

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Executive Meeting March 11, 2009

Attendance: David Beatty, Lynn Arneson, Kevin Roden, Robin Edwards, Vicky Long, Jack Smith, Brian Sugiyama, Reagan Robinson, Dawn Borrelli, Mike Collier, James Mitchell, Steve Paul, Lawrence Pearson, Sonia Branter, Rick Hodgson

Regrets: Dan Payne, Teresa Oberst, Sonya Zado, Roberta Bortolotto, Zonna Rozanno

Call to order 6:30 pm.

Motion to adopt agenda. Reagan Robinson, 2nd Dawn Borelli. CARRIED.

Delegates: Jeff Boehm – Bantam Coach

Timing of Games –mainly Tournament games, 75min throughout the Island

- organizers in NMHA are following VIAHA rule 15/15/20 STOP Time for 90 min or less games
- 75 min. games cannot finish on time with this timing format
- Most games have 2-7 min. left. Confuses coaches and game officials as they are having to follow wall clock in last period, most arenas coaches can even see wall clock, too small, on back walls, etc.
- Some officials are ending games too early, VIAHA rule 2 min for handshake, some ending it with 5 min. not consistent
- Would like support of NMHA to change this
- Some divisions finish early some don't depends on amount of stoppage in plays, penalties etc.
- Contacted Mark Kenny before tournament, to no avail.
- Could last period be estimated, or run time
- Better to have time left than dead ice

Motion to recommend to VIAHA for 75 min or less games 15/15/15. Kevin Roden, 2nd Reagan Robinson. CARRIED.

Dave Beatty will write up a resolution for the VIAHA AGM.

Correspondence: none

Changes to minutes from Feb. 11, 2009, add plural to evaluators, add team and coached picked. Take Lawrence & Rick off attendance.

Motion to adopt amended minutes from February 11, 2009 meeting. Sonia Branter, 2nd Dawn Borelli. CARRIED.

Executive Reports:

PRESIDENT (Dave Beatty) on file

- VIAHA Resolutions to be submitted by April 15, if anyone has anything please make sure it is sent to Dave prior. Will discuss at April 8th Exec. Mtg.
- Coach of the Year-VIAHA, names submitted

PAST PRESIDENT (Dan Payne)

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (Brian Sugiyama)

- did a Body Checking clinic for Peewee/Bantam coaches
- only 8 coaches showed up
- doing a Post Task meeting Thurs. Mar. 12
- DEV 1 have to mail in the books
- NMHA Head Coach or Developmental Coord. Only to sign off books

COMPETITIVE DIRECTOR (Mike Collier)

- PW 2 won Div 4 playoff
- PW 1 lost in final
- BTM 2 won Division
- BTM 1 won Island off to Provincials
- MGT 2 lost in playoffs
- MGT 1 lost in playoffs
- FEM BTM A won Island off to Provincials
- FEM MGT A lost in playoffs
- Rep Banquet ready to roll, some award names still not in
 - o Next meeting April 11

FEMALE DIRECTOR (Sonia Branter) on file

- review of standings
- BC Hockey Female Jamboree email to be sent via coaches

MIDGET DIVISION (Jack Smith)

- good season, teams did well in their divisions, Midget 1 won league and playoffs
- overall did well penalty wise
- collecting extra jerseys, pucks and first aid kits
- get coaches to send season ending comments to Jack regarding league play, Jack will collect data and do a report for executive

BANTAM DIVISION (Reagan Robinson)

- review standings, South team #1 won the playoffs
- good year

PEEWEE DIRECTOR (Lynn Arneson)

- review of standings, PW 7 won North playoff

ATOM DIRECTOR (Roberta Bortolotto)

INITIATION/NOVICE DIRECTOR (James Mitchell)

- tournament financial to be handed in soon
- talk with Equip. Mngr regarding new gear for Init/Nov goalies
- sportsmanship points, don't like them, inconsistent officiating
- does work for Midget in keeping penalties down

REGISTRAR (Dawn Borrelli)

- March 25th registration envelope stuffing party
- Mail out by 27th

ICE COORDINATOR-acting (Robin Edwards)

WAYS & MEANS COORDINATOR (Sonya Zado)

TREASURER (Kevin Roden) on file

Motion to accept Financial Reports to February 28, 2009. Dawn Borrelli, 2nd Lynn Arneson. CARRIED.

Handout of Budget for 2009-2010 season, review, discussion.

Rep Fee Try out fee increase of \$10.00

Novice C/D fee increase \$20.00

Atom-Midget fee increase \$30.00

Juvenile and Initiation A/B stay the same.

Motion to accept the Budget for 2009-2010. Kevin Roden, 2nd Reagan Robinson. CARRIED.

EQUIPMENT (Myles Parsons)

SAFETY & RISK (Lawrence Pearson)

- quiet time
- banners, dropped off some
- sewing still needed on others, Mary's Cresting doing the work

TOURNAMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS (Teresa Oberst)

REFEREE IN CHIEF (Rick Hodgson)

- submitted 2 names to Mike Fraser for Ref of Year – VIAHA
- concern for NMHA, HC may vote to move forward with 4 man system in some divisions, possibly Btm/Mgt Rep

- cost factors
- would have to be through BC Hockey, then VIAHA then to association

Old Business:

Equipment Policy motion on table, Dawn Borelli, 2nd James Mitchell. CARRIED.

New Business:

PCTEF – review amounts, concerns as to where the money goes, discussion.

- revisit guidelines for next season
- 2 teams Bantam T1 and Fem Bantam AAA going to provincials

Bantam T1 = 1500.00 + 462.00 + 200.00 (VIAHA) = \$2162.00

Female Btm AAA = 1500.00 + 606.00 + 200.00 (VIAHA) = \$2306.00

Motion to approve \$1500.00 per team plus what team paid into fund. Kevin Roden, 2nd Lynn Arneson. CARRIED.

Player Evaluation Policy –presented, discussion.

Player Evaluation/Selection Policy

The procedures and processes within this document are based on the criteria outlined by Hockey Canada “*Minor Hockey Development Guide ~ Player Evaluation and Selection*” This document is to be used by Nanaimo Minor Hockey for the evaluation and placement of athletes from Atom to Midget categories.

The “*Minor Hockey Development Guide ~ Player Evaluation and Selection*” is available on the Hockey Canada website.

1. Evaluation Objectives

The Objectives of the Player Evaluation Process:

- To provide a fair, consistent, and comprehensive evaluation of a player’s total hockey skills.
- To ensure that players have a reasonable opportunity of being selected to a team appropriate to their skill levels.
- To provide uniformity and consistency in the evaluation process such that player and parent expectations are consistent from year to year as players move through the various levels of the associations programs.
- To provide feedback in order to develop players.
- To eliminate political maneuvering and interference from the player selection process and let players be evaluated on their own individual skills and development.

2. Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee will be comprised of the Development Coordinator, the Competitive Division Managing Director, Head Coach (Chair) and two other members approved by the Board of Directors.

The Evaluation Committee will work to ensure data integrity, and confidentiality at all times throughout the process and will be responsible for collection and management of all evaluation forms. Evaluation results and forms are strictly confidential and not intended for public knowledge.

Criteria for and duties of evaluators:

- Evaluators will be appointed by the committee. Where possible the evaluators will be chosen from outside of the Association.
- Evaluators may be paid an honorarium, the amount to be recommended by the Evaluation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Evaluators will be provided with an Evaluation Instruction Package and directions on the evaluation policies and criteria.
- Evaluators will report only to the Evaluation Committee. A copy of the reports shall be made available to the President on request. Contents of the reports are considered privileged and confidential information and will be released by written request only to the player or parents directly involved.
- There will be a minimum of three and a maximum of five evaluators per Division.
- Evaluators will not be provided with the names of players, only the numbers assigned by Nanaimo MHA. They will be provided with results of the time trials by player number.
- Evaluators will assist in the preparation of Performance Report Cards on the final five reassigned players from each tiered team will be distributed to the player or parent with 48 hours of the reassignment.
- Evaluators will not evaluate their own child(ren).
- Player's parents will not approach evaluators before, during or immediately following the ice time. Evaluators will report any attempts at communication to the Evaluation Committee.
- Evaluators will not sit together nor will they be able to share information during the sessions. Immediately following an evaluation session all Evaluators will hand in their evaluation forms for aggregate scoring.

3. Process

Time trials will form an integral part of player evaluations.

When possible, time trials will be completed following Spring Break of the previous season. Only those players who were unable to participate in Spring time trials, or those who tested in the bottom 20% of their birth year group will be permitted to challenge the time trials. Challenges will be held prior to the commencement of the season.

Each player trying out for a Competitive team will be guaranteed a minimum of two ice times in addition to the time trials.

Players who do not attend an ice time for any reason will not be given a make up time.

Following the second ice time players may be reassigned to Recreational Division or remain unassigned.

Players may be divided on a Major/Minor basis for initial ice times.

The initial four ice times will consist of scrimmages as follows:

- 1st ice time scrimmage 3 on 3
- 2nd ice time scrimmage 4 on 4
- 3rd ice time scrimmage 5 on 5
- 4th ice time scrimmage 5 on 5

The 5th ice time will be an inter-squad game or scrimmage however the top ten players in each Division will not participate in the 5th ice time. These players will have been assigned to the Tier I

team, The 5th ice time will be used to evaluate the “bubble” players for Tier I/ Tier II or Tier II/Recreational.
A separate Goaltender Evaluation Team will evaluate goaltenders independently.

4. Evaluation Rankings

The evaluation process at all levels will be based on the following three categories of total hockey skills: individual skills, tactical skills, and competitive situations including team play situations. Players will be evaluated based on the evaluation criteria from Hockey Canada’s categories for Skating, Passing and Puck Control, Shooting and Scoring, Checking skills, and Hockey Sense and Work Ethic.

The criteria will vary depending on the age group and division level.

Players will be evaluated on a scale of 1-5 for player selection criteria. The scale meaning 5 being exceptional/dominant, 4 being above average, 3 being average, 2 being below average and 1 being poor. An exceptional/dominant player would be considered an “impact” player. Such a player due to their overall ability would be capable of influencing a game.

Utilizing the completed player evaluation aggregate scores, the Evaluation Committee will select the top 13 skaters for each Competitive team based on player rankings and team balance. The Competitive team coach will be provided with a list of five skaters from which he may select the remaining members of his team.

The Evaluation Committee will select the two goaltenders for each Competitive team.

5. Appeal Process

The grounds for an appeal are limited.

The Appeal will be made directly in writing by the parents to the Chair of the Evaluation Committee stating the grounds for the appeal.

An appeal will only be heard if the player selection:

- was not made according to the rules or process,
- if the Evaluators or Evaluation Committee were biased or if the decision was grossly unfair or unreasonable. The merit or substance of their decision is not a valid ground for an appeal.
- process or mathematical errors that have resulted in a grossly unfair player selection.

Should satisfactory resolution not be made between the parents and the Evaluation Committee, a request for a formal appeal must be made in writing and sent through the Minor Hockey Clubhouse to an Player Selection Appeal Committee established by the President for this purpose. The committee will not accept verbal communication. The Appeal Committee will expeditiously review the player’s evaluation and will rule on the final placement of the player in writing which will be tendered back to the parents the Evaluation Committee and the Nanaimo MHA President and will be submitted to the board upon completion.

To be voted on at April 8th, 2009 meeting.

Ice Policies – discussion, on website for viewing.

Motion to adjourn, 9:05pm. Lynn Arneson, 2nd Reagan Robinson. CARRIED.