

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Executive Meeting October 14, 2009

Attendance: Sonia Branter, Allison Cooney, Dave Bortolotto, John Palmer, Myles Parsons, Vicky Long, Doug Tyce, Dawn Borrelli, Karen VanGyzen, Dave Beatty, Zonna Rozzano, Steve Paul, Sonya Zado

Regrets: James Mitchell, Tom Russell, Dan Dawes, Robin Edwards, Roberta Bortolotto, Rick Hodgson

Call to order 6:42 pm.

Motion to adopt amended agenda. Karen VanGyzen, 2nd Sonya Z. CARRIED.

Correspondence: NONE

Motion to adopt amended minutes of September 13, 2009. Dave Beatty, 2nd Dawn Borrelli. CARRIED.

Executive Reports:

PRESIDENT (James Mitchell)

PAST PRESIDENT (Dave Beatty)

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (Dave Bortolotto)

- attended Development session up Island
- DEV 1 trying to get it to a one day course
- development ice booked for clinics, goaltending and power skating
- if anyone has ideas they would like implemented let Dave know
Ie. Stick handling, shooting

COMPETITIVE DIRECTOR (Myles Parsons)

- good feedback from parents with team selections
- next season would like to get as many non-parent coaches as possible
- need to differentiate between forward/defence

FEMALE DIRECTOR (Sonia Branter)

- report handed out
- female midget house= 2 equal teams

MIDGET DIVISION (Dan Dawes)

BANTAM DIVISION (John Palmer)

- teams completed
- league started

PEEWEE DIRECTOR (Roberta Bortolotto)

ATOM DIRECTOR(Karen Van Gyzen)

- teams balanced so far
- schedule conflicts, teams with practice byes and game byes, need to get coaches information to schedule out of town games on those weekends

INITIATION/NOVICE DIRECTOR (Allison Cooney)

- things going well
- Kudos to Jodi-website
- like to host a skate-a-thon Init-peewee??

REGISTRAR (Dawn Borrelli)

- 869 registered
- 25 + withdrawals
- Btm rep coaches requesting to card 19 17/2, Myles

ICE COORDINATOR-acting (Robin Edwards)

WAYS & MEANS COORDINATOR (Sonya Zado)

- need color, name, sponsorship of all teams to complete photonight schedule
Nov. 5, 9 & 12

TREASURER (Zonna Rozzano)

- report handed out

EQUIPMENT (Tom Russell)

SAFETY & RISK (Doug Tyce)

- CRC's due October 15th or off the bench until received
- Safety clinic Nov. 7th
- all certifications due by Dec. 1/recreation coaches Dec. 15

TOURNAMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS (VACANT)

REFEREE IN CHIEF (Rick Hodgson)

HEAD COACH (Steve Paul)

- Rec directors need to book coach meetings
- review practice plans, skill manuals, testing
- certificates for players with information
- evaluation committee for how try outs ran, will use existing committee to review as well as evaluators, set parameters for next season
- could use parent input, survey good idea

- feedback with questionnaire
- thanks for the support of the Executive

Motion to accept Executive Reports Allison Cooney, 2nd Dawn Borrelli. CARRIED.

Old Business:

Jersey update, change color & logo?

- cost to change very high, how to raise funds?
- must be across association if done
- working with the Clippers, keep relationship going forward
- go back to old NMHA logo, stay with our colors, first official NMHA team wore these colors
- what is wrong with what we have?
- most associations are coordinated with Junior A team, but not All

Gretzky Rule Change

Program Guidelines

Initiation

This program is designed for beginners ranging in age from 5-6 years. The emphasis is on enjoyment and skill acquisition. The objectives are to have fun, stimulate interest in hockey and a desire to continue participation, develop basic hockey skills and promote physical fitness. Players will be introduced to the concepts of cooperation, sportsmanship and leadership. In order to promote these concepts players will be allowed to score only 3 goals in any one (1) game. Any goal scored after the 3rd will not count, and the player will be removed from the ice for (1) shift. **Required to follow the Wayne Gretzky Policy.**

Initiation A

League - Scoreboard not used and no league standings
 Teams - 11 players per team **maximum**
 Age - Introduction to hockey; generally 5-6 years old but could be older depending on skill level.
 Ice - Half ice with 2 teams using ice at the same time.
 Coaches - Initiation instructors utilizing integrated station approach.
 Travel - At the discretion of the Managing Director and restricted to Vancouver Island.
 Tournaments - Maximum of two tournaments per team.
 Practice to Games **Scrimmages** - After December 1, ratio is 4-4. **1 - 3 ratio.**
 Positions - Goalies and skaters on rotation.
 Buzzers - 3 minute shifts

Initiation B

League - Scoreboard not used and no league standings.
 Teams - 12 players per team. **maximum**
 Age - Generally age 6 and beginning 7 year olds.
 Ice - Half ice with 2 teams using ice at the same time.
 Coaches - Initiation instructors utilizing integrated station approach.
 Travel - At the discretion of the Managing Director and restricted to Vancouver Island.
 Tournaments - Maximum of two tournaments per team.
 Practice to Games **Scrimmages** - Ratio is 4-4. **1 - 3 ratio.**
 Buzzers - 3 minute shifts
 Positions - Goalies and skaters on rotation. Designated goalies may be used at tournaments.

Novice

This program is designed for players ranging in age from 7-8 years. The emphasis is on enjoyment and skill acquisition. The objectives are to have fun, stimulate interest in hockey and a desire to continue participation, develop basic hockey skills and promote physical fitness. Players will be introduced to the concepts of cooperation, sportsmanship and leadership. In order to promote these concepts players will be allowed to score only 3 goals in any one (1) game. Any goal scored after the 3rd will not count, and the player

will be removed from the ice for (1) shift. ~~Required to follow the Wayne Gretzky Policy.~~ Progression to hockey concepts, positional play, expanded. All players will be evaluated in September and placed in appropriate divisions based on skill progression.

Novice A- Minor

Buzzers – change on the fly

League - Scoreboard may be used but no league standings.

Teams - ~~14 players per team.~~ **16 players per team maximum.**

Age - generally age 7 and beginning 8 year olds.

Ice - Full ice with 2 team using ice at the same time.

Coaches - Initiation instructors utilizing integrated station approach and full ice skill drills.

Travel - Association restrictions.

Tournaments - Maximum of two tournaments per team.

Practice to games ratio is ~~1:1.~~ **2-1.** Two referee system for games. **After Dec. 1**

Positions - goalies are encouraged to rotate and participate in goaltending clinics offered by the Association. All skaters on rotation.

Novice B- Major

Buzzers – change on the fly

League – Scoreboard may be used but no league standings

Teams - ~~14 players per team.~~ **16 players per team (14 Players/2 Goalie/player) maximum**

Age – generally 8 year olds. Advanced 7 year olds.

Ice - Full ice with 2 team using ice at the same time.

Coaches - Initiation instructors utilizing integrated station approach and full ice skill drills.

Travel - Association restrictions.

Tournaments - Maximum of two tournaments per team.

Practice to games ratio is 1:1. Two referee system for games. **After Nov. 1**

Positions - goalies are encouraged to rotate and participate in goaltending clinics offered by the Association. Suggested rotation of skaters. ~~Designated goalies may be used.~~ **2 Designated Goaltenders to be used by Jan. 1 per team.**

Wayne Gretzky Policy

In order to promote hockey skills and development of the Initiation and Novice aged players. Any players will be allowed to score only 3 goals in any (1) game.

This policy is in place to promote passing, skill development, and team play. Any goal scored after the 3rd will not count. ~~and the player will be removed from the ice for one shift.~~ **The coach is required to educate the player on the reason to pass, development and team play. If player continues to score more than 3 goals per game the parent and division director may be asked to discuss this policy.**

~~In the novice division, a minor penalty will be assessed to the offending team.~~

Vote to approve changes as written. CARRIED.

New Business:

Rep Assessment Fees – suggest to remain the same as last season - \$3500.00

Motion to approve the rep assessment fees at \$3500.00. Doug Tyce, 2nd Dawn Borrelli. CARRIED.

Development Program – changes to Policy Manual and Programs to bring inline to BCH, VIAHA and NMHA. Dave Bortolotto, Allison, Steve and Dave Beatty to work on it.

- progression for coaches and players
- structure for all divisions, easy to follow
- coach discipline, NMHA has a policy

- strong leadership, need coach meetings, parent meetings
- all recreation teams will have a variety of players from beginners to last released
- coaches need to work with them all
- use ice efficiently, development, use Skills Manuals
- power skating, public skating, learn to skate programs
- coaches can buy extra ice

IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion to adjourn - 9:15pm. Dave Beatty, 2nd Sonya Z. CARRIED.

Next meeting:

NMHA Executive Meeting – November 18, 2009 6:30pm