



## VANCOUVER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2024**

**Time: 7:00 pm-9 pm**

**Location: Zoom**

**Meeting led by Phil Aguirre, Treasurer and member of the nomination committee.**

**MOTION TO CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:10pm by Tsion Teckie and seconded by Elizabeth Urbach

73 members in attendance.

### PRESENT AT TIME OF MEETING:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>President:</b> Nick Santorelli            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Past President:</b> Kevin Cartwright |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>VP1:</b> Won Nam                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U7 Division Manager:</b> Tim Matthews           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>VP2 :</b> John Lavery                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U9 Division Manager:</b> Shanna Marchuk         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>VP3:</b> Quyen Cheng                      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U11A Division Manager:</b> Debbie Chung         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Secretary:</b> Sara Ward                             | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U13A Division Manager:</b> Michelle Young       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Treasurer:</b> Phil Aguirre               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U11C Division Manager:</b> Michelle Cranston    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Equipment Manager:</b> Ryan Berner                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U13C Division Manager:</b> Mark Labonte         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Referee Assignor:</b> Sharlene Steele     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U15A Division Manager:</b> Levi Higgs           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Tournament Coordinator:</b> Cora Burnette | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U18A Division Manager:</b> Quyen Cheng          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Coach Coordinator:</b>                               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U15C Division Manager:</b> Robert Campbell      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Fundraising:</b> Tsion Tekie              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U18C Division Manager:</b> Stephen Symons       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Registration Admin:</b> Lana Sharpe       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>U21 Division Manager:</b> Lindsay Kelly         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Director of Hockey:</b> Phil Lam          |   |

**MOTION to APPROVE AGENDA:** by Nick Santorelli, Seconded by Leanne Smith.  
All in favour. Carried.

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of the 2023 AGM,

**MOTION APPROVAL OF THE 2023 AGM MINUTES:** by Quyen Cheng and seconded by Leanne Smith. All in favour. Carried.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS: [2024 Board Report](#)

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| 1. <b>President:</b> Nick Santorelli        | 8. <b>Tournament Coordinator:</b> Cora Brunette |
| 2. <b>VP1:</b> Won Nam                      | 9. <b>Fundraising:</b> Tsion Tekie              |
| 3. <b>VP2 :</b> John Lavery                 | 10. <b>Registration Admin:</b> Lana Sharpe      |
| 4. <b>VP3:</b> Quyen Cheng                  | 11. <b>Director of Hockey:</b> Phil Lam         |
| 5. <b>Treasurer:</b> Phil Aguirre           | 12. <b>Coach Coordinator:</b>                   |
| 6. <b>Equipment Manager:</b> Ryan Berner    |   |
| 7. <b>Referee Assignor:</b> Sharlene Steele |   |



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Started on time, start of the season changes include U6, 7, 8, 9 classifications changed and became U7 and U9. The biggest problem PCAHA had when presented and voted, there was a very limited amount of time that we needed to put it all together. President thanks Phil Lam and U7 and U9 division managers for working together to get it all going. President makes the point that all associations struggled with getting the new divisions going. Moving forward to this year, there may be more changes but at this time we are waiting for approval by BC hockey and Hockey Canada.
  - Changes to U11 pathway for the rep teams. The C teams made changes three years ago and VMHA adopted them then. This past year there were minor changes to U11 C hockey being that there were 5 extra games added. For U11 Rep changes were made this past year and all happened smoothly. Thank you to the division manager and hockey operations committee for helping out and overseeing the process.
  - Some of the issues we've had the past year is to do with the lack of ice. We were unable to provide fixed times for U7 and U9 skill development; however, we had pop-up clinics and Phil Lam did what he could to provide skills for that group. Going forward for next year we will have skills for this age group and it will be a focal point.
  - With regards to the lack of ice, we used the Training Centre this year. Phil Lam and John Lavery were instrumental in making that space available and organizing programming. For the future this association needs to buy into using the TC more to make up for the lack of ice.
  - Thank you to Cora Burnette and her tournament committee for the Christmas Charity Tournament. It was an awesome year and we are back to more than 60 teams. A job very well done.
  - Fundraising has been faltering the last few years. The Hockey Pool has been successful in the past but we were faced with some challenges this year. Tsion and her fundraising team ran the Shoot-a-thon instead and it was quite popular despite having a short amount of time to put it all together.
  - A lot of teams did well this year.  
In particular U11A1 made it to the provincial championship.
  - Strategic Plan has been worked on this year and we have it ready to release this summer after final tweaks. It is something the association can work with next year and years ahead.
  - Hockey Operations committee worked together to plan the day to day operations and thank you to that group. Lots on the horizon for that group.
- Thank you to all and looking forward to the next season.

## **DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY**

- A lot of success with providing skills for the initiation groups. Plans for next year include having skills for initiation again, alumni coming in to help with other divisions.
- Phil Lam will be supporting all divisions and team managers the coming year.
- C and Rep teams did very well the past year. Some collecting banners and going to provincials.
- Going forward to next year Phil Lam will be utilizing the training centre with structured programming.
- As soon as next week we'll be putting together summer camps.
- Thank you to everybody that has contributed to our program and made it so successful this year.



## **VP2**

- Training centre growth, regular sessions for teams that opted in, along with increased goalie training
- Have also had other groups come into the TC, including Angels and outside coaches
- Next year all about further development and growing programming and keeping C hockey vibrant.

## **VP1**

- Won Nam not present. Phil A. highlighted information from the VP1 report.
- Not a lot of complaints throughout the year. Thank you to Div managers, team managers and the conflict resolution committee for working together.
- Phil A mentions that Won Nam has done a lot in regard to the vacant Coach Coordinator position with the Rep portfolio and VMHA thanks him for all that he has done.

## **VP3**

- Fortunately our association had 81 Health and Safety people serving the teams for the 2023/24 season. Thank you for your commitment.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- Tision came in new this past season and somewhat late starting.
- We tried something new this year due to us not being able to do the hockey pool as had been done in the past. The Shoot-a-Thon had a lot of success despite it being something new that had never been done before. We were able to raise over \$26000 with only 34% of members joining in. Next season we will do the Shoot-A-Thon earlier in the season as it was found that at the end of the year people were less willing to participate.
- We also held a holiday skate which was mostly for the younger players and their families but we got a positive response from this type of event. We raised a little bit of money and built a community, which was very important.
- Thank you to the people who joined the fundraising committee. Their efforts helped tremendously and Tision hopes that more people will join the committee next year.

## **EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

- Not present tonight
- Phil A. thanked Ryan for his work this year. The equipment locker is looking great.
- Ryan implemented that players' socks be ordered at the time of registration. This was a positive change.

## **REFEREE ALLOCATOR**

- Thank you to Michelle Young, Quyen Cheng, and Rupert.
- Assigned 279 games out of 525 games U9 to U13 86 refs most being VMHA players and alumni thank you especially to the past players
- Lots of new referees this year. If you have a 12 year old player or older who wants to become a referee please email Sharlene. It's always difficult to maintain referees and VMHA is doing a good job doing so.
- Shout out to the parents and coaches that support these referees. This helps keep our referees coming back.



## REFEREE IN-CHIEF

- Quyen Cheng speaking for Rupert. This year he was able to conduct more supervision of the games. This offers good feedback. He would also like to offer more referee clinics but this is dependent on ice.
- Rupert has signed on as Referee-In-Chief for two more years.

## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

- A very successful 2023 tournament. It is a part of who we are and a very big part of fundraising. Builds our community. The more VMHA teams that join the better for this tournament. Had 67 teams and 1072 players. Revenue for VMHA is more than \$22000.
- All funds go into general operating, clinics and development
- Shout out to all the teams that entered the tournament and VMHA teams did very well.
- Next year looking at having sponsors for the tournaments.
- Tournament committee was extremely helpful and if anyone would like to help with the tournament contact Cora.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Lots of growth this year and many members are contributing.
- Lots of info was sent out and we want to keep up this momentum.
- It's great to share the moments and Maya is happy to continue this role going forward.

## AWARD RECIPIENTS

- The annual volunteer appreciation dinner was held at the Italian Cultural Centre. This was a way for the association to come together and to show appreciation for the volunteers who do great things.

House Team of the Year *U13 C4*

Rep Team of the Year *U15 A2*

Johnny Mahovlich Award - Hardest Working Athlete  
*Matthew Fong*

Referee of the Year *Nicholas Ng*

U7/U9 Volunteer Coach of the Year *Nathan Allinson*

U11/U13 Volunteer Coach of the Year *Alan Tan*

U15/U18 Volunteer Coach of the Year *Marie Vondracek*

Team Manager of the Year *Quyen Cheng*

Volunteer of the Year *Tsion Tekie*

- lots of team successes this year. See annual report for details.

## COMMITTEES

- We will be having a call out to members to join the committees late summer or early September.
- It's a good way to give back to Vancouver Minor.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

- This is a committee that is made up of members from U9 to U18.
- The purpose is to build a framework to ensure that the future of the association is strong and in a strategic way. Starting to report on some stats. We will be evaluating everyone's portfolios and



adding metrics to make sure we reach those goals.

-New board will have a strategic planning session this summer so that this plan will be implemented as soon as possible.

### **PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

-All links have been added to the AGM package. Highlights described during the meeting.

-Gaming grant received every year, this year approximately \$98000

-Tournament has increased compared to last year. Also the training clinics brought in increased money as compared to last year as well.

-Registration is up and increased by the finance committee

-Overall 1.1 million in total revenue.

-Inflation has led to increased expenses. Items such as increased costs with ice rentals, especially renting Canlan Scotia Barn, officials got an increase, the lease in the training centre has been an expense.

-Finished the year positive cash flow 53000 but did lose 43000 in net income as a result the finance committee increased registration fees.

-Budget put forth by the finance committee believes that with increased registration fees, revenue from the tournament will keep the association having a positive net income of over \$30000 for 2024/25.

-Levi from the chat questioned credit card fees. Phil Aguirre explains that the board has discussed this last month. These fees are due to the association using TeamSnap. The board will be discussing this further. Someone in the chat made a suggestion to charge back the fees. Nick Santorinni responds that it will be discussed.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE TO ACCEPT THE 2023 FINANCIALS: by Nick Santorinni,**

Seconded by Leanne Smith.

All in favour. Carried.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION:**

-Kate Dunford from the Nominations Committee explains that the board has been working with consultant Tanya Foley to update and simplify some bylaws . Highlights and summaries of the bylaws are in the AGM package. Update of bylaws is due to the need to align them with the BC Societies Act.

Highlights:

-Part 1 interpretation- more definitions for clarity

-Part 2 membership- defined very clearly what are active members, and honorary life members. Also added for voting purposes that voting is limited to two active members per household. Clarified term length and voting rights.

-Part 5 for elected directors, no more than 1 active member per household shall sit as an elected member of the board at one time. Also added a new director role to the board, the director of initiation. time limitation of no more than 3 consecutive terms

-Part 6 Board Meetings- at least 7 meetings per year.

-Part 9 expanded finance section



## **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE TO ADOPT THE UPDATED BYLAWS AS PRESENTED: by**

Liz Urbach, seconded by John Lavery

All in favour. Carried.

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIETY**

Thank you to the board members that served on the board but are not coming back to volunteer.

Not up for election this year:

Nick Santorelli- President

John Lavery-Vice President 2

Sharlene Steele- Referee Assignor

**Election Committee: Leanne Smith and Ian Garrett leading the voting.**

### ***Election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2024-2026***

- Chris Bedyk (accepts)
- Levi Higgs (accepts)
- No other nominations

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for 2024-2026 is Chris Bedyk**

### ***Election of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, 2024-2026***

- Todd Chisholm (accepts)
- Kristy Streefkerk (accepts)
- No other nominations

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for 2024-2026 is Todd Chisholm**

### ***Election of Treasurer, 2024-2025***

- Phil Aguirre (accepts)
- No other nominations

**Treasurer for 2024-2025 is Phil Aguirre (2 year term)**

### ***Election of Secretary, 2024-2025***

- Shanna Marchuk (accepts)
- No other nominations

**Secretary for 2024-2025 is Shanna Marchuk (1 year term)**

### ***Election of Fundraising Manager, 2024-2025***

- Tsion Tekie (accepts)
- No other nominations



**Fundraising Manager for 2024-2025 is Tsion Tekie (2 year term)**

***Election of Equipment Manager, 2024-2025***

- Suzanne Volkow (accepts)
- No other nominations

**Equipment Manager for 2024-2025 is Suzanne Volkow (1 year term)**

***Election of Coach Coordinator, 2024-2025***

- Kavie Toor (accepts)
- No other nominations

**Coach Coordinator for 2024-2025 is Kavie Toor (1 year term)**

***Election of Tournament Coordinator, 2024-2026***

- Cora Brunette (accepts)
- No other nominations

**Tournament Coordinator for 2024-2026 is Cora Brunette (2 year term)**

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 NOMINATION SLATE:** by Nick Santorelli. Seconded by John Lavery.

All in favour. Carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

-Thank you to Lana Sharpe, Rupert Xu and Phil Lam, for the work they do for the association.

-Thank you to all members that volunteered. Thank you to the membership for their efforts.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Cora Burnette. Seconded by John Lavery.

**ADJOURNED** 8:40pm.