

**Nanaimo Minor Hockey Executive Meeting
December 14, 2016**

Executive in Attendance: Jamie Davis, Cathy Coulson, Christie MacDonald, Glenn Cook, Gord Nowicki, Kyla Hartnell, Lesley Winchell, Kim Darbyshire, Nicole Sugiyama, Nicole Waugh, Yvette McKay

Guests: Vicky Long, Cody Gessner

Regrets: Dave van Deventer, Janelle Olson, Jody Windley, Tom Russell, Joe Coburn, Matt Caillet, Meaghan Pranke,

Call to order: 6:30pm

Motion to adopt amended agenda. Glenn, 2nd Yvette. CARRIED.

Delegates:

Cody Gessner – looking to fill Referee in Chief position

- 18 years with NMHA as an official, 7 years with Junior
- Has done BC Championships
- On the Referee Committee
- Always learning, always evolving as an official
- Where are we at? Working with Teams?
 - o The officials are working with coaches, in the middle between being strict and talking with coaches(non-strict), come along way
 - o Open communication with the bench is being taught, making it better
 - o Meetings with coaches helps, good feedback from both sides, good report at meetings
- Matt did a great job, good presence, good demeanor, would like to see it continue in this way
- Consistency with referees talking to the bench, talk or don't talk!
- Why do you want this?
 - o Always worked with NMHA
 - o At a good point and would like to keep it this way
- Is there a referee Committee? Do they endorse you?
 - o Yes, and yes
- Thanked for taking the initiative to come forth, and we will be in contact.

Motion to appoint Cody Gessner as Referee in Chief for the remainder of the 2016-17 season. Nicole S., 2nd Kim. CARRIED.

Lost a good man in Matt Caillet, Cody a good referee, good communicator.

Motion to appoint Chris Carter as Head Coach Goaltender. Christie, 2nd Cathy. CARRIED.

Motion to adopt minutes of November 9th, 2016 Executive meeting. Yvette, 2nd Glenn. CARRIED with friendly amendment.

Correspondence: none

Executive Reports:

Please email reports by Monday time for everyone to read them and allow for discussion. If you have more to add you can, or feel free to highlight during meeting something that is on it.

PRESIDENT (Jamie Davis)

- Working on discipline of player who crossed check KP player who is still in hospital in wheel chair not able to walk on his own
- Player suspended indefinitely (30 days now)
- Discipline committee needs to be set up with Janelle
- Active police file as well
- Has he shown any remorse? Unsure
- Ranking system needs to be completed for mid-season Atom rec & above

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (Joe Coburn) report on file

COMPETITIVE DIRECTOR (Glenn Cook) report on file

- AP problems with rec division
- Coaches not cooperating
- Should not stop players if it does not conflict with home team
- This is to develop the players/association
- Report to the division directors who is doing this
- Let them know if President finds out they are not encouraging players to AP he will suspend
- Go back to coaches, ask if problems with AP system, talk with them
 - o Some players want to be there, AP between rep teams terrific

FEMALE DIRECTOR (Nicole Waugh) report on file

MIDGET DIVISION (Kim Darbyshire – 2nd Vice) report on file

- Tournament Dec. 27-28th
- 4 on island midget rec. tournaments, why would VIAHA approve this?

Motion to write a letter to VIAHA requesting they do not approve more than 2 tournaments on the Island of the same division at the same time. Kim, 2nd Nicole S. CARRIED.

RIC – needed at midget house games to watch games

- 4 new midget players, 1 “OA”
- Brand new 1999 player, 2 practices, need evaluations, have put out request not heard back
- 2 players wanting back into assoc., working with coaches to see who will take them
- Running of stairs still happening, need a memo to the association, Arena Etiquette

BANTAM DIVISION (Janelle Olson – 1st Vice)

Motion to appoint Ryland Wellwood as Head Coach Bantam tournament team. Kim, 2nd Nicole S. Defeated.

Discussion:

- were other coaches asked?
- not in our policy to put out to all coaches
- there is issues with appointing a coach first, as they tend to choose their own child and their friends
- evaluations not fair
- -selection of try out evaluators(coaches)
- Select the team and then the coach
- nothing against Ryland, good coach
- Atom & peewee have started selection of team.
- offer evals. skate to all players, then pick coaches
- need a coordinator to help with this, too much for divisions director, head coach does this
- lots of work, coordinating
- Head Coaches and Development Coord. could be helping, Head Coach Recreational.

Motion to appoint Lawrence Campbell for Peewee Tournament Team Head Coach. Gord, 2nd Nicole S. CARRIED.

- All coaches were asked, only one to come forth

Motion to appoint Ryland Wellwood as Atom Tournament Team Head Coach. Kyla, 2nd Christie. CARRIED.

- Can he coach 2 teams?
- Same location different ice times, should be ok.
- Evaluations done

PEEWEE DIRECTOR (Gord Nowicki) report on file

ATOM DIRECTOR (Kyla Hartnell) report on file

- Coach complaints about release of schedules
 - o Sent formal complaint to VIAHA
- Tournament upcoming, 6 teams in house
- 3 on 3 registrations coming in, vary between divisions
- No T1 registrants, some T2
- 4 hours of ice returned so far
- NIC 2 Atom tournament - officials
- NIC 1 3 on3 – no officials

INITIATION H3 & H4 DIRECTOR (Lesley Winchell) report on file

- Can we support a Major Select Team? 2nd years only cross ice only
 - o must have evaluations
 - o BCH will not sanction a Novice Tournament Team
- There are Novice jamboree tournaments
 - o Where? Is it a jamboree or tournament?
 - o Racquet Club, cross ice?
- Complaints about tournament teams, not same opportunity for all
 - o Using am weekday ice am only for practices
 - o Powell River tournament does not conflict with team ice as Easter weekend and NMHA hockey is all done

INITIATION H1 & H2 DIRECTOR (Nicole Sugiyama-Trenholm) report on file

- Friday night ice for 47 kids not enough, need to change the Dev ice
- More registrations coming in for the New Year
- Sat practice would work if consistent, Cathy will look into this
- Go to 4 dev ice instead of 7? 2nd choice

TREASURER (Yvette McKay) financials handed out

REGISTRAR (Christie MacDonald) report on file

ICE COORDINATOR (Cathy Coulson) report on file

- Work load is up there
- No understanding of how to re-schedule returned ice
- Step by step process
- VIAHA schedule very late, hard to get ice rescheduled
- Work with Vicky

WAYS & MEANS COORDINATOR (Jody Windley)

EQUIPMENT (Tom Russell) report on file

SAFETY & RISK (Dave van Deventer) report on file

TOURNAMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS (Meaghan Pranke)

REFEREE IN CHIEF (vacant)

Old Business:

Hometown Hockey – no report Janelle away

Motion Recreational Team Selection and Balancing Policy – tabled to next meeting

Development funds to team – email motion tabled to meeting – defeated.

New Business:

Adverse Weather VIAHA – female team went to Campbell River in bad storm on weekend

- Talked to VIAHA people they don't even understand the ruling
- PW T2 same issue, didn't travel
- Who to call at VIAHA in these circumstances?

Monetary support to the Pee wee T1 Championship Committee

- Need to see budget
- They need to fundraise still
- What are their contributions to the PCETF?
- \$1000.00 in policy manual for on island support

Referee Development

- Glenn has been at a lot of games, reffing at competitive side, bad, no consistency
- Not paying attention to game
- Serious injuries and mistakes are a concern
- 2 slough foot calls in same game, refs not understanding calls
- Development ice, not being used properly
- Better communication to referees, training, youtube videos etc.
- Pair with strong officials on ice
- Past RIC committees not working, not approachable
- Cody needs to be aware of these things
- The board will do anything they can to help
- Work for NMHA not BCH, NMHA pays their fees

Motion Recreational Team Selection and Balancing Policy – tabled

Development funds to team – email motion tabled to meeting (Joe) - defeated

VIAHA

Jamie - would like to see NMHA look towards leaving VIAHA

- need a constitutional change, membership needs to vote on this
- BCH says not a problem, need to be with a district, talked to PCAHA
- no place for Rep teams to play?
- Rep teams can become tournament teams
- other associations will question as well once NMHA begins
- D Payne and J Humphrey not working, destroyed minor hockey for the island
- rep hockey too watered down
- rec hockey needs to come back to in house
- Academies, Hockey Schools, Development model changing
- re-organize, bring fun back to hockey
- Atom request for goaltender lateral movement denied, no reason for this
- Weather issues, don't fine
- Stacked teams, Cow Valley and Racquet Club, NMHA had to redo whole division no other associations
- Tournament approval issues
- Archaic management system
- Only VIAHA has add on suspensions
- RIS Parent was put in, no vote, no discussions
- If we did this would Jamie continue as President, to carry through, if voted in yes.
- NMHA has a good relation with BCH
- AGM in May or Special meeting needed with membership
- Will be bad at first, but a change is needed
- If PCAHA, rec teams play in house, rep teams travel every 2nd weekend
- Better development
- Not recommend mid-season break off
- Can our players go to other associations?
 - o If we are no longer a BCH Assoc. yes, if we stay with BCH – no.
- Need more information, need paper, confirmed documentation that we have these options
- Would like to hear from other Presidents of other associations that they too will look at leaving as presented
- Budget for teams travelling to mainland?

- Need everything in writing in order to vote on it
- VIAHA requires 4-month notice to leave
- Need change of constitution, opens up our choices

Loss of quorum.

Reminders:

NMHA Executive meeting January 11, 2017