West Country Minor Hockey Meeting
January 17, 2017

**Attendance:** Alix, Rimbey, Bashaw, Bentley, Clive, Eckville, Lacombe, Ponoka, Spruce View, Sylvan Lake, Bowden, Delburne and Caroline, Rocky

**Absent**: Blackfalds

Doris called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

No additions to the agenda. Bowden moved the agenda be as presented. Eckville seconded. Carried.

Megan read the minutes from the last meeting. Bowden made a motion that the minutes be adopted as presented. Eckville seconded. Carried.

Ellen read the financial report. None of the larger expenses have come out of the account yet. Ellen made a motion her report be adopted as presented. Bowden seconded. Carried.

**League Governors:**
Dynamite: Everything is good. No complaints. Game sheets have been coming in on time. There was some phone inquiries regarding playing 3/4 ice so both benches could be utilized.

Novice: Most game sheets have been good. Some are still in picture form. One coach suspension came up and has already been served. Lots of game change form sheets being handed in.

**Correspondence:**
A letter from an association regarding updating stats on the website, player stats, stats being put on website right after games.

Also inquiries about the divisions for next year in regards to how they will be split or if they will change from this year. Talk of upper/lower divisions in the association.

Question regarding teams being split evenly. Teams are split evenly at the beginning of the year. Some teams advance much quicker than others.

**No old business**

**New business:**
Novice playoffs: all league games are to be done by the end of February. All managers are to book ice for playoffs and make sure game change forms are filled out. There will be 6 divisions with 5 teams in each. Each team will play each other once. It will be round robin style with total points winning. Each team will play 4 games. Eckville made a motion for the playoffs to be played this way. Clive seconded. Carried. Playoffs must be complete by the third weekend in March but they may be completed sooner. The governor will notify the teams what division they are in and who they will play. Each team will play 2 home and 2 away games in their division. The governor will determine who is home team.

Banners: Spruceview made a motion to purchase 6 banners for the playoff winners. Rocky seconded. Carried. Banners will be taken to the winning teams association to be handed out.

Chain of communication motion: Ellen made a motion that West Country incorporates the chain of communication format. Eckville seconded. Carried. See attached below.

For next year:  for the coach/ manager meeting, it is going to be mandatory for the managers to be present. This way they will get all the required information.

Spruceview made a motion that for next year, each team that's in West Country must provide a league governor and West Country will appoint someone to be the governor. Names will have to be given by the meeting in October. Eckville seconded. Carried.

Next meeting: April 11, 2017 @ Eckville Legion at 7 pm

**CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION**

a)Concerns must be in writing and they will only be accepted from an association

 **president or association-designated WCMHA representative.**

b) Concerns and/or suggestions must first be dealt with at the association level.

c) Concerns between associations need to be communicated with each other and all attempts to work out the situation should be made. If local association executives deem it necessary, they can forward it to the WCMHA president. In some instances they may bypass the WCMHA and go directly to Hockey Alberta.

d) Refereeconcerns should be directed to the association’s referee-in-chief, and failing

 that, to the zone referee committee.

e) **Communication must follow the prescribed format. Any violation may result in**

 **suspension in the case of a player or team official, a fine up to $100 in the case of a**

 **team or association, and referral to the local MHA in the case of a parent or**

 **spectator.**

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| **WCMHA Chain of Communication Chart** |
| ***Concerning Team/Game Operations*****Player/Parent 🡪 Head Coach/Manager 🡪 League Governor 🡪 WCMHA Executive**  |
| ***Concerning Other League Matters*****Player/Parent/Team Official 🡪 Local MHA President or WCMHA Rep. 🡪 WCMHA Executive** |
| **Concern from Local MHA****Local MHA 🡪 Local MHA President or WCMHA Rep. 🡪 WCMHA Executive** |