **7.12 Referee Allocator (Kelly): Referee Allocator report**

December was a pretty quiet month.

I have collected the money that was owed to the officials that were not paid the correct allowance for their games and have been slowly meeting up with them to give them their money.

The Pee Wee A part of the Herb House Tournament went rather smoothly, there were just a few last-minute changes that had to be made but all games had a three-man system.

All but one new official has been on the ice officiating and I have started putting some of the first-year officials into Atom C games as long as I can get them with two stronger officials. We have spoken to a few of the older officials and we are going to try and get a few shadows out with them if we can so that we may be able to use some of the new officials during the Bobby Love tournament in the Spring.

This week there has been one game that was cancelled with less than 24 hours notice so I was unable to cancel the officials for it. That being said, that team had to pay the officials for showing up for their practice instead of the game that they had scheduled.

Due to a flaw in the HiSport system there was an Atom game on Friday that had no officials assigned because the game was still marked as conflict and cancelled in my system. This game was played, the coaches went out on the ice and officiated the game. We also had one PeeWee game this past weekend that ended up in a two man system due to an official declining it and I was unable to find someone to fill the spot.

Bill went to the game and watched it to make sure all went well

I have a copy of the number of games that have been issued to all officials and will be submitting it with my report. This report alone is something I have started, and it does take some time to do as I have to look at each individual and look up how many games they have done. That being said, there is still no way to run off a report to see how many games an official has requested, and we are still unable to run off a report to show how many times an officials has been assigned to a game and declined it.





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## Division Managers:

1. **Tyke (Brad):** Nothing to report
2. **Novice (Sarah):** Nothing to report
3. **Atom (Christiana):** NWMHA Atom Division January 2020 Report

Atom A1- Currently 5<sup>th</sup> place in standing for their tier. 5 wins, 8 loses, 2 ties. They had a tournament over New Year's but did not place in the finals. One call up from C was done. No major penalties to report.

Atom C1- Currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in standings for their tier. 7 wins, 3 loses, 1 tie. No major penalties to report.

Atom C2- Currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in standings for their tier. 6 wins, 4 loses, 0 ties. No major penalties to report.

Atom C3- Currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in standings for their tier. 10 wins, 2 loses, 0 ties. No major penalties to report. They had a tournament over Christmas where they won silver.

Atom C4- Currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place in standings for their tier. 10 wins, 0 loses 1 tie. No major penalties to report.

The month has not been too eventful. But one manager has asked me to ask if there are any rules about players attending practices. There is a player on C3 who has not attended any of the morning practices as he is enrolled in a development program and attends school in Richmond. He does come to games and he has attended a couple extra practices the coach has scheduled on the weekends. Any advice? I am not sure that this would enforceable.

I also had a couple vague complaints about a coach yelling too much and not making players from other C teams feel comfortable at their practice. No one has made any formal complaints but 2 managers' report that a handful of players have expressed not wanting to attend this coach's practice anymore. These players are not on the same team as this coach. I had emailed for advice before Christmas but assume those I emailed were busy and not able to reply. I am not sure if this is just a preference in coaching styles or actually a problem. The coach is a head coach for the first time this year and I thought maybe they could use some support as a solution.

4. **Peewee (Frank):** Nothing to report



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**5. Bantam (Nancy):** Nothing much to report for December – the season is running smoothly.

The first weekend in January was busy with all four teams participating in tournaments. Bantam A1 was in Nanaimo and won bronze.

Both Bantam C1 and C2 teams took part in the Coquitlam Winter Classic.

Bantam C3 played in the Marriott Classic in Richmond and won silver.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches for doing such a great job representing NWMHA last weekend!

## **6. Midget (Greg):**

First off, I want to thank Desiree for her fantastic work on the Herb House tournament. I can't say enough about how she put this all together and pulled it off flawlessly. I had many positive comments on the tournament, often hearing it was the best run tournament they have ever attended. Thank you, Desiree, great work!

Midget Division is once again having penalty trouble, with attitude issues creeping in as well. I've spoken to both C teams, talking to the captains, coaches and the entire team about the ongoing problems. I made the players, coaches, and some of the parents aware that the PCAHA is watching and have singled out a few players for continued monitoring. One parent questioned the info and wanted to see the details. I sent all the info, including a spreadsheet listing all the penalties by game and infraction; so far, no response from the family.

Both C team's position in the standings is suffering from all the penalties as they both have lost ground due to missing sportsmanship points.

The A team has been better this year, but we are starting to see some of the usual suspects return to old bad habits. Players have been sat down according to the team code of conduct and will receive escalating penalties if the behavior continues.

Midget details:

C1 currently sits 5th out of 7 teams in the gold group

12 games 5W - 7L - 0 ties 4 sportsmanship points total 14 points

C1 has by far the lowest Sportsmanship point total in their group; the next lowest total is 8 with that team playing few games. The average for the other teams is 9.5 sportsmanship points.

C1 did not advance out of the round-robin portion of the Herb House Tournament.

C2 currently sits 5th out of 8 teams in the Green Group



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12 games 6w - 4L - 2T 9 sportsmanship points, 23 points total only 3 points out of first. If they had two more sportsmanship points, they'd be tied for 2nd one point back of first. Green is a very tight division, and every point counts. C2's sportsmanship points are the average of the division.

C2 had a strong performance at the Herb house tournament, winning the bronze medal against Coquitlam, a team they lost to in the round-robin.

From a standings perspective, the A team is struggling; they currently sit last in flight 2 at 0 - 13 - 2 with 9 sportsmanship points for 11 points. They are tied for the lowest sportsmanship total in the flight, 5.5 points below the average.

## 7. Juvenile (Jennifer): January Juvenile Report

Dec. 11 Won 16-1 vs Semiahmoo They only had 6 skaters & 1 goalie.

Dec. 17 Won 7-6 vs Burnaby C1

Tied for 1st with South Delta with 26 points.

South Delta ahead due to GF/ GA Diff.

New West has 8 sportsmanship points to South Delta's 6.

New West's only loss to South Delta.

## 8. Past President (Rob): Nothing to report

Tentative date of Next Meeting:

Monday February 10, 2020

Queens Park Arena Power Play room 7:00pm

Adjournment: 8:35pm