

**RMMHA
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 4, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. Fraser Room Maple Ridge Library

EXECUTIVE IN ATTENDANCE:

Carolyn Gosling

Blaine Hallman

Derek Gullmes

Roxanne Reid

Scott Falconer (late)

Derek Bedard

Lisa Voncina

Brent Boatter

Evelyn Pederson

Excused: Tony Coombs, Bruce Vasarhely, Nolan Balatti

QUORUM

1. **Motion** to approve minutes from February 16, 2015 – Roxanne. Seconded by Derek G. **Carried**
2. Spring Tournament Update – 42 teams now (1 cancelled on Monday). We are almost ready to go. Help is always appreciated.
3. **Motion** to approve payables in the amount of \$60,866.50 from the general account and \$1,075.28 from the gaming Account – Carolyn. Seconded by Blaine. **Carried**
4. Policy on e-cigarettes needed – there have been instances of players on teams using them in the dressing room. School district has it part of contraband substances. Most municipalities are adding these to their no smoking bylaws. Discussion. Some of the policies will need to be revisited during the off-season and this could be added.
5. Jersey cut off in a medical emergency – Derek G. mentioned a recent incident where the jersey was cut off and a parent has asked about whether their jersey deposit cheque would be cashed or not. Discussion was that the jersey deposit covers if the jersey is lost or mishandled. In this case the jersey deposit cheque should not be cashed. We should write a policy to cover this.
6. Email from member after Awards Ceremony – email was received that night from an award recipient for the 2013-14 season for the Digger Award. Discussion. Derek will send them an apology email.
7. Atom McDonald's Jerseys Design – the order is already in with the old design so Derek G. quickly dealt with him and switched over to a red jersey instead of a white so the whites will go back in as the secondary jersey. McDonald's recommendation is that you keep the first two years and then rotate them through. Ridge Meadows Rustlers leaf on the front is the design.

8. Jerseys for Bantam, Midget and Juvenile for next season – quotes will be coming soon from several sources. Design should be decided first and then quotes obtained. The target is to order in early May.
9. Anthony's Fine Cleaners – sponsorship for jersey cleaning – Derek G. approached this business and they agreed to clean all our jerseys in exchange for some advertising. They will also clean the Evaluation jerseys between A and C evaluations. Probably count it as a \$1,000 level sponsorship and give her the advertising that comes with that level.
10. Awards – for those that weren't at the awards night there are still the awards to get to those winners. Blaine will be at Planet Ice all weekend so can have people notified that they are free to stop by and pick up from him. The awards are in a box in the office.
11. Emergency information for on-ice officials – should we have some way of knowing of any conditions that our on-ice officials may suffer from in case there is an incident so people around the rink would know what to do if something happens. Evelyn suggested that the Referees should be a group on e-pact and fill out the information like the players do. This should be a BC Hockey issue.
12. Team officials entering on-ice officials' dressing room – for next season we should remind our team officials not to knock on the referees' dressing room door for virtually any reason. They can be paid at the scorekeepers' box. Discussion.
13. Victor Bartley and Ben Payne are running their 2nd annual fundraising game and golf event this year. Sometime in June – they have the date but Derek B. didn't know when. They would like to have minor hockey involved too.
14. AGM Preparation discussion - **Motion** that we remove the 10 years from the Life Membership Eligibility – Derek G. Seconded by Blaine. **Carried** The new proposed bylaw would read:

“2.5 Eligibility for Life Membership

In order to be eligible for membership in the Society as a Life Member:

- (a) a Person must have rendered, in the opinion of the Directors, distinctive service to the Society; and
- (b) the Directors must have decided, by Board Resolution with a 2/3 majority vote, to grant such Person a life membership in the Society.”

We will propose this at the AGM as an amendment to the Bylaws.

15. Volunteer Fee – Discussion.

Motion to adjourn – Blaine Seconded by Roxanne. **Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Next Meeting is Sunday, March 22 at Meadow Gardens Golf Course

BOARD REPORTS

James Eccles – Director of Hockey Development:

Tomorrow night I will be at the arena for the PW A1 practice and their year-end player exit meetings. If you need anything let me know or call

- Attended many practices, games and scheduled personal practice requests
 - Administered, scheduled and budgeted the remaining feb development sessions
 - Assisted the PW A1 team through many games and organizing their remaining schedule for year
 - Communicated and collecting the 3rd Quarterly Reports
 - Consistently communicating with coaches regarding playoff/ president series objectives and questions, plans, and coach development
 - Communicating with families in person regarding high performance questions and the BC Hockey steps
 - Communicated with VP admin on updates and changes to spring hockey development times
 - Spring development programming, ice schedule, budget and preparation for instruction schedule is complete and ready to move forward
 - Communicating with BC Hockey on spring/summer associate membership updates, and receiving time to time the plan for evaluating the Dev 1 level coaches next season
 - Collecting, Evaluating and sending in Coach 2 Clinic Verification forms
 - Communicated to all Coaches that need to complete their Post Task workbooks in both Coach 2 and Dev 1 and the process
 - Assisted VP of A and C Hockey on award nominations
 - teaching a new skill development team member, Mike Legg, who played at U. of Michigan/Pro and has been teaching kids over the years
 - Generated more Drill draw drills within each age group, and practice plans
 - Updating video drill library
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Roxanne Reid – Hockey 1 to 4 Director and Communications:

Great response to the weekend's Awards Night! Lots of people really appreciated the new format and would love to see this happen again. Nice job Derek in putting this together!

H1-4

League Games wrapped up this past weekend and any teams with tournaments left should be wrapped up by March 24.

Jersey return instructions have been sent out to all teams

Team Budget Reconciliation instructions has been sent to all teams today along with reminder to send Referee Record Sheets and Pink sheets in.

Communications

Our Facebook page has 419 followers! This has more than doubled in growth this year which is great.

Website was ranked as the 4th best in North America using the Sport Ngjin page which is also another positive.

Getting lots of inquiries about Spring Development - hoping that I can get some info to post on the website this week....

Sending in Awards lists to papers today with some photos so hoping we get some coverage there.

Evelyn Pederson – VP of Administration:

I have nothing of note to report for Wednesday's meeting.

Derek Gullmes – VP of C Hockey:

It's been a busy last couple weeks...

Awards night

Seemed well received by those in attendance. I asked the room if they would support a 'banquet' type of year end event w/Dinner, etc... the response was positive! Thinking this may be do-able for next season. Thank you to all of you for your contributions to making this night happen... it was a scramble... but it happened! Special thanks to Evelyn for contacting all the winners/nominees... Carolyn for helping through the venue change,etc... Roxanne for managing the event sign-up... and all those present for the evening – you all were a big help.

Jerseys

A couple of things on this front... firstly, one of our players was removed from the ice by paramedics, and they cut his jersey off, making it unusable. The parent's want to know if they are responsible to pay for the jersey or not. I don't recall dealing with this previously, so we'll need to make a decision on how to handle this moving forward. Secondly, I'm working with AtomC regarding the look/layout for next year's jerseys. I plan to incorporate the 'leaf' logo, and switch to Red jerseys. Thirdly... our approved budget for next season included purchasing jerseys for Bantam, Midget & Juvy... I'd like to finalize the design of these jersey soon so we can get them ordered. Lastly... It looks like I managed to find a sponsor that will clean ALL of our jerseys at year-end, and evaluation jerseys between the 'A' tryouts and 'C' evaluations. In exchange for sponsorship benefits, 'Anthony's Fine Cleaners' will be handling this starting this season! They will launder them and hang them on hangers for us... we will have to make some arrangements as far as getting them back-and-forth... but our athletes will at least have clean jerseys to use!

Drama

There has been plenty of 'drama' surrounding a few teams this season, and I have recently had meetings with some individuals and some teams regarding the 'drama'. Most of this is 'noise'... but some has been concerning. As it is the end of the season, for the most part I have asked people to just survive the next couple weeks, and finish out the season in a positive manner. Communication is generally at the core of these matters... Looking to next season, it may be necessary to host parent meetings, coach meetings, etc... to make sure the information we need them to have gets through... Large time commitment, however, to make this happen.

Athletix Fundraiser

It appears we are finally finished with this!! We drew for the larger prizes at the Awards night... The overall highest ticket seller was in the building to receive his iPad... he was pretty happy! Pizza parties

have all been distributed... as far as I know, booking are going smoothly, parties are happening! Big thanks to Electra Pizza for donating ALL the parties... we will be providing them with some sponsorship benefits in exchange for the donation.

Banners

A number of our teams within the 'C' division have received and/or are playing banner games this week. Congratulations to them all... I will leave it to the Div Directors to discuss the specific teams.

Midget Scholarship game

We are hosting a game on Tuesday evening for this annual event. I have anthem singers (and Carolyn as backup!), Nolan has agreed to DJ, I have Bruce, Derek B, Nick Boorman that have agreed to be MVP selectors, but need 3 more... I will do it, if necessary, so will need at least 2 more. Let me know if you or someone you know can help.

See you on Wednesday!

Tony Coombs – Bantam Midget Director:

Currently working with the teams in both divisions to work on getting their Pink game sheets submitted for verification as well as team financial reports completed and bank accounts closed off in a timely fashion.

Bantam:

With the season coming to a close many of the teams have had success in different ways throughout the season. Whether it be Bantam C1 winning silver in their tournament in Penticton this past January or Bantam C3 playing for the banner on Thursday night, we have all benefited from different levels of success.

Midget:

A special congratulations to the following Midget players who were nominated for the Midget Scholarship Tournament:

- Liam Dhillon (F)
- Malcolm Cooke (F)
- Nicholas Bennett (D)
- Jeff Pym (F/D)
- Jacob Maddigan (F/D)
- Joseph (Dane) Frizzell (F)
- Martin Anderson (F)
- Gage Arksey (F)
- Mick Jackson (G)
- Brennan Mund (F)
- Chris Sonea (D)(Alternate)
- Nick McMorran (F) (Alternate)

This year's team head coach for FVN is Glen Mund who coached Midget C2 this year.

Carolyn Gosling – Secretary Treasurer:

Hello everyone,

I am absolutely swamped with Tournament preparation as well as other board duties. Can't think straight so nothing at this time to report.

Will forward payables list and bank balances before the meeting sometime - sorry but still need to go to the Bookkeeper to pick up the cheques and payables report.

Scott Falconer – President:

I would like to extend a very big 'thank you' to Carolyn, Roxanne, Derek G (and anyone else I may be missing) for putting in a huge effort in organizing the recent RMMHA awards night. It was a very positive step in the right direction for our organization in recognizing our athletes and volunteers, while enjoying a night away from the rink for a very positive event.

Also, a huge 'thank you' to Carolyn and Blaine and all their assistants in organizing the upcoming Hometown Hero tournament.

Lastly, 'thank you' to Derek G, Blaine, Derek B, James, Nolan, and PCAHA for organizing the Midget 'C' scholarship tournament that took place this past Tuesday March 3. And a special 'thank you' to the choir members that were so kind enough to come out and offer a very talented performance of our national anthem.

It definitely takes a lot of effort to put on worthy events. Hopefully we can continue to grow our volunteer participation to continue to take positive steps forward in putting on various tournaments and events we can all be proud of.

I attended the second workshop for the community sports strategy initiative. These meetings are organized by the city/Parks and Leisure services and are attended by the various athletic and leisure groups from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. They have brought in a number of very insightful speakers and educators to assist the communities in working towards educating everyone on physical literacy and how to best move forward in organizing ourselves in achieving positive improvements to foster increased and beneficial physical activity.

I am continuing to work with James on structuring the format and schedule for the spring development sessions. Part of the focus of this is to make it attractive to all our membership by making it financially reasonable as well as scheduling the sessions in a convenient manner in hopes of maximizing attendance, making it as convenient as possible for our families.

I have been attempting to not itemize this next comment, but I am truly dismayed at the number of occurrences and displays of negative and unacceptable behaviour on the part of our membership, including the athletes, volunteers, coaches, parents, etc. Even one instance is unacceptable in my opinion, but these instances have gotten out of hand. They must stop. I encourage everyone of us to take whatever opportunities present themselves to speak with our friends and associates within our organization to engage in positive dialogue to help eliminate negative behaviour that only takes away from our young athletes enjoyment of the game. We are not leading by example.