

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Executive Meeting August 13, 2008

Attendance: David Beatty, Reagan Robinson, Kevin Roden, Robin Edwards, Brian Sugiyama, Mike Collier, Dawn Borrelli, Roberta Bortolotto, Lawrence Pearson, Sonia Branter, Vicky Long, Sonya Zado, James Mitchell, Jack Smith, Myles Parsons, Lynn Arneson

Guests: Teresa Hauca, Steve Paul

Regrets: Dan Payne, Rick Hodgson, Teresa Oberst

Call to order 6:30pm.

Additions to Agenda: Appointment of vacant Executive positions, Steve Paul as delegate.

Motion to adopt amended agenda. James Mitchell, 2nd Dawn Borrelli. CARRIED.

Motion to appoint Lynn Arneson as Pee wee Director. Mike Collier, 2nd Dawn Borrelli. CARRIED.

Gerry Boutin, PW Director 2007, is willing to assist Lynn.

Motion to appoint Myles Parsons as Equipment Manager. Reagan Robinson, 2nd Lawrence Pearson. CARRIED.

Ken Johnston has had to step down due to work commitments out of town. Darren Yarocki, Equipment Mngr 2007 is will to assist Myles. Myles is willing to take position to help NMHA through the season start up, until another interested candidate comes forth.

Delegates: Steve Paul – Head Coach

- Is everyone familiar with time trials?
 - o Testing every player from Atom and above by timing through 3 different events
 - o Data is then inputted into program and tables are made to get to the coaches, to help with team selection
 - o Rose built the program we use 2 years ago, NMHA paid her for her time
 - o Hours of work are required to prepare the coaches worksheets, data input sheets, data input and preparing pivot table of data
 - o Vicky Long has had some training with Rose and worked the program last year, willing to work at getting all the worksheets and data ready for coaches
 - o Katie Paul assisted in data input last year will be available again this year

- For competitive teams, groupings will be done by year, ie. Group 1 first years, Group 2 second years
 - Every player will need a black and a white jersey with their given number on the back of to bring to each ice time
 - Steve will be on the ice with try outs more this year
 - Try outs begin Sept. 2
 - Release process will be from the NMHA meeting room only
 - Release letters will be given to every player, stating when and where there next ice time will be

- Females on midget recreational co-ed teams will need to be evaluated
- Is NMHA tiering? To be discussed later in meeting.
- Female numbers are a concern, is it possible to combine divisions for time trials? Yes, better use of ice.
- Steve and James working on Chevy Safe & Fun.

Gary Patterson from City of Nanaimo PR & C contacted Dave last week regarding joint hockey school, NMHA is to participate in. Late notice form Gary on needs for this. Aug. 18-22, two groups 6-8 yr & 8-11 yr. Two on ice sessions daily. Last year NMHA had one coach helping on ice daily, Gary is looking for a program outline from NMHA and possible on ice instruction. Late notice to get on ice helpers, see what we can do. Steve Paul will put together a program outline from the HC Skills Manuals, age appropriate. Steve is willing to meet with Gary and his ice help. Robin Edwards will get the manuals to Steve tomorrow. If NMHA can get working on this early next year there is potential to make money.

Correspondence:

BC Hockey Championships Hosts

- NMHA put in application to host the Pee wee B, no longer B category, due to changes in BC Hockey, now Tier 4, we do not have a team in that category therefore we could not host this event.
- NMHA has put an application to host the Bantam Tier 1 Championships, however the Bantam Tier 2 is being hosted on the Island, do not think they would have both on the Island.
- Midget and Pee wee Tier 2 open, but as these are mostly past AAA & AA teams do not think NMHA would be competitive.

Outlaw Leagues – BC Hockey Bulletin

- Please review this bulletin, sent out through BC Hockey, not sure how they can administrate this!!!

Motion to approve minutes of July 9th Executive meeting as filed. Sonya Branter, 2nd Roberta Bortolotto. CARRIED.

BBQ – hosted by NMHA at the U17 intersquad game went good, lots of helpers, approx. \$400.00 deposited to the Legacy Funds with the City of Nanaimo.

Executive Reports:

PRESIDENT (Dave Beatty) on file

Attended ice user meeting, concerns on use of ice during practices, using same area of ice over and over, destroying the ice surface

- Teams who do this will be billed by the city of Nanaimo and ice may be taken away until bill paid
- Teams must get on and off the ice at allotted times ONLY
- James, there is no need for ice cleans between the Initiation and Novice practice times, gives more practice time
- Damage to ANY area of the arena, including dressing rooms, stands and common areas are NMHA responsibility during rented time, if damage occurs NMHA will be billed, we must monitor this
- Coaches or team designate should be in the dressing rooms first and last, checking on

Conference call with VIAHA Executive

- Mark Kenny elected new President
- Proposal to revamp Island League
 - 2 divisions, tiered.

VIAHA meeting this weekend to discuss, Dave put forth a proposal.

Met with Vicky regarding job description, hasn't been looked at for 6 years, many changes. Dave will put together something to go into the Policy Manual, will bring forth to the Executive.

Tiering in Mid Island Recreational Leagues?

- Cowichan Valley has decided not to tier and is not planning on playing in Mid Island League, may reconsider if NMHA decides not to tier
- OMHA will have Tier 2 and Tier 3 teams, Alberni did last year, this year it is unknown
- Associations in Mid Island are concerned that they will not be competitive with NMHA teams
- If NMHA tiers there will be no teams to play
- We can play inhouse, but not enough teams to tier inhouse
- We can decide not to tier and have the possibility of the other associations willing to play Mid Island League, with exhibition games being played to see where teams play, lower mid island(CVMHA, LCMHA & NMHA) or upper mid island(NMHA, OMHA & AMHA)
- Jack would like to see a travelling team in Midget house that is tiered higher than the 4 other Midget teams
- Concern for other midget teams

- Play inhouse 5 equal teams
- Midget will not be competitive to other associations if we do this

Motion that NMHA from Atom through Bantam will not be tiered, NMHA is willing to look into playing in the Mid Island League.

Midget Division, Jack Smith is to look into a schedule for one travel team, which will consist of exhibition games with Tier 3/4 Island League teams and tournaments. Jack will look to obtain permission from VIAHA to do this.

Final decision for Midget division will be made at the September 10th Executive meeting. Brian Sugiyama, 2nd Reagan Robinson. CARRIED.

PAST PRESIDENT (Dan Payne)

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (Brian Sugiyama)

Working with Steve and Mike for try outs and evaluations

Will assist with any female players wishing to play bodychecking coed

COMPETITIVE DIRECTOR (Mike Collier)

Midget Tier 2 coach not yet selected, a few names have come forth, will be interviewing, can we do an email vote?

- Yes, but want to know it is unanimous between the selection committee.
- Give 36 hours to respond, then if no response it is considered to be abstained from voting

Working on an action for grievances on releases, will talk with John Manning and others who were in this position in the past.

- Make sure this policy is in place by Aug. 25

FEMALE DIRECTOR (Sonia Branter)

Keeping a close eye on the numbers

Teresa will write up an ad for the newspapers

Possible movement of players, will contact all those who are registered to play coed.

MIDGET DIVISION (Jack Smith)on file

Juvenile division - Oceanside, possible 2 teams, Alberni Valley 1 team, this gives a 4 team division for our team to play.

BANTAM DIVISION (Reagan Robinson)on file

Loves the Mid Island League idea, with splitting teams according to exhibition games.

PEEWEE DIRECTOR (VACANT)

ATOM DIRECTOR (Roberta Bortolotto)

INITIATION/NOVICE DIRECTOR (James Mitchell)

Has had calls from other associations to play, interesting as they don't want to play Mid Island League or tier, but are making higher level novice teams. The Presidents are probably not aware of this.

Initiation numbers are lower in 5/6 year olds, but last year even lower and we climbed by 4 teams by mid September.

Helmets to be worn by coaches while on ice.

Should we make it mandatory, starting at Initiation level? Then progress through divisions.

Motion to mandate that all NMHA coaches wear helmets while on ice. Mike, 2nd Dawn.

Discussion:

- Hockey Canada will be making it mandatory in 2009-10
- Change wording, should not mandate
- Should be for all levels not just initiation

Amendment: to change wording to read Motion that NMHA strongly encourages all NMHA coaches to wear helmets while on ice. Jack Smith, 2nd Sonya Zado.

CARRIED.

Vote on amended motion. CARRIED.

To be posted on website, **Lawrence** will do the wording and forward to office.

REGISTRAR (Dawn Borrelli) on file

ICE COORDINATOR-acting (Robin Edwards)

First 2 weeks of ice given out to directors

Tournament ice given out to Directors

- Need an answer on the October tournament, as will have to distribute ice accordingly, if no tournament

WAYS & MEANS COORDINATOR (Sonya Zado)

Lots of track suit replies. Need to have the Executive is still willing to go with the Policy that was voted in last year regarding use of logo and association only track suits.

Discussion:

- One track suit for whole association, hard to fit all
- Could we look at NMHA apparel, give a few choices
- Can't change logo or jacket color
- Maintain brand image

- If teams want a different style of jacket or apparel must have permission from NMHA to use logo
- One tracksuit for the association

Last year one team did not pay the \$250.00 team sponsorship required by policy, hard to get it now

- All teams must be sponsored through NMHA, travel teams(female) and competitive tend to get their own sponsors but must pay the jersey fee of \$300.00 this year.

Photo Bids, 2 came in, needing more information from both. Can we do an email vote once all the information is in? Yes.

TREASURER (Kevin Roden)

Year end is finally done, waiting on adjusting entries. Vicky, Zonna and Kevin will work to get the financials ready for next meeting.

EQUIPMENT (Ken Johnston)

SAFETY & RISK (Lawrence Pearson)

HCSP clinic booked for Nov. 15

- Online registration only
- May be a problem for those who do not have credit cards
- Could loose a few people who do not wish to do this online application
- Lawrence willing to assist

Criminal record Checks, must be into the office prior to October 31, 2008 or removed from team position

- All coaches, assistant coaches, managers, safety and any others working directly with players must have CRC and Speak Out(no date yet)
- Every team must have one safety person, directive from VIAHA and will be monitored this year
- Renewal every 3 years

Will be working with evaluators for players wishing to play overage in different divisions, and females wishing to play bodychecking coed.

TOURNAMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS (Teresa Oberst)

REFEREE IN CHIEF (Rick Hodgson)

ADMINISTRATOR (Vicky Long)on file

Need a pdf writer for the upcoming reports for coaches from Time Trials, James willing to get one for the Association.

Banners removed by City from Frank Crane, need restoration. Belfor is willing to do the restoration, but do we want them back into the frames or hung with all the NMHA banners in NIC #1.

Motion to remove and restore banners from Frank Crane to be hung in NIC #1 with other NMHA banners. Reagan Robinson, 2nd Brian Sugiyama. CARRIED.

Old Business:

New Business:

BC Hockey AGM hosting

Are we interesting in putting forth NMHA to host one?

Would like to see how we do with volunteers for the U17 project.

Website host

Webmaster having difficulty with Uniserve, looking at a new server. Uniserve has not billed us for this past year, old contract with Island internet. New server will cost about \$60.00 per year. OK'd to go ahead.

Motion to adjourn 9:50pm. Sonya Zado, 2nd James Mitchell. CARRIED.

Next meeting September 10th, 2008 6:30pm