

## **Nanaimo Minor Hockey Executive Meeting May 13, 2026**

**Executives in Attendance:** Alli Schneider, Amanda Medforth, Brad Remillard, Duane Spencer, Graeme Fipke, Janna Gordon, Mary Pearson, Taylor Jenkins

**Staff:** Vicky Long, Matt Hughes, Cody Gessner

Call to order: 6:28 pm

**Motion to adopt agenda as amended. Taylor, Brad. CARRIED.**

**Motion to adopt minutes of April 2026. Brad, Amanda. CARRIED.**

### **Executive/Staff Updates:**

Reports On file

#### **President**

- Help to accomplish your roles
- Will be in contact with each person
- Communication priority
- Work alongside each other
- No problem dealing with people
- Support and build this association
- Help to make things run smoothly

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

- New challenges
- Increase in anxiety within the members
- Communications priority
- Committees focus early
- Lead & make decisions
- Let people have a voice

#### **Female**

- Working on development plan with coaches
- Work together
- Committees are important, let's get them done early this year
- Female culture important, bring together all groups
- U9 female teams in OMHA, CMHA and CR, make a league they can play in as well as at home

#### **Safety and Risk**

- New to this position
- Working with Chris on concussion testing
- First Aid Kits
- Will meet with Team Safety persons and lots of communication

### **Referee in Chief**

- Rule change year
- Clinic late August

### **Competitive**

- working for the last 2 months with Matt
- going to use Max's framework for teams
- need to look at Mid Island League and structure

### **Hockey Operations**

- Things are in a good spot
- Coaches' interviews and selection beginning
- Non-parent coaches U13 & above is the goal
- Lots of interest in recreational coaches, work with Janna
- Development is going well
- HPL trying to go full season, work with what we have, if players go to HPL more chances/development for the players that stay
- Coaches do not pick the teams

### **Recreational Coordinator**

- Help Matt
- Work with coaches & managers, relieve some workload on Matt & Vicky

### **Sponsorship & Community**

- Have some sponsors
- Work with Vicky on current sponsors
- Have templates set up if anyone needs any

### **Tournaments**

- 2 years ago, Coastal Classic set up with new logo
- Solidifying tournament hosts, many returning, good selection
- U18 tournament, not booked, if there is a demand could look at October long weekend, not allowing end of year tournament

### **New Business:**

**Meeting day & time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month, 7:pm start**

**VIAHA AGM** - who is attending? Duane, Brad, Taylor

**BC Hockey Summit** – Mary did cost to association if 3 people attended. Discussion on seminars, would anyone attend? Cancel reservations of 3 rooms.

**IN Camera during meetings Policy (Mary)** – policy handed out for review, discussion at next meeting.

**Dual Rostering** – VIAHA has left it up to each association to make their policy, we need to review NMHA Policy, Mary will write up a couple versions and the Board will review and discuss at next meeting.

**Esso Fun Days** - 67 registered participants, 6 on wait lists, Sunday starting May 24 230-445, 2 groups, helpers signing up, if anyone can help let Alli know. Do we need photo release? Vicky will check if they signed at registration.

**Newsletter** – Mary will create a template to be used, great idea

**Tournaments** – can we start applying for tournaments for all teams? Amanda is willing to start working on this for one tournament per team, Brad is willing to do the competitive, Amanda and Janna can work on recreational

**On ice referee mentors?** – Cody is usually at the arenas, works with officials between periods and games. ½ to full ice, when most needed. Consistency of calls.

**Affiliate Players** – every team at every level should have APs, players do not have to be APs to be at p[practice]. General rule is 2<sup>nd</sup> year players are APs, as 1<sup>st</sup> year players could be a 4 yr age group, not safe, and needs to be reviewed by Matt if requested. Can we create a program that players register, are evaluated and distributed between teams?

**Live Barn** – City of Nanaimo has denied Live Barn due to always running and privacy issues. Not NMHA call.

**Competitive Coach selections** – Tier 1 will be announced next month, Tier 2 probably early July, non-parent coaches. U11 DEV coach not announced until teams are formed, will probably be parent coaches.

**Equipment Room** – wanting to standardize and go to one set of knit socks for recreational, black with white stripes, look good with black or white jerseys, what about the colored jerseys, only one or two per division now. Will have colored socks for them, probably whites. They wear them for only 6 months, feel it is a waste of association money. 12-15 league games!! Will bring costing and samples to next meeting.

**Jersey Returns** – need to have a policy that is written and given out to teams, about 47 non-returns this year. Give list to Vicky she will track as many down as possible. Mary will write a policy for review and discussion at next meeting.

**Equipment Budget** - need to get quotes for everything we are purchasing, over budget last season and need to tighten up our purchasing. Gate and door locks changed, Vicky will contact Galazin, keys will only be given to a few people, do not make any copies to hand out. Practice Jersey #s, would like to get the colored jersey Matt uses for evaluations numbered, no need to cannot be used, Matt has ordered new sets. Need to go through what is there and downsize then. Was the cost added to tryouts for players to keep their tryout jersey, no discussed but never added.

## **Signing Authority**

**Motion to remove Amanjit Pandher and Chris Lawson from all BMO accounts. Mary, Taylor. CARRIED.**

**Motion to add Duane Spencer and Amanda Medforth to all BMO accounts. Mary, Taylor. CARRIED.**

**WhatsApp** – Graeme will create a new group for the Board and one with staff as well.

**Discipline Committee** - Graeme, Alli, Taylor, bring in Janna for Recreational and Brad for Competitive. Will rely on Matt as well for discussions, as he knows the players.

**Tracking Penalties** – Competitive Brad, Recreational Janna. Vicky and Duane get the penalty notices, will send them as required to track. Mary can help create a spreadsheet if they wish.

**Motion to adjourn, 8:27 pm. Amanda, Alli. CARRIED.**