

## **Nanaimo Minor Hockey Executive Meeting February 11, 2009**

**Attendance:** David Beatty, Lynn Arneson, Roberta Bortolotto, Kevin Roden, Robin Edwards, Vicky Long, Jack Smith, Brian Sugiyama, Sonya Zado, Reagan Robinson, Dawn Borrelli, Mike Collier, Zonna Rozzano, James Mitchell, Steve Paul

**Regrets:** Dan Payne, Myles Parsons, Lawrence Pearson, Sonia Branter, Teresa Oberst, Rick Hodgson

**Call to order 6:31 pm.**

**Additions to agenda: Major Midget, Ice Scheduler**

**Motion to adopt amended agenda. Sonya Zado, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn Arneson. CARRIED.**

### **Delegates:**

#### **Head Coach- Steve Paul**

**Time Trials** hand out can be emailed to coaches must cc office to prove distribution.

Purpose of time trials is to narrow down skills of players, one part of categorizing used for rep selections, helps to organize recreational teams.

If players cannot make it, then they will be combined with the recreational time trials in Sept.

**Paid Evaluation Staff**, Steve would like to recommend that Nanaimo MHA look into hiring paid evaluators for the first 3-5 weeks of hockey, has talked with several people willing to come in, non-NMHA people.

Will provide the association with written reports, will help with appeal process, a professional approach.

**Hire Coaches** but do not place on teams until teams have been formed by evaluators. Coaches will be required to sign a contract agreement regarding on and off ice procedures and team management. Help to stop politics.

What affect will that have on number of coaches applying? Not sure. But Steve will be recruiting this year for more coaches to apply.

Head Coach budget will cover the cost for paid evaluation staff.

Peninsula MHA hires and have a contract, Steve will obtain this contract and revise for NMHA use, includes procedures etc. This past season PMHA only had one major appeal.

Steve knows of 5 younger coaches who would apply to coach but don't due to NMHA always hiring parent coaches.

Form a committee tonight, will have a formal report for the board next meeting.

Would like to have the contract ready and signed for April meeting.

- board approved evaluation staff
- should NMHA try it out in a couple divisions or all?
- coach selection still at board level

- board would like to see player selection before coach picked, is this possible?
- cautious of who is selected for staff

**Motion to form a committee to start the process of paid evaluation staff for September 2009. Reagan Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Smith. CARRIED.**

Committee – Steve Paul, Brian Sugiyama, Mike Collier, James Mitchell, Dave Beatty, Reagan Robinson  
Meeting scheduled for Monday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, NMHA office.

#### HEAD COACH REPORT

- would like to see changes to female program, equal tiered teams
- changes to midget, possible pond hockey idea(inhouse, non-checking)
  - two tiered teams if numbers warrant
- Jack – this season was the best season yet, less discipline, good attendance
  - before changes talk with parents, players, and coaches, see what they think and would like
  - goalies should be allowed to play in goal and out as long as they have had body checking

#### Correspondence:

BC Hockey Discipline notification regarding a suspension of an association due to player's complaint process not correctly handled.

A Young Hero – letter from parent regarding unselfish act of a NMHA player  
- receive a plaque from NMHA at AGM

Do we want to retire #3 Canucks jersey, in memory of Bekker? Ask Myles.

Donation to NMHA, a box of pucks and \$100.00. Liberty Tax.

- place a link on sponsor page on website
- pucks to go to Atom Rep tournament

Clippers asking to add to registration mail out. Usually a couple other do to. In the past few years, NMHA has printed the labels for them to put on envelopes. NMHA mail out is getting too big to add more, cost is more.

- Sonya will talk with Nolan as he originally emailed her, see if there is something they can do for the Association

**Motion to adopt minutes from January 14, 2009 meeting. Mike Collier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonya Zado. CARRIED.**

## **Executive Reports:**

### **PRESIDENT (Dave Beatty)**

- had meeting with Gary Paterson – C of Nanaimo, and Steve Paul – head Coach regarding hockey school partnership
- asked for budget, have not received yet
- sent NMHA logo for brochure

### **PAST PRESIDENT (Dan Payne)**

### **DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (Brian Sugiyama)**

- Body checking clinic for coaches Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7-9pm at NMHA Building

### **COMPETITIVE DIRECTOR (Mike Collier)**

- Rep banquet changed to Rep Awards night, cost was too high
- asked Bob Orr to do photography
- asked coaches to do a yr end report on all players
- coach evaluation forms, send out in all registration packages, could try it online (James will look into this, Vicky forward form)

### **TIME TRIALS**

- will have a high and low, call bottom players let them know where they sat, doesn't mean they don't make a team, just they can try for a better time in Sept.
- may decide not to do rep try outs

### **FEMALE DIRECTOR (Sonia Branter)**

### **MIDGET DIVISION (Jack Smith)**

- some associations doing Midget/Juvenile combined teams
- one team some concern with attendance, but have affiliates to draw from
- one discipline issues, being dealt with
- standings, DIV 1 – 2 teams in playoffs, DIV 2-1 team for sure
- 2 teams accepted to play in PA tournament, one turned down, no reasoning
  - unknown at this time why

### **BANTAM DIVISION (Reagan Robinson) on file**

- tournament financials and binder in office
- standings, DIV 1-1 team in playoffs, DIV 2 all 3 teams so far

### **PEEWEE DIRECTOR (Lynn Arneson)**

- few coaches concerned about officials not calling enough
- ending game too early, only need 2 min on clock to shake hands (VIAHA rule)
- talk with Rick

### **ATOM DIRECTOR (Roberta Bortolotto) on file**

**INITIATION/NOVICE DIRECTOR** (James Mitchell)

**REGISTRAR** (Dawn Borrelli) report handed out

- set fees, depends on budget
- early registration discount \$20.00, if paid in full
- 2 cheques only, we now have debit and credit
- April 1<sup>st</sup> mail out

**ICE COORDINATOR-acting** (Robin Edwards)

**WAYS & MEANS COORDINATOR** (Sonya Zado)

- some teams still not obtaining authorization for fundraising, fundraising guidelines state they monies must be returned to NMHA, what to do.
  - teams still not reporting all monies brought in
- Discussion
- was game supervisor for Bantam T2, comment from parent regarding banners not up in arenas – trying to get them all repaired

**TREASURER** (Kevin Roden)

- financials handed out, looks good to year end
- budget for 2009-2010 handed out, discussion, revisit in March

**Motion to accept Financial Reports to January 31, 2009. Dawn Borrelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Smith. CARRIED.**

**EQUIPMENT** (Myles Parsons)

**SAFETY & RISK** (Lawrence Pearson)

**TOURNAMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS** (Teresa Oberst)

**REFEREE IN CHIEF** (Rick Hodgson)

**ADMINISTRATOR** (Vicky Long)

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Equipment Policy on the table.**

- grammatical changes
- Initiation B can wear jersey at both ice times as they do not play games

- name bars – put on and taken off professionally then they can have them, if tears from being taken off, then deposit cheque cashed.

## EQUIPMENT

### Equipment Manager

The Equipment Manager is a non-voting, appointed member of the Board of Directors and reports to the Board.

### The Equipment Manager

- shall submit an annual budget to the Board for approval. The budget will include all anticipated expenses and revenues and a breakdown of anticipated purchases. Local suppliers will be given preference in meeting the Association's equipment needs when possible however tenders may be requested where appropriate.
- shall maintain an inventory of all of the Associations equipment and the replacement cost, and report this inventory annually to the Board. The Board shall be responsible for obtaining the appropriate insurance on the equipment.
- shall maintain a current ledger of the distribution of all equipment not in storage.
- shall be responsible for acquiring and attaching sponsor bars.
- shall be responsible for the team distribution and collection of all jerseys, pucks, and goaltender equipment.
- shall distribute equipment according to the policies and procedures set by the Board.
- may advise the Board on policies and procedures.
- shall be responsible for organizing the annual used equipment sale. This includes securing the facility, notifying the Webmaster of the details and obtaining volunteer staff.

### Goaltenders Equipment

When requested by a team or player, and if available, the Association will provide goaltenders equipment for the regular hockey season and hockey camps, to registered minor hockey players. The equipment provided will be limited to leg pads, catching glove and blocker, upper body protector and neck guard. There will be a \$200 loss or damage deposit required payable by post-dated cheque only. The deposit cheque will be returned or destroyed if the equipment is returned in the condition it was loaned in, subject to normal wear and tear. If repair or replacement of any part of the equipment is necessary, the cost will be deducted from the deposit.

The player or team borrowing the equipment will return the equipment to the Equipment Manager immediately if any part of the equipment is damaged or rendered unsafe.

If available the Association may loan goaltenders equipment to players for spring or summer hockey programs for a fee of \$100.00 per off-season. There will be a loss or damage deposit of \$200.00 payable by post-dated cheque only. The equipment will be returned to the Association prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Players or teams borrowing the equipment warrant it will never be used for street, road or similar off ice use.

### Jerseys

Each player, other than male Midget recreational, will pay a \$100 loss or damage jersey deposit at the time of registration. The deposit will be in the form of post-dated cheque only. The cheque will be destroyed or returned when the undamaged jersey has been returned at the conclusion of the season.

The equipment manager will distribute the jerseys to the team's head coach. The coach will provide to the equipment manager a list of which number jersey has been assigned to each player. Spare jerseys are to be retained by the coach for use by affiliate players. The jerseys will be cleaned before being returned to the equipment manager at the conclusion of the season.

Jerseys are to be worn only during games. If a team wishes to obtain practice jerseys the responsibility to obtain and pay for these jerseys will be left with the team.

Name bars must be approved by the Association and must be installed and removed professionally. Under no circumstances will name bars be "heat pressed" to the jersey. Doing so will result in the forfeiture of the loss or damage deposit. The "STOP" sign will not be removed or obstructed in any way. The jersey will not be altered and nothing will be added to the jersey without the consent of the Association.

Male Midget recreational players will be entitled to retain their jerseys at the conclusion of the season. The cost of the jersey will be set by the Board of Directors and will be added to the registration fee.

Graduating male and female Midget competitive players (those who have played their final year of minor hockey eligibility with Nanaimo MHA only) will be entitled to retain one of their two competitive team jerseys at the conclusion of the season. The jersey will be laundered and returned to minor hockey for installation of a name bar prior to presentation to the player. The Association will make the choice of which colour jersey is to be retained by the player.

The Board of Directors may, at their sole discretion, choose to present a jersey to any past member of the Association in recognition of that member's contribution to Nanaimo MHA or accomplishments in hockey.

To be voted on at March Executive meeting.

### **Major Midget League**

- is NMHA continuing to host?
- is it doing what we thought? Should be highlighting 3<sup>rd</sup> year Midgets, not doing this, so far
- with the right coaching staff this program can help NMHA players
- NMHA will not get more ice if they leave, Junior B would come right in

### **Ice Scheduler**

- this is Robin's last season, 20+ years
- too big of a job, he works part time for VIAHA

### **Nominating Committee**

- next meeting report back
- search for positions
- post on website
- Sonya and Dawn, need one more.

**Motion to adjourn, 9:40pm. Lynn Arneson, Mike Collier. CARRIED.**