

**Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association
June 18, 2024 Executive Minutes**

Attendance: Lauri Neufeld (Past President), Luisa Perry (1st Vice), Tish Kristensen (Asst to 2nd Vice/Rep Director), Trevor Pritoula (Director at Large), Andrew Robb (Director at Large), Beth Matthews (Secretary), Melissa Berrigan (Ice Coordinator), Cam Knox (Coach Coordinator), Simon Morgan (Registrar), Terra Brown (Past Treasurer)

Regrets: Dallas MacDonald (Asst to 1st Vice), Jacob Hill (RIC)

Call To Order: 5:34 PM

Additions to Agenda: Female directors, Survey update

Adoption of Agenda: Luisa Perry/Tish Kristensen

All in favor

Approval of May 21 Minutes: Luisa Perry/Tish Kristensen

All in favor

Outstanding Items: None

President: Vacant

Registrar:

BC Hockey Congress updates/expense:

- The congress was scaled back this year, however still beneficial to attend. Hockey Canada and BC Hockey in attendance.
- Pat McLoughlin from Operations Hockey Canada discussed past, present and future for Hockey Canada and had discussed changing the name and a cultural shift. Hockey Canada has spent a significant amount on legal fees. Hockey Canada is looking at increasing per player fee from \$3.00 to \$4.00.
- Participant Experience / Growth and Retention - Scott Fern Hockey Canada discussed participant experience, and the importance of fun.
- Hockey Canada can start to get us some statistical information. There has been an increase in girls' hockey by 13 % and 4 % for boys, however hockey players are down overall by 5% since COVID. 50% of players leaving continue to play hockey however play elsewhere. More competitive streams 50% of those that have left and indicate they would return if programs enhanced or improved. 38% leave to non-sanctioned leagues and 25% leave to be in a more competitive league.
- Salmon arm talked about changing practices – moved practices to 90 minutes time slots and blending teams into practices.
- BC Hockey and Hockey Canada has agreed to allow referees in non-sanctioned leagues to ref minor hockey. Seemed to steer away from conversations about non-sanctioned leagues. Discussion around referees getting credit with school.

Motion Luisa Perry/Tish Kristensen: Any travel costs greater than \$500 must be pre-approved by the Executive in advance by motion with the exception of the Presidents travel to VIAHA meetings. Travel reimbursements re: a)\$20.00 for breakfast, \$25.00 for lunch, \$35.00 for dinner unless the meal is provided at the event or by the hotel. Receipts are not required for these items. B) Ferry costs for the vehicle and the official(s) (receipts required). C) Hotel room expenses (This is

to be a basic room and does not include movies, telephone calls, room service or any cost above the basic hotel room). The room should be either at the venue of the event or a 3.5 (out of 5) star rating hotel. Receipts are required. D) Personal vehicle travel will be reimbursed at .50 per km from the officials' home to the hotel and return. A log of travel is required. E) Flights, car rentals: Where the traveler can demonstrate that the cost of a flight and a car rental or taxi will be within \$250.00 of the total costs of taking a personal vehicle, they may use this option. F) The traveller shall complete the travel expense form as prepared by the Association and submit to the treasurer within 30 days of the event. G) Any other expenses will require approval in advance by the Executive. Travel expenses submitted after the 30-day period will not be considered. All in Favor

- Team Snap Review and Launch has been smooth thus far. Have had approximately 320 registrations thus far. Female hockey is almost full. Female development is very full. Every program sold out in three days. Six players have registered from out of community.
- Claire Hughson would like to attend all executive meetings as female coordinator.
- Survey request has been put onto team snap.
- Recreational coaches posting has been put out on website and social media.
- 1st Shift Discount (2023-2024 players) – first shift players have not been offered a discount for registration through team snap.
- Tournament cost per division – all have been signed off and will send off to VIAHA and BC Hockey. Will need a decision regarding costs at the next executive meeting after allowing time to review financials.
- Bardown Apparel – sent out information for discussion.
- Email sent to the registrar regarding Elevate hockey and requesting advertising on the CVMHA website. CVMHA would be endorsing these programs and therefore would need to ensure qualifications etc. - therefore the decision made not to advertise programs on the website.

Ice Allocator:

- Cannot commit to anything at this time regarding rep ice due to the zone teams. Will not be able to offer any more ice to the program due to lack of ice availability.
- Have built the tournaments, however the CVRD has sent this back with amendments to be made. CVMHA's hands are tied around ice.
- This has been the first year that CVRD did not host an ice meeting – each year has been increasingly more challenging around ice.
- During the week during school hours it has not been challenging, as CVMHA is not using this ice.

Coach coordinator:

- Sent out requests for coaches on social media
- Coaches for the zone teams have been selected: U13 Denis Ballantine, U15 Rob Voltera, U18 Jordan Rauser
- Will be looking for assistant coaches for the zone teams
- Larry could potentially come to support our RIC.

REP Director:

- Changes to Rep have included the introduction of zone teams. The number of players selected from each community determines where the team will be hosted. The team will be rostered in that association and practices will be held in that community. Fees will go to that association.
- CVMHA will be hosting the zone team tryouts in August and evaluators will be provided by Ken Miyoshi to ensure that evaluators are neutral.
- CVMHA will offer players the ability to try out at a T2 level.
- Will be putting together an information package regarding the zone team to distribute to the association as members have many questions.
- Discussion regarding using TeamGenius to track stats over time. Campbell River uses TeamGenius during tryouts and it could potentially be brought up here for evaluations. Could be a challenge due to Wi-Fi here.
- U18 storage container (Terra) – was donated and Richard Deluca had organized it. There was no payment last year (donated), but will have to check in to see if this is still the case.
- Nides program ran last year was mandatory and was supported by High Caliber (Skill Development) – looking for feedback for next year.
- Will be contacting Happys regarding jersey cost should we need to purchase jerseys for next season.
- Have put together apparel stores with Happys for each user group within CVMHA that would act as a fundraiser for our association and has no cost to the association. There is also the option to purchase rep gear.

Motion Tish Kristensen/Luisa Perry: To launch the Flyer/Bears/Lightning store with Happys Source for Sports with a portion of the proceeds going to the CVMHA. All in favor

RIC: Regrets

- Referee Budget and update sent to executive.
- North Island District Officiating Director, Chris CANUEL, has stepped down. This has affected when the referee clinics will be held.

1st Vice:

- Election of officers – the executive committee held 3 interviews for Presidents' position and 4 interviews for second vice position.
- Family requesting reimbursement has returned their jersey. They are requesting fee reimbursement, as the player did not play due to medical issues. The family made the request after CVMHA policy states the player may get reimbursed. Will investigate further and bring back to the next executive meeting.
- Volunteer Fair – July 9 @ 6:30 in the aquarium. Will be sent out on social media. Have job descriptions put together in an attempt to break up the time commitment of volunteers.
- Survey – have had 60 people respond thus far. The survey is completely anonymous.
- Reports – In ringuette everyone submits a report prior to a meeting – increases efficiency and decreases time of the meeting. Secretary will request reports to be sent out by Sunday prior to the executive meeting on a trial basis.

Assistant to 1st Vice: Regrets

2nd Vice: Vacant

Assistant to 2nd Vice: Nothing to report

Treasurer: Vacant

Terra:

- Continue to meet with Kirk the bookkeeper to ensure he has a really good understanding moving forward.
- Deficit last year – need to be very clear around expectations from volunteers, coaches etc and be fiscally responsible.
- Important to follow the budget next season and ensure that everyone is supportive of the treasurer.
- Discussion around fundraising and sponsorship – ensuring that all funds come through CVMHA. Will need to decide what sponsorship looks like moving forward.

Directors at Large: Trevor:

- CVRD plaque presentation on June 25 at the commission meeting – Trevor will be attending to present the plaque.
- CVMHA ice availability issues/needs – will be communicating our struggles to the CVRD.

Andrew: Nothing to report.

Adjourn: 8:59PM

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

In Camera

New president elected - votes 4:1 in favor of Jason Rae. Voting ballads will be destroyed.

New 2nd vice elected - votes 5-0 in favor of Lance Petty. Voting ballads will be destroyed.