

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Executive Meeting

June 14, 2023

Executive in Attendance: Glenn Cook, Alli Schneider, Brad Remillard, Cameron Park, Chris Lawson, Dan Stav, Debbie Harilstad, Graeme Fipke, Janna Gordon, Siobhan Davie, Tylan Chang

Staff: Vicky Long, Matt Hughes, Cody Gessner

Guests: Phil Gonyer, Jenna Lefebvre, Erin Race, Courtenay Althouse, Alison Eathorne, Jennifer Williams, Chris Gunn, Kevin Esseltine, Wes McFarlane

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Delegates:

Letter sent via Facebook to all Board members about Tier 3 teams

- The board is always open for dialogue no need to use this type of venue for requesting information
 - o was looking for parent support before bringing to the board
- Not opposed to T3 teams
- Never removed from discussion
- Always depends on # of skilled players, safety, ice availability, coaching staff etc.
- Player development has come along way since NMHA hired Matt, he will work with the coaches and players to see where we are at in August, Vicky & Matt review ice weekly
- Will not have walk on teams, what does that mean?
 - o Will not have team just because we have the #s at tryouts, players must have the ability to play at that level of competition within Island League
 - o Players must earn a position on a team
 - o Are they" safe" playing at that level
- Tournament Teams will be able to start earlier and have the development ice early am during the week
- Do not go with rumors started, it creates panic, you can ask anyone at the Board and are always welcome as delegates at meetings,
 - o Send an email of request to attend a meeting and the reasoning, you will be contacted with the date to attend
- Can out of town players try out?
 - o Only for Tier 1 zone teams, or if their association does not have a rep team at all
 - o Sept 3 all out of town players will be secured to the Tier 1 zone team
 - o Island associations are working on this to try to amalgamate or allow this
 - o Remember ice is an issue everywhere
- Matt has created extra development for all players, if they want it
- U11 A/B is not considered REP/Competitive teams, they are in the category as Development
- NMHA has created more engagement, more positions, better transparency, ask the questions

Motion to adopt amended agenda. Debbie, Glenn. CARRIED.

Motion to adopt minutes of May 10, 2023. Brad, Dan. CARRIED.

Correspondence:

Letter from VIU Mariners Hockey Team

- Request for financial support, team not financially supported by VIU
- Discussion of sponsoring players that are on the team that come directly from Nanaimo Minor Hockey potentially \$250-\$500 per player to go towards the player fees only

Board Positions:

Glenn – would like to create more Board positions, non-voting at this time

- Association Liaison Officers?
- Focus Groups?
- Surveys?
- Rep banquet?
- All ideas must come forth to the Board for approval

Kamie Bilton, Heather McEachen and Janna Gordon have come forth since the AGM.

Motion to accept Kamie Bilton, Heather McEachen and Janna Gordon as non-voting Directors at Large for 2023-24 season. Siobhan, Graeme. CARRIED.

Department Updates:

Julien working on Golf Tournament in September, sponsoring a hole

- Tylan interested in attending
- Send dates again

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Registration #s – we will have wait lists, team #s are variables, always changing, Matt & Vicky reviewing ice to see what we can do to make more spaces for teams, July/Aug meeting to confirm details

Tryouts – players have to tryout to make Nanaimo teams; they cannot attend Jnr B or MML, get released and play on our teams without a tryout

Still waiting on selecting U18 T1/T2 coaches, T3 coaches-Matt to look at that, will more than likely be parent coach, must wait to see who is there and if there are teams

Reports on file – Hockey Operations, Registration #s, Safety & Risk, Financials,

Old Business:

Job Descriptions – Director Of Business Operations, Dan handout

- Please review your position, try to create something, Vicky can help with past descriptions on file

Committees

Tournaments - Kamie, Graeme, Janna, Heather, Vicky
Business – Dan and Tylan
Managers – Debbie, Vicky

Other committees to look at:
Sponsorship
Recreational
Financial
Policy & Procedures/Rules

New Business:

BC Congress - Glenn, Vicky, Debbie & Siobhan attended

- Good seminars
 - Mental Health, lots of information, add to new website
 - BCH looking at making MH course mandatory, should be!
 - Inclusion/Equity
 - What do we do for the lgbtqia2s+
 - Transitioning, as soon as they are taking hormones
 - Have a bathing suit policy?
 - Indigenous – Cam & Siobhan to work together
- BCH and HC looking at 3rd part reporting

1st & 2nd Vice Presidents – recommended by President appointed by the Board

1st VP – Debbie Harilstad 2nd VP – Dan Stav

Vicky will be away for Summer Vacation July 22 thru August 7, office will be closed, re-opening August 8th 10am.

Board Members may go to Kirby's and order a zip up, hoodies or item of logo's clothing to wear

Thank you everyone, long meeting but great work!

Meeting Adjourned 9:35pm

Next meeting July 12, 2023 @ 7pm