

Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association

September 21, 2021 Minutes

Attendance: Lauri Neufeld (President), Allan Gornall (Asst to 1st Vice), Luisa Perry (2nd Vice), Tish Kristensen (Asst to 2nd Vice), Ken Gillis (Director at Large), Trevor Pritoula (Director at Large), Terra Brown (Treasurer), Beth Matthews (Secretary), Melissa Berrigan (Ice Coordinator), Simon Morgan (Registrar), James Harvie (Coach Coordinator), Cori Lally (Rep Director)

Regrets: Jordan Kamprath (1st Vice) Matt Williams (RIC)

Call To Order: 6:33PM

Additions to Agenda – U11 concerns

Adoption of Agenda: Ken Gillis/Tish Kristensen **All in favor**

Approval of August 17th Minutes: Trevor Pritoula/Luisa Perry **All in favor**

Outstanding Items: None

Approved Email Motions between meeting dates:

1. Motion Tish/Seconded Luisa - to accept the two U18 applicants (Melissa Berrigan and Alix Carrell) as Division Managers for U18 Recreational - 2021 / 22 season. **All in favor**
2. Motion Tish/ Seconded Luisa – to accept the two U11 applicants as Division Managers for the U11 recreational season (Mike and Richelle Davey) **All in favor**

President:

Attended VIAHA executive meeting on September 12 – had to declare teams – originally scheduled two U11 Development teams with hopes of getting extra players, but due to the fact that there were only two goalies, could only have one team. U13 has two rep teams, U15 has one rep team, and U18 has one rep team. Every year teams have to be declared by second week of September - the number of teams for competitive and recreational. Pay for each competitive team to play – around \$650 per team.

COVID return to play should be able to stay in stage 3 all season. Mask policy came out and was sent to members. Some arenas have made it mandatory to wear masks U11 (regardless of age) and up.

HCR 3.0 is not working properly. Handbooks will be coming soon. We get paper copies because a hard copy in coaches' bag makes it easier for coaches to access and review.

Parent respect in sport will be due by October 31. Sportsmanship in the Stands will also have to be completed.

U11 Development was looking for a new commissioner – posted for 18 months and no one applied. VIAHA was in a position that they would not be able to run the division, but

managed to get a non-parent volunteer out of Kerry Park.

U18 Tier 2 and Tier 3 championship are looking for supervisors at the end of March. Position includes being at the arena for a week.

BC hockey has a new incentive program for female players in their programs, – goal is to have every female player walk out with Coach 1, Coach 2 and Development 1 – BC hockey will pay for this.

Coach 1, Coach 2 and Development 1 will be virtual. Development part 2 will be in person. New HCR – anyone who wants to be a brand new referee cannot register because at this time they cannot get into HCR. Hopefully they can get it fixed soon.

Reminder that new players in U7 must be five by December 31 to register; otherwise they are technically an underage player.

Jordan will be stepping down as 1st Vice and Allan Gornall will step into the role. Will need an assistant to 1st vice. Had two people that were interested and one-stepped back. The position is advertised until September 24, 2021.

1st Vice:

Still getting a breakdown of the position of 1st Vice – Jordan is supporting in the role.

Attended the hockey ops meeting – want to ensure that CVMHA is supporting division managers around COVID concerns.

Rebranding committee has met once and will meet again on October 6, 2021. Individual taking a lead role who has some experience supporting rebranding. Dallas will provide some cost estimates. Reaching out to other associations that have went through rebranding for advice regarding process.

U11 development process – there were some concerns around the process submitted to CVMHA. There was a discussion between some of the executive prior to the meeting, that the two players who came to try out late should be reimbursed their try out fees as they were released shortly after they came to try out to support efforts to create two teams.

Development ice – the hope is that the U11 players that were released will get to develop. There is an opportunity to develop these players moving forward. Should solicit advice around interest. Tried very hard to make this work to have two teams – was not for a lack of effort.

Motion - Allan/Terra to give two players back try out cost of \$150, as they did not attend all ice sessions during tryouts **All in favor**

Coaching Coordinator: There would have to be a gage in interest for the U11 extra development ice, not viable to only have 11 skaters out. Would be nice to invite all the U11 recreation players interested in developing. All-star tournament in Powell River is an opportunity to develop players and something for players to look forward to and work towards.

James to contact Powell River to ensure that they are still having the All-star tournament.

Director at large: There is a natural progression in coaching - from coaching the B team to the A team.

If there were a cost associated with development ice for U11 this would ensure you get the players who are serious about further development.

Exit interviews are not allowed in person due to COVID19.

All volunteers in the executive and those volunteering for CVMHA are doing their best to address concerns and have good communication with members.

2nd Vice:

Spend last month working with sponsors. All sponsor bars are all sewn on the proper jerseys. Last sponsor was confirmed this morning for the last novice team. New sponsor bars are all ordered. Received letter from the Legion for sponsor. Raffle tickets have been picked up – will be ready to start October 15, 2021.

Directors at Large:

There has been much confusion around the vaccine passport. Would like the venue to complete vaccine checks, but Glacier Gardens has put the responsibility on user groups.

Fundraising – what is permissible this year. Fundraising allowed (including bottle drives), but will need to follow all stage 3 COVID guidelines, social distancing, sanitize and wear masks.

COVID Committee:

Hopeful we will remain in stage 3 this season. Confirmed COVID positive cases could look to the COVID Committee for general information and the health authority will manage contact tracing. We should be staying away from the arena when we are sick. There is a process in the health authority regarding contact tracing. Trying to develop information for members of association.

Ken to review COVID document and then send to Simon for distribution to division managers around guidelines.

Ice Coordinator:

Team managers should connect with Division managers around ice and Division managers will then connect with Ice Coordinator – this reduces the amount of communication. Every schedule was requested by CVRD for the scheduling of staff to check COVID vaccine cards. We have another VIAHA Female Impact team requesting ice, might be some shuffling of ice to make this work.

Treasurer: Nothing to report

Coach Coordinator:

“Welcome to coaching” – looking at a hyperlink to make it easy for coaches to find everything. Would be nice to create a link for coaches to apply on the website in the future. Many things in the coaching lockers for skill development. Every team has a coach. Was really difficult getting evaluators this year. Scrutineers were included in the per diem budget.

REP Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Registrar:

Converted to team snap. 556 players on team snap - registration. Two rep tournaments cancelled – U11 Tier 2 and U15 Tier 2 as CVMHA has no Tier 2 teams in those divisions. First shift has a few applicants so far but still lots of time for new registrations – Jan 15. Boxes of jerseys worked well for tryouts, some feedback on how to make them more efficient for evaluators.

Have one International player U18 from Mexico.

Adjourn: 8:50PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 19 @ 6:30 (SC1 Aquarium)