

MISSION MINOR HOCKEY
AGM MINUTES
May 1, 2014
HERITAGE PARK CAFETORIUM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The 2014 Agenda was adopted and approved
(Rick/Doug)

APPROVED

II. MINUTES

The minutes from the May 2013 AGM were adopted and approved
(Rick/Troy)

APPROVED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

BC Hockey AGM- June 20-22 2014 in Penticton
PCAHA AGM- May 25th 2014 in Surrey

IV. REPORTS

IV.1. President's Report

This year was a challenge with the number of issues that came up and with hosting the BC Championships for Bantam tier 2. With a new managing director with PCAHA there were regular meetings with FVE Presidents and a number of ideas and issues were shared and dealt with. FVE Presidents agreed to use the double blind draft for all C teams in the coming season which should help in the balancing of teams within associations and within in the league. I thought with the mandatory MMHA Exec presence at all first rep team meetings there was less issues that came up with most of them. There still issues but at least you could refer to the meeting where everything was covered off and all agreed to. Going forward with all positions and teams there needs to be better communication and communication with the parents of the players.

Below I've outlined some areas that I'd like to touch on.

MEETINGS

It was noted last year that meetings are very important and needed to have 100% attendance.

- Executive for the most part had good attendance and for those that didn't attend reports to update the group were not always completed. This was a communication breakdown that leads to issues with updating membership and can cause issues. Those that have decided that they bit off too much in volunteering for an executive position should ask for help of step down.
- There were areas that MMHA Exec could have done better at to raise funds for MMHA and this should be discussed at first meeting in May to make sure the same mistakes don't happen again.
- Manager's meeting this year was the second year in a row were we had 100% attendance from all teams. The information that is covered for the most part is followed. I think that maybe going over some of the more important PCAHA rules at this meeting would help. There were a number of questions and issues around automatic suspensions and they are clearing listed in the PCAHA book. The PCAHA team managers meetings will be changed this coming season due to outcome from FVE President's meetings. It was thought that some of it is a waste and other areas were we get the most questions on in the season should be covered more.
- Parent meetings at the start of the season run by Head Coach Coordinator were good. There was a little attendance drop in these from the previous year. It would be great if we could get more feedback on these both from the parents attending and the Head Coach coordinator.
- Coach exit meetings didn't take place this season as Head Coach Coordinator didn't finish off the season due to other commitments. This is something that I hope the new executive evaluates and decides to continue in the coming season.
- This season was the first year that we started off with a coach appreciation night. It was very well received from coaches and a great night to honor the coaches that volunteer year after year to coach. There were a number of goodies handed out and great prize draws.
- Team meetings went well with MMHA Executive presence at each rep meeting and also at a few C team meetings as requested. The Bantam C team there was MMHA Executive and the Head Coach coordinator in attendance. This was a disappointing year for this team as they didn't have a regular head coach for some time and needed extra coaching due to limited skill. They did finally get some additional assistance but still a very hard year for the players and parents on this team. MMHA should really take a better look at

rep teams, as this division should have had only one rep team and two house teams. I know it's easy to look back and say that but we should take the extra time next year in determining rep teams in all divisions. We need to make sure that we are doing the right thing for all players in the division and not just the 15-17 players out of the 50 in the division.

- One meeting that I wanted to have this year but never got around to it was parent meetings about rules. There are a number of uncertified coaches in the stands that do not know the rules. This is causing more and more yelling at our officials and causing more and more issues. FVE Presidents meet once a month and our most troubled division is our Atom division for the last two years. The parents/uncertified coaches are getting worse each year and something needs to be done to stop this. I can see this moving now into Peewee as these parents go forward with their children and Peewee will be an issue this year. How do you educate this group of parents? Would they come to sessions to update them on the rules? This I believe is something that MMHA needs to look at to stop the yelling and abuse of officials and others.

COACHES

We have a number of great coaches in this association and we need to all work together as one. One thing that goes to me this year again was the use of affiliate players. Our coaches all say in their interview process that they plan on using players from lower teams (A2 or C teams) in practices and games to improve their development. This is not happening as much as I believe we should and our players are not being pushed and given the additional development that many of them want.

- There were a number of coach issues this year that required I do player/parent interviews to find out what is going on. From this there were some very hard decisions to be made and I think the ones that were made were correct for the player. The player was my top priority and should be MMHA focus not the parents. Reason I took the time with these player/parent meetings was to hear from the kids how they felt. I get a number of phone calls and emails from parents telling me how they feel things should be but not from the players. In these interviews I got to really hear from them how they felt and what input they had and it was a huge eye opener on what these players had told me.
- Coach exit interviews didn't take place this year as our Head Coach Coordinator didn't finish off the year. This is something that I found very useful to hear the feedback from the coaches and for them to hear our feedback on the year.
- Once again this year there was a lot of negative coming from some coaches. This results in the players getting more negative and not developing, as they should. Coaches need to be mentors for these players and act as such. There are some coaches that should not be back coaching unless there are big changes in their attitude towards coaching and the development of the players. If the coach acts like an ass chances are the players are going to do the same.
- Player and coach development. We continued this year with Todd Geddes that coached the players and mentored the coaches. Once again we had great positive feedback from the coaches on having Todd out assisting them. Todd also helped out in taking over a team this year, which was a huge asset to get these players all back on track. Todd has three years still that he has committed to MMHA, which is great, and I feel that this will be a huge benefit to MMHA in the long run.
- Coach selection started off very slow this past year and very late not like in past years. We need to get on this and I think that giving this off to the Head Coach coordinator and their senior and junior coordinators was a mistake. We were still doing interviews just prior to tryouts in August. In the past we had these all done and coaches appointed by the end of June. The house teams were not done at all and our 1st and 2nd VP's had to step in and take over appointing coaches for house team. This is something new that MMHA Exec was sold and I believe it should be looked at right after the new exec get together for their first meeting.
- I feel that parent/coach issues need to come forward to 1st or 2nd VP and be dealt with from the top down. Top being the VP's, then the Head Coach Coordinator (senior and junior also) and then the coach. Issues need to be addressed with ASAP so that they don't grow legs and get worse. MMHA Exec needs to drive this and not the Head Coach coordinator. If coaches have questions with coaching this is where they should go but if there are parents/players issues that could escalate they need to be addressed with VP's.
- We had one paid coach this year, which was paid by higher rep fees for the team that had the paid non-parent coach. I feel from my player/parent interviews that this was worth it this season and the team did very well. This is something that the new exec may want to look into a little more at their first meeting.

MANAGERS

The only issues that I have seen this year are the lack of communication to the parents, understanding of the suspension rules and the affiliate rules. These are things that I hope MMHA will have explained in their policy manual and also in having the managers making themselves familiar with the PCAHA rulebook. This could also help if the parents were educated with this information also. MMHA puts all of this information on its website for any of the members to look at and is also available on the PCAHA site.

PARENTS

One thing that I wanted to do with the parents was education them about rules so that we'd cut down on the yelling at officials as there seems to be a gap in knowledge here. This is the area of most concern with MMHA this year once again. Parents really need to realize that it's their children's time to play and is all about their children and not them. It's just a game and let the kids play and have fun. The yelling in the stands is not setting a good example for

our players and does nothing to help the outcome of the game. I joined the Mission Sports Council this year

and one of the other Presidents from another sports had a great idea. Any parent that continues to yell negatively at a game should be banned from watching. They add nothing to the game and make it a negative environment for our children so why should we allow this? Something for membership and the executive to look at in coming years as I don't see this improving anytime soon.

SUCSESSES

We had a couple teams this year come home with banners which was at about the same as last season. A number of teams did come home with either gold or silver in various tournaments that our teams attended over the year. MMHA and our Bantam A1 team hosted the BC Championships for Bantam Tier 2. It was a huge success and every team that attended had nothing but great things to say. This was a huge team effort by the Bantam A1 parents and they worked very well together as a team. Our Bantam A1 team went 4-0 in the BC Championships but could not get things done in the semi finals and finished fourth out of ten teams. In the Gold Medal game of the BC Championships in Mission we had an all-Mission official team. Great work by our RIC to get this team there and represent Mission. The new tournament formula that a member on the executive came up with was a great idea and was received well by the teams and tournament committee.

IN CLOSING

I'd like to thank the MMHA Executive and the many people that did step up this year and volunteer in the many positions that it takes to run this association. I wish the new executive the best of luck and I'll be around to assist with questions. I know that you'll do a great job as most of the people that step up to volunteer on the executive have the players as their top focus and it should be. I do want to be part of the coach selection committee if possible as I have unfinished business in this area.

IV.2. 1st Vice President's Report

This past season was my 2nd year as 1st VP and once again it was an eye-opener and learning experience. In my opinion, MMHA is a gold mine for minor hockey and with some improvements; I believe we have a bright future in terms of competing and developing strong and skilled hockey players. The Initiation & Atom group have a ton of potential moving forward.

I believe that as an executive, development has got to be at the root of all decision making and this is what I attempted to do during my term.

Currently there are a lot of hard working people behind the scenes to make MMHA run smoothly who do not get the credit they deserve for the volunteer hours they give to all members of MMHA. We have amazing volunteers in Mission who carry a very big workload on top of running their lives and families away from the arena. I encourage more of our membership to get involved and help build a bigger stronger association. My hope is that any people who saw deficiencies in MMHA and how it was run attend the AGM and get involved and be part of the solution instead of the problem. This will help the volunteers we do have that give much of their valuable time away.

The beginning of the season was very labor intensive with long hours spent in the arena overseeing tryouts, evaluations and team selection, and recruiting coaches.

Overall the season went well! There are some key issues that I believe need to be addressed moving forward.

Rep teams

The most controversial decision MMHA executive made was to have A2 teams in every division. All members of the executive approved this unanimously. The best example of this was in Bantam. Bantam C struggled this year winning only a few games, while Bantam A2 won the President's Series banner and was the most successful of missions A2 programs. There were more balanced results in Peewee and Midget because some highly skilled kids opted to play house hockey, which raised the skill level. From a results perspective A2 teams make it difficult for the C teams to compete, but from a development perspective, many players developed, new leaders emerged on the C teams and some players whom have never had the opportunity to play rep hockey received that opportunity and made the best of it.

Structure of MMHA

Prior to this past season, we saw the introduction of a revised constitution and division of duties, which created many of the struggles that MMHA faced this year. The 1st VP duties of coach selection were handed to the Coach Coordinator in order to keep the executive an arm's length away from decisions. A submission deadline for application was May 1st. At this time, in some divisions we had many candidates and others it remained limited. Particularly Bantam had many candidates all seeking the promise of being able to coach with a guaranteed spot in the provincials in which we hosted. Other than that, even with a coaches compensation plan in place, we had a hard time bringing in outside coaches to mission. Many of the candidates which were interviewed were never given feedback or informed of a decision. In August, we still did not have coaches in place for Midget rep and or any of the house division. It was at this time that the coach coordinator stepped aside in coach selection and got the VP's with the assistance of the Jr. & Sr. head coach to line up coaches for the house division.

Early in September our Sr. Head coach stepped aside to take on a position with PCAHA, and the Coach Coordinator was tied up in his employment and therefore the MMHA President and VP's had to reassume roles of working at the team levels with the coaches, as there was no body interested in stepping up and taking on these positions. This resulted in the protocol for the appropriate steps taken regarding complaints falling apart. By the end of the year, issues were going straight to the president that should have been dealt with at team level or divisional manager level. A big thank you to Rick for shouldering the load and carrying MMHA through some of the difficult times.

Going forward, it is my recommendation that the executive be involved with the decision making process when they will be the ones who must answer for such decisions. It is very difficult to answer for the decisions made by others when you had no knowledge of the decision making process, particularly when those decisions fall apart.

MMHA definitely needs an organizational structure that needs to be followed, but because of the limited volunteers, those who bring forward great ideas need to be around for the planning, implementation and the follow up. It would be my hope moving forward the we get a representative group of volunteers from each division of players who care and want what is best for MMHA as a whole.

Player & Coach Development

This year we had Todd Geddes work numerous hours within our association, running skill development clinics, mentoring coaches, and generally just being a great resource for MMHA. This once again was valuable for both the players and the coaches. Todd always made himself available for the coaches as a resource. At the beginning of the year, Todd held coach's clinics to make sure our coaches were all trained and ready to succeed. Pro-formance Goalie schools held clinics on Wednesday nights which was maintained by our 2nd VP, and to which I understand, was managed very well. My recommendation would be that Todd has a greater role in MMHA coach selection and Coach Coordinator duties as he will be the coach's main contact.

Having the back to basics approach to hockey was the first step in taking development to a new level in MMHA. This was a shift that we will continue to endorse in the future as many top associations in BC have this focus also. Skating, passing, shooting & checking skills have to be the foundation over systematic play.

Coaching Rep hockey in Mission is a unique opportunity and with many challenges. A typical make up of a team will feature 2-4 tier 1 level players, 4-8 tier 2 level players and anywhere from 4-8 tier 3 level players All hoping to compete at a tier 2 level. There are age groups in Mission where these numbers vary. Therefore seasonal plans & game plans should reflect development for all players who make the team. The Bantam provincials saw the team with the most developed roster win. The depths of their teams were the difference.

MMHA did host a coaches Hybrid clinic and Development 1 coaching clinic and also many internal clinics; a Goalie clinic by Ken McPhalen; and a skill clinics by Todd Geddes. For the coaches that attended these clinics, they were enjoyable and useful and it is quite a shame that not all coaches utilized these resources. For the coaches that participated, they reported that the things they learned in these clinics were useful in teaching the players throughout the year.

The hope would be that the next executive collectively takes on the many positives from this year and implements them moving forward and tries to build off the learning experiences we have had.

Lastly, it was just announced that there is soon to be changes to high performance hockey with the introduction of U15, U16, U18 at the high school level and Major Midget hockey which will have detrimental effects to MMHA in the future in the Bantam & Midget Level. A plan must be formed to address this issue moving forward. Continuous Development is the only answer for all players of MMHA.

Overall, I had an enjoyable season with a great group of dedicated volunteers. My plan is to resume as the 1st VP next season and continue to implement our development plan and resume trying to do what is best for MMHA as a whole.

IV.3. 2nd Vice President's Report

This season in initiation there were a few issues with scheduling and players that were new to hockey and playing down. The players were eventually sent to their proper age groups and received extra coaching from a lower level.

Atom C had a few team and personnel issues. They finished 15th, 16th and 17th out of 17 teams in league standings. The Atom C3 coach resigned due to moving away so Yves stepped up to become head coach. Parents of a player on Atom C2 wanted to be moved to another team due to bullying. The issue was resolved and the player ended up staying. Atom C1 received several complaints about coach and player

conduct. An Atom player has been suspended after their last game of the season.

MMHA continued to work with Pro-Formance Goalie School, offering clinics every 2 weeks. Half of the association's goalie was the average attendance. Due to lack of quality and quantity of younger goalies in the association, we also opened it up to some beginner hockey 4 goalies as well as offer them and the Atom house a couple extra beginner clinics run by Garry Larson. Garry also ran some clinics that were offered to either house or rep goalies.

IV.4. Treasurer Report

Attached is the Income Statement for the Fiscal year May 1, 2013- April 30, 2014. It shows an income of \$139.80. This was due to the fact that we maintained the registration fees and also received the BC Gaming Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00. Fees were kept the same as the previous year as we had no guarantee that we would be receiving any gaming funds. If we had not received the gaming funds we would have had a loss. I will be preparing and submitting the Gaming Grant application for this upcoming season for the maximum in the category \$100,000.00.

Peewee "C" Tournament
Net profit of \$4,716.31

Sponsorship
Income \$7,360- Expenses \$63.00= Net Profit of \$7,297.00

FUNDRAISING
Heat Tickets Sales \$3,734.50
Paid to Heat Foundation - 5,754.50
Loss - - 2,020.00
Fundraising Books - +14,136.00

NET FUNDRAISING PROFIT \$12,116.00

Ice Rental

A total of \$169,560.21 has been paid to the District of Mission for ice rental costs.

Referee/official Clinic

Reimbursed 24 referees for total expense to MMHA of \$2,538.45

Pre-Registration Fees

We have collected \$20,000 in preregistration fees.

Outstanding Expenses

Expenses for the BC Hockey AGM will be expensed in the next fiscal year.

Team Financials/Referee Expense Forms

Receiving these final reports is an increased struggle each year. MMHA yearend financials cannot be completed until all reports are in. These reports are necessary for the completion of the gaming summary for the prior year as well as the application for the gaming grant for the upcoming year.

IV.5. Registrar Report

Wow, what a year, where do I begin

After open registration, the summer months were a busy time with inputting new registration, processing player transfers as well as the preparation for conditioning camp, rep try-outs and the start up of the new season.

Conditioning camp, I believe was a success. We had 3 groups that were almost filled to capacity, H4/Atom, Peewee/Bantam and Midget. MMHA did not make a huge profit, but did not suffer a loss. Kids had an opportunity to get themselves limbered up for rep tryouts, break in new equipment, hook up with old friends, make new friends and all kids received a camp jersey. September would find us busy with house evaluations, dispersing players to teams and the decision was then made to support A2 teams in all divisions. At this time I do not foresee many changes for the upcoming season. Bantam and Midget divisions may see a shortage in the number of goalies per teams. MMHA had a total of 362 players finish the season from Hockey 1 – Midget, very comparable to the previous season. As with the previous year, we had teams in all divisions with the exception of Juvenile.

Pre-registration for the 2014 - 15 season was sent out by February 1st. To date, approximately 1/2 of our members have pre-registered. The balance of the registration fees owing will be mailed out mid May, with the optional 3 installment plan set for June, July and August. Registration must be paid in full by August 15th, or the "Early Bird" discount will be void. All registration fees must be paid in full prior to the start of the hockey season and also includes any camps or additional ice times hosted by MMHA, Rep Try-outs or House Evaluations.

Open registration for all "new" players or players that have not yet pre-registered will be held mid June at the Mission Leisure Center. Date has not yet been determined, however, information will be posted in the local newspaper and on our website @ www.mmha.ca. Please be aware that after open registration, any existing players that have not yet registered will be placed on a wait list, based on a first come first serve basis. Your child may be removed from the

wait list, depending on the number of teams per division, the amount of players per team, and the position he/she plays (goalie).

As the 2013 – 14 season now closes, there are a number of positions up for election. It has been brought to our attention many times throughout the season, that there was a large number of disgruntled parents that were extremely unhappy, some furious, even out raged, of decisions that had been made regarding coaches, rep tryouts, rep evaluations, rep teams, house teams, development regarding players, goalies and coaches the list went on. For those of you who do not realize or perhaps have forgotten, MMHA's executive positions are all 'volunteer' positions. There are no paid positions, and our children do not play for 'free'. We, the Executive, are attempting to do the best we can for all members in this association, not just yours, nor mine, but all. It is extremely upsetting that for those of us who will accept the challenge to help make this association a prosperous one, feel at times that we are standing in front of a firing squad or at the very least, banging our head on the wall. My advice to those of you, and the list is long, please accept a nomination and volunteer to help make MMHA an association we can all be proud of. We need people like you that are passionate about our association and the sport of hockey. For those that are stepping down, I thank you for the opportunity and enjoyment of getting to know you. Your dedication and support in helping to make MMHA a better place for our children is immeasurable. For those of us that are moving forward for another season, here's hoping the 2014 – 15 season brings bigger and better things!

IV.6. Ice Coordinator Report

This season went well but had its challenges. With the winter games in town and other user groups hosting events we were short some ice times. We had approx. 80 conflict games to reschedule which cuts into our practice times as we usually lose 2 practices per game time. Many conflicts were because of team tournaments or other events but most conflicts came from the league in the original game schedule.

It was much easier to schedule our clinics as our goalie clinics ran every second Wednesday and Todd Geddes made himself available for his clinics during the practices that were scheduled. There were no set clinic times.

Once again we could use more ice during the weekdays as most of our ice that we returned to the district came on the weekends. We are good for the first half of the year, but when Initiation starts their game schedule and have away games it leaves us with unused as Initiation is the biggest user of the weekend ice times.

My two year term is up this year and hopefully the next ice coordinator can come up with a system that works for him/her. The position is a good eye opener as to why and how things run the way they do, ie. Schedules coming out so last minute.

IV.7. Tournament Director Report

This past season of tournaments for MMHA met with huge success, and failure. It was my plan to host the same divisions as the 2012/2013 season. By running the same tournaments my thoughts were, the teams that had a great time would enjoy coming back and, would pass along to their associations that MMHA tournaments were well run, fun, competitive and, close to home.

Our first tournament for the 2013/14 season met with great success. We hosted the Peewee C division. I had so many teams apply that I approached our ice coordinator to see how much ice we had available. We could have hosted at least 20 teams. I regretfully denied six to eight teams. We did host a fantastic tournament with 16 teams from around the lower mainland. I received a lot of great feedback regarding this tournament, which made me happy, and excited to see if I could meet, or beat the Peewee tournament by hosting the Atom C division in Dec.

I was surprised, and disappointed when I got little response. It was decided the Atom tournament be cancelled. That left me feeling upset, taking it personally, I looked forward to spring. Only to be met with defeat once more. The Initiation division tournament was a bust. Once again very limited interest for each of the four divisions. Having cancelled two out of three tournaments for MMHA has been an embarrassment. It left me feeling like a failure, and that I had made a mistake thinking other associations would keep coming back to Mission through our past successes. This was not the case.

MMHA is a great association that can host fantastic tournaments. It is in the best interest of MMHA to look at hosting the tournaments at different times during the season. I would recommend not hosting around Christmas, and Spring Break.

I would suggest the future Tournament Director look at doing a tournament around the end of September or October, and February (Family Day long weekend).

My two year term as Tournament Director has come to an end. Attending the executive meetings, and seeing how much work, and dedication goes into running an association has been a huge eye opener. There is always a small team of parents who always step up to take on the challenges with our association, or with their own teams. It would be nice to see some new volunteers to tackle some of these tasks. In order for your child to enjoy a sport they love, think about what you can do to help.

Parent involvement is crucial for the benefit of this association.

I wish the future MMHA Executive progress, prosperity, and triumph!

IV.8. Fundraising Director Report

This year was a challenge in getting teams to buy into the Heat nights that we hosted. I know communication was not very well done to the teams and distribution of tickets. MMHA lost money on the first Heat night that we hosted, Dec 7th. We had one other night that we had to supply 50/50 volunteers but we did not have to sell tickets due to our loss that we talked to the Heat about. The 2nd night was run by a great group of volunteers supporting the Bantam A1 team. MMHA was going to allow the Bantam A1 team to keep the entire 50/50 to assist them with hosting the BC Championships. As it turned out the Bantam A1 team did an amazing job on the BC Championships with their fundraising and did not need the assistance so the 50/50 stayed with MMHA.

With the Abbotsford Heat moving and that program not being a great success for us we're now going to be pursuing a lottery fundraiser in the coming season (Athletix Fundraising. It is a 17 week NHL lottery where we have to sell tickets. This has a huge opportunity to bring in some funding for MMHA and our teams. Details of this will be coming out prior to the season start up on how this will run. It is very important that the new director is a good communicator and very organized to make this project a success.

In the past we have tried to target raising \$20,000 in fundraising. It is a challenge each year we fell really short of this target. If we are going to keep registration fees down and continue to improve our development we need to make sure that we are raising funds here. Rick Senft, President Mission MHA

IV.9. Referee Director Report

The 2013/2014 Hockey season was very successful for our on-ice officials. We are very proud of many of our officials that advanced through several levels of hockey and developed their skills in significant ways. We had about 45 active officials this year, a slight increase from the previous season, and we kept our list of "intermittent" officials to just a few. It remained my objective to have a team of referees that were committed to developing their craft, available to referee a reasonable number of games, had demonstrated a record of attendance, and had good energy and enthusiasm on the ice.

This being the third year in the position, and continuing to learn the ins and outs of the role, I laid out stringent expectations about being an official within the MMHA. I intentionally assigned games to referees that were keen to learn, develop and advance and discouraged several referees who were not interested in development or training. We held 3 on-ice sessions this year, though only half of what we had done the previous year, they were early in the season and were well attended. We changed our approach to development for our officials to shadowing, and thorough game situation assessments.

We greatly benefited as an association having four supervisors (plus myself) volunteer many, many hours of their time to help develop our refs.

- Mike McGowan – supervised and assessed our most senior referees
- Riley Cook – supervised, assessed and scheduled our senior refs and most PW A and Bantam C games
- Max Kellington – supervised and assess our 2-4 year referees
- Kyle Mooney – supervised and assessed all of our first year referees and did most of this on the ice as a "shadow". This method for first year refs was VERY successful and helped them all gain confidence and learn the procedures much more quickly.

As a result of this extensive supervision and feedback directly to the refs, we saw significant improvement amongst our officials and several were selected to officiate rep tournaments, final four games and at the Provincials for both Pee Wee A and Bantam A. The MMHA hosted the tier two Bantam A provincials and three of our officials worked the final game – quite an honour for our association.

We had 12 new first year officials that all worked games throughout the season. We had many that were very successful refereeing atom C games (in the two man system) and several that lined as high as PW A2. This is significant growth for one season.

Though it meant fewer games for each official, switching Atom house (C) to a two-man officiating model was excellent training for our first year and younger refs. Having the ability to call penalties and work the lines is excellent foundational training. There are different procedures for referees and the association will benefit from strong referees and they are developing faster in Atom.

Scheduling was far more effective this season as the divisional coordinators are acted as a conduit for referee requests. Though we had a couple of missed games, these were because of human error, not from communication breakdowns.

Season Highlights

1. Finished the season with 45 active officials
 - a. 5 Officials did not re-certify, so could not complete year
 - b. 12 first year officials worked games this season
2. All officials were evaluated throughout the season.
 - a. 15 new Mission Officials now eligible for RAC games.
 - b. 15 were upgrade 2 or more times
 - c. 1 was downgraded
3. Conducted 3 on-ice training sessions for referees. Those that attended benefited from the additional instruction – Recommend that these be scheduled early in the season to insure (or comply) attendance.
4. Had very few “no-shows” through the season
 - a. 2 incidents were reported.
 - b. 1 scheduling issue was attributed to Assignor error.
 - c. No referees being requested affected 2 games – however both were played with substitute referees
5. On ice shadowing occurred in at least 30 games – special thanks to Kyle Mooney who did the lion’s share of the shadowing – volunteered to do so.
6. There were minimal complaints about officiating this year. We received no “official” complaints and only a couple e-mail complaints. These were, in both cases, from coaches who did not appreciate the calls that were made towards their team. Though they may have been valid complaints, they were somewhat subjective and did not result in any disciplinary action.

This is my first year of my second two-year term as the Referee-in-Chief and would like to thank the association for the support and guidance. I believe that we have made significant strides developing our referees, created an environment where our referees feel valued and built up a reputation for being consistent in our quality of officiating.

IV.10. Equipment Director Report

This season we continue with the replacing of worn and adding of new equipment. Including new Tim Bits Jerseys (they doubled our order for some reason) Tim Hortons donates them every 3 years. Some new goalie gear for the Hockey Division was also added. Regular purchases including socks, pucks, and 1st aid kits were also made along with some coach’s boards.

I would also like to remind everyone of the care involved with the jerseys. Instructions are given at the start of the season when they are picked up and need to be followed. This includes hanging them to dry on non-rusty metal hangers. If new hangers are needed, they can be provided. A’s and C’s are to be hand sewn only. This will extend the life of the jerseys.

This is my last report before the end of my term. Thanks to all those that have assisted coordinating between divisions with handing out or collecting of equipment. You made my job easy.

IV.11. Sponsorship Director Report

This year MMHA secured three new sponsors; Cap-It, Converge Construction and Otter Co-Op. Fraser Valley Building Supplies increased their support by adding a new wall board in the south arena. We were hopeful to retain all the sponsors from the previous seasons but due to either our current financial climate or the Provincials or the BC Winter Games, we lost a few. The arena boards have been brought up to date with sponsors that have paid for the current season. We found that there were quite a few stale boards hanging in the arena and had them removed to make room for future prospects.

We are not discouraged by the outcome of the 2013/2014 sponsorship totals. We remain hopeful and positive that 2014/2015 will be better still! Businesses like the prices we have set out and some showed interest in increasing their advertising in our building.

A big thanks to all the businesses and business people that support our efforts here with the kids.

V. SPECIAL BUSINESS

5.1 Annual Membership Fee

MOTION: That the annual membership fee for Mission Minor Hockey Association for the 2014/2015 season be \$5.00 (Rick/Shelden)
Discussion

CARRIED

VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

6.1 President (2 year term)
Mike Palmer acclimated into the position

- 6.2 2nd VP (2 year term)
John Kapy elected into the position
- 6.3 Treasurer (2 year term)
Jennifer Robin acclimated into the position
- 6.4 Ice Coordinator (2 year term)
Kim Weisbeck acclimated into the position
- 6.5 Director: Tournament (2 year term)
Darren Weisbeck acclimated into the position
- 6.6 Director: Fundraising (2 year term)
Shelden Thompson acclimated into the position
- 6.7 Director: Equipment (2 year term)
Shaun Hepting elected into the position

MOTION: To destroy all ballots
(Mike/Troy)

CARRIED

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 New members involved with MMHA
 - many topics discussed
 - MMHA exec to discuss this
- 7.2 Mission Sports Council Update
 - promotes sports and education
 - communication between various sports groups
 - helps makes sports available to all community members
- 7.3 How to educate MMHA members on hockey rules
 - MMHA executive will discuss this matter
- 7.4 Respect in Sport changes
 - expires in 2015, will then expire every 2 years

7.5 **MOTION:** That MMHA not field more than 1 rep team unless there is
at least 5 teams in that division with the exception of midget.

DEFEATED

There was significant discussion on this topic and though the motion was defeated, it was due to the rigidity of the motion, not that there wasn't merit to the intent. The MMHA executive will take all discussion points under advisement when aligning the team composition between house and rep.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:00 PM
NEXT MEETING: May 5th at 7PM