

**Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association
December 19, 2023 Executive Minutes**

Attendance: Ken Dunsire (President), Allan Gornall (1st Vice), Tish Kristensen (Asst to 2nd Vice/Rep Director), Andrew Robb (Director at Large), Trevor Pritoula (Director at Large), Terra Brown (Treasurer), Beth Matthews (Secretary), Melissa Berrigan (Ice Coordinator), Simon Morgan (Registrar), Cam Knox (Coach Coordinator), Jacob Hill (RIC)

Regrets: Dallas MacDonald (Asst to 1st Vice)

Call To Order: 6:36PM

Additions to Agenda: None

Adoption of Agenda: Beth Matthews/Tish Kristensen **All in favor**
Approval of November 19 Minutes: Beth Matthews /Tish Kristensen **All in favor**

Outstanding Items: None

President: Positive feedback around the “Way we play” document – shared with many people who are very optimistic that this document will be put into place. The document will contain a section regarding the person in the Jersey and as well as a skills component. There will be five pillars for review – may have four open houses in January to build out the “Way we play”. Will need two volunteers to host two skills open houses to contribute to the “Way we play”. Will need to complete a blue print. Guardrails around inappropriate conduct – hockey players that behave in an unacceptable manner will face further supplementary discipline from the President. Players want to know about the boundaries and what is acceptable and what is not. Have shared these guardrails with other MHA’s and VIAHA – has been well received. Have talked to the U18 T1 team about these Guardrails and the player’s responsibilities. Will always consider the individual player and have conversations prior to supplementary discipline. Swearing could face suspension. Discussion around the guardrails and a potential code of conduct. Universal statement is that we have not had peoples back in the association – we now have their backs. It is about the person first – developing the person. Can impact and influence change for these players.

Registrar: Respect in sport has almost been completed – only two outstanding. BC Hockey bench staff qualifications are almost completed. First Shift is almost dispersed – most players have been placed through out the association. Would be nice to set some ice aside next year at the end of First Shift for the players. Sent out two motions last month. Talked to Team snap – would like to add rep player fees through team snap – this is possible. Would need someone to take this role on.

Motion Terra Brown/Tish Kristensen: to accept the \$500 cost for the tournament team snap application for the 2024/25 season. **All in Favor**

Motion Terra Brown/Tish Kristensen: Gaming Licences will be available to all teams under the following guidelines: Prior to applying for Gaming Licence(s) a Budget will be submitted and approved by the Treasurer. This budget will include projected Gaming Revenue Income for the season. Maximum number of Gaming Licence per year for any team will be four (4). Any Licences above this will require Executive approval. Funds received from gaming will only be used for payment of registration for Provincial Away Tournaments, additional player development costs including ice and skills coaching and Year-end activities. The maximum length of gaming licence is not to exceed 30 days. Only Gaming applications that are currently in use by the Association will be applied for. All in favor

Motion Terra Brown/Tish Kristensen: Regarding registration Payment and Fees: The Executive will be responsible for the setting of fees for basic registration, competitive team tryouts including competitive team fees as well as optional training pay program fees prior to each season. Team Snap is to be used in all instances when registering. A minimum deposit as set by the Association will be required by all registrants at the time of registration. A repayment structure is available to those wishing to defer up to a maximum of three (3) months. Last payment in all cases of deferral must be received no later than Dec 1 each year. Any payments rejected shall bear a \$25.00 fine for recovery and time. Should any payment fall in arrears by 2 payments the Executive will be advised immediately. The player (parent) is responsible for any application to "Kid Sport", "Jump Start" and "Hockey Canada Assist". Confirmation of approval is required if payment is not to be received prior to the start of the season. All in favor

Motion Terra Brown/Tish Kristensen: The third family member to register will receive \$150 off their registration. First shift participants will also receive \$150 off off their registration costs. All in favor

Ice Allocator: Last two referee clinics sat with black ice – will need to confirm the ice in the future.

Very important for everyone to understand that Ice is built months in advance.

Just finished pushing out January to March ice to everyone.

The problem with teams wanting to invite non-rostered players to a minor hockey ice sheet to skate is that they are not insured. The ice can be cancelled and held. Someone can pick up the hold on the ice sheet and the team can pick up the booking privately. Ice users pay for ice over the break.

Coach coordinator: Female development is growing. Having discussions with Rod Braithwaite to get Canucks (Kirk Mclean) to a few practices on the February 11 & 12. Coaches have all been certified.

Discussion around having live barn in the arena – further discussion will be needed once costs are sourced.

REP Director: U15 off to the Pat Quinn. U13 team is holding their home tournament January 5-7.

Requests for rep ice need to come from Tish and from there will be sent to Melissa.

Rep fees were due December 15.

RIC: Some referees need experience and are willing to learn. Would like video so that our referees can learn. Have talked to our referees about talking to each other prior to the game.

Female officiating week (Queens Cup in Powell River 10-12th) have two females participating – will receive guidance from senior officials.

Crown Isle was used as a venue for our referee clinics – may look towards using another less expensive venue in the future.

1st Vice: Minor Hockey appreciation night is tonight – wear your jersey and get into the Glacier Kings game for free.

Reminded that we need to have a good way to celebrate volunteers at year-end.

Discussion around the extra guard rails as put forth by President.

Live Barn- would be great to partner with the CVRD to get this into place. Allan to source costs around Live barn.

February 11 from 5:30-6:45 anti-vaping presentation by the Glacier Kings.

Assistant to 1st Vice: Regrets

2nd Vice: Vacant

Assistant to 2nd Vice: Raffle - prizes will be awarded on Friday. Would like to do a test using an online 50/50 in the future.

38 hampers were filled by CVMHA families.

Discussion around sponsorship and ideas moving forward – will be discussing this further at the next executive meeting.

Treasurer: Tournaments and rep fees are all coming in – will be working to ensure all is in order.

December reports will be brought to the next executive meeting.

Would like to get the budget meeting happening early in the New Year.

Treasurer will not be returning next year – will need to start to recruit someone now to allow time for learning.

Kirk has been doing a great job as bookkeeper.

January 18 is the date to pay to loan back – pay back \$40000 and the government pays the other \$20000. Will initiate that payment soon to ensure it is paid in a timely manner.

Directors at Large: Trevor: First shift was completed and very well received. Used about half of the budget \$275. Sent out some options to the participants to continue playing hockey in community as well as our association.

Discussion around a Title sponsor. Ken suggests having an official hotel, restaurant and supplier.

Andrew: Buddy Check will be held after the next Hockey Ops meeting.

Adjourn: 8:25 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 16 @ 6:30 (SC1 Aquarium)