

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Executive Meeting September 16, 2009

Attendance: James Mitchell, Sonia Branter, Allison Cooney, Dave Bortolotto, John Palmer, Myles Parsons, Vicky Long, Roberta Bortolotto, Rick Hodgson, Doug Tyce, Dawn Borrelli, Robin Edwards, Dan Dawes, Karen VanGyzen, Tom Russell

Regrets: Sonya Z, Dave Beatty, Zonna R.

Call to order 6:35 pm.

IN CAMERA SESSION – James

Motion to adopt amended agenda. Allison Cooney, 2nd Roberta Bortolotto. CARRIED.

Appreciation to Dave Bortolotto, Vicky Long

Correspondence:

2010 Olympic Torch Bearer – Adam Long, goalie/referee for NMHA Nov. 1

Thank you letter from Brendan Brown for Dr. Leo Margolis Award

Motion to adopt minutes of August 12, 2009. Allison, 2nd John. CARRIED.

Executive Reports:

PRESIDENT (James Mitchell)

- apology, busy days, not everyone called back
- VIAHA, BCH, Oceanside female numbers are low everywhere
- NMHA not a regional team
- preference to NMHA players
- new model to support all associations
- Regional program
 - includes any association that is interested
 - all assoc involved will supply ice, refs
 - talked with Dean B, Pres. Oceanside, they are interested
 - James needs Executive support
- Bantam division only for 2009-2010, house & rep
- develop program for all females no matter where registered, one association to administrate all females
- review at the end of the season
- need to meet with all parents and players
- travel issues????

- BCH will not allow separate association at this time, but will support regional programs
- Susie Sherman-VIAHA Female Coordinator committed to helping

Motion to support James to begin process of Regional Female Bantam Program with other Associations for 2009-2010. Myles, 2nd Allison. CARRIED.

PAST PRESIDENT (Dave Beatty)

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (Dave Bortolotto)

- thanks to everyone who helped through the Time Trials
- things went fairly well, quite an experience
- met with upper Island Associations, worried about coaches
- DEV 1 trying to make it one day instead of 2
- local Associations can sign off post tasks

COMPETITIVE DIRECTOR (Myles Parsons)

- evaluations completed, some wrinkles, 2 Atom coaches resigned-children didn't make team, need more applicants
- Midget T2 - need coach
- some questions on procedures
- 9 paid evaluators
- each coach had their own evaluators
- so far only difference in evaluations between the two groups was in Atom
- some players still being looked at in Midget
- system worked, some positive emails coming in
- evaluators selected goaltenders, not coaches
- coaches loved it!
- lots of communication between evaluators, directors & parents
- like to put together a review committee, Dave Bortolotto & Dave Beatty
- release and notification process needs some tweaking
- no coaches on bench during 3/3, 4/4, 5/5
- focus group-survey
- someone leaking time trial information already, please remember all confidential

Atom coaches not yet selected, Roberta as 1st Vice to deal with these issues, as James has a player on one of the teams.

If your child is on a team, step back and ask another Executive to take over.

FEMALE DIRECTOR (Sonia Branter)

- time trials this Sunday
- email sent, didn't realize needed on ice helpers
- KUDOS to Dave Bortolotto
- Atom/Pw solid team numbers
- Btm full team

- Mgt Rep, concerns low #s, girls withdrawing due to work/school commitments
 - we have time to make changes, league does not start until after Thanksgiving weekend
 - If two house teams, do we have to tier? Would like 2 balanced teams.
 - What would VIAHA say?
 - talk with parents and players
 - make everyone part of the solution, make it successful
- Myles, Brian, Sonia will sit with all Midget Players & parents.

MIDGET DIVISION (Dan Dawes)

- 6 teams with 15 or more players per team
- goalie up from Bantam to even out goaltender situation
- no commissioner at this time
- Dan only assignor for NMHA
- had parent meeting
- booking coaches meeting

BANTAM DIVISION (John Palmer)

- still evaluating, not ready for teams just yet
- pini's, can we do it for next season?
- discussed in the past, who takes charge, would need two sets for every division? Who hands them out, and gets them back? Division Directors!
- many team requests, can't do them all, what to do? Approve most important ones and see what happens after that.

PEEWEE DIRECTOR (Roberta Bortolotto)

- evaluations went well
- couple weak players one down to Atom already
- still in groups, not in teams yet

ATOM DIRECTOR(Karen Van Gyzen)

- 7 groups, still in evaluations

INITIATION/NOVICE DIRECTOR (Allison Cooney)

- 234 players!!!
- 20 + females
- too many parents wanting to coach
- Kudos to Allison, went on the ice with players
- mentorship opportunities for older female players
- working with Clippers, one per team,
- like to see players from all divisions & referees to help in Initiation/Novice

REGISTRAR (Dawn Borrelli)

- numbers handed out
- have one registration with wrong date of birth, requested birth certificate, player playing as OA two years out, need special permission

ICE COORDINATOR-acting (Robin Edwards)

WAYS & MEANS COORDINATOR (Sonya Zado)

TREASURER (Zonna Rozzano)

EQUIPMENT (Tom Russell)

- no pucks in, if anyone has some at home please bring in
- Timbit contacts, requested larger size
- helper Eric McLean

Motion to approve Executive reports. Roberta, 2nd Dave. CARRIED.

SAFETY & RISK (Doug Tyce)

- will meet with City regarding hand sanitizer
- VIAHA email regarding hand shake
- OA's all evaluated
- coach upset with no cell phone/camera in dressing room, need Bulletin posted

TOURNAMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS (VACANT)

REFEREE IN CHIEF (Rick Hodgson)

- emails on the flu, no one is doing anything pro-active
- must do something to stop spreading
- ideas for something other than hand shake, ie. Bumping of gloves, blue line lineup tap sticks on ice for cheer, Ontario-they shake hands before game
- hand sanitizers at benches, score clock area, ask City of Nanaimo
- VIAHA rule for handshake, ask for amendment
- first aid kits to include sanitizer?
- short on senior officials, might have to go with 2 man system for most games

Motion to accept Executive Reports Dave Bortolotto, 2nd Allison Cooney. CARRIED.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Body Checking clinic

- no tracking
- list compiled, can we enter it anywhere?
- HCR, no real place, but can add to player notes, can print it
- registration policy, make it clear they must attend

Gretzky Rule

- policy change, not changing rule, just consequence

Motion to approve Program Guideline for Initiation/Novice in Policy & Procedure Manual as written. Allison, 2nd Myles. To be voted on at next meeting.

Branding of jerseys, similar to Junior A.

- only association that doesn't look like Junior A
- partner better with Junior A (3rd jersey)
- change of jersey too expensive close to \$30,000.00
- need to have more research

Yellow Card System

- who hands out cards
- NMHA appointed people
- process still to be determined
- respect of Association.

Motion to adjourn - 9:45pm.

Next meeting:

NMHA Executive Meeting – October 14, 2009 6:30pm