**PRESENT:**

Meghan Mills

Tamara Nazaruk

Jami Harris

Craig Idiens

Tanya Steele

Neal Sekulich

Paul Skuse

Blair Billard

Heather Shiells

Stan Stewart

John Vaton

Chris Boyd

Shelly Boates

Allen Howie

**REGRETS:**

Hugh Gurney

Jennifer Dyck

Michael Danielson

**Meeting Called to order at 6:59 pm, by Meghan Mills, President**

**Approval of Minutes:**

• Review of Aug 20, 2017 minutes.  
• **Motion:** To adopt Aug minutes **1st:** Jami **2nd:** Stan **Motion moved.**

**Correspondence:**

* Letters received:
  + Thank you letters from Dominik Bellefleur, Callie Anne-Massee, and Lukas Lund for being chosen as recipients for the CRMHA bursary. Each letter was read in its entirety.
  + Letter of disappointment around the bursary application process, specifically related to changing the original submission deadline so it did not fall in the middle of the Easter Long weekend. The dates of when each application was received was reviewed, and it was determined that change in deadline did not have any impact on bursary submissions, as all applications were received prior to the original deadline.
    - Action: Tanya to draft a response letter on behalf of the association.

**Financial Statements:**

***Treasurer:*** Shelley Boates

* Reviewed the financials up to end of August.
* Got our gaming grant, which has been deposited.
  + **Motion:** To adopt the financials **1st:** Paul **2nd:** Stan **Motion moved.**

**Registrar/Administrator:** Tamara Nazaruk

* Nothing to report.

**Reports:**

***President:*** Meghan Mills

* Reported on guidelines and information from VIAHA. Including:
  + Parent respect in sport needs to be completed by October 15th, if it has not been completed previously.
  + Representative Coaches and managers took place on Sunday September 17, 2017
  + Clarification around half-ice and cross-ice for Novice and Initiation.
    - Novice can play half-ice, pre-novice can only play cross ice.
  + Hockey Canada is rolling out a new coaches program that will requires them to continue to earn extra development. It is anticipated that this will be rolled out by 2020.
  + Other associations are experiencing problems with the BC Hockey post course evaluations. Please report if you become aware if someone is having trouble.
  + Have to OA or UA players in Novice to move from their age group (from major to minor, or minor to major). The number of moves is being closely monitored.
  + Referee clinic on September 22 in Comox, and on Oct 5 in Campbell River.
  + VIAHA could only ice 2 midget female teams on the island. They will play in the Pacific Coast League to play. At the end of the season, these two teams will participate in a best of 3 series to decide who goes to provincials.
  + An offer by BC hockey for a dental coverage program, VIAHA voted to decline.
  + No A/Ping from Novice to Atom.
  + Discussion about making a more competitive island league. There is no support for zone teams. Discussed passport system, where you could go to another Tier 1 association to try out for their team. BC hockey rejected the proposal.

***1st Vice:*** Blair Billard

* The respect in sport needs to be delivered to all of the division parents before October 15. Blair will be out of town. Meghan will step in to do meetings in his absence.

***2nd Vice:*** Jami Harris

* The division managers have been trained on the website.
* Now working on sponsors for each of the divisions.
* Al requested that the officials link move to a more visible spot.

***Referee-in-Chief:*** Allen Howie

* Scheduling through RAMP going smoothly. The RAMP organization is taking feedback to make appropriate changes.
* Our referee pool is down this year. We have 3 officials that get pulled up to ref games in higher-level games.
* Rep coaches and managers have been good about giving lead-time for games and submitting game numbers. If you don’t have a game number you won’t have referees.
* Discussed doing an Official appreciation day.

***Secretary:*** Tanya Steele

* Nothing to report

***Development Co-ordinator:*** Stan Stewart

* Bryce has been running atom and peewee practices.
* Atom has coaches, and will begin thinking about team composition soon.
* Atom would like to run a 3-man ref system.
* Goalie clinics are on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the leisure ice. On Wednesday night we have to run month to month. Nolan is running the goalie clinics.

***Female Hockey/Development:*** Heather Shiells

* Largest numbers in pre-novice and novice in a long time (19 players).
* There was not enough numbers to declare an Atom girls team.
* Esso Fun day was moved to October 1st.
* Peewees have 2 players from Comox playing on the female team.
* Bantam has 13 players and one from Comox.
* World Hockey Day is Monday of the Thanksgiving weekend.
* Colleen Hogg would like to offer her services around providing a concussion information session.
* Heather fielded questions about exploring the possibility of integrating the bantam girls onto the boys house teams.
* Discussion about the number of players per team, girls team, and number of teams in the bantam division.

***Gaming Co-ordinator:*** Jennifer Dyck Submitted

* Still waiting on the approval of both the CRMHA raffle and 50/50 licences.

***Ice* Co*-ordinator:*** John Vaton

* Nothing to report.

***Rep. Co-ordinator:*** Craig Idiens

* Rep tryouts are just about done. Bantams will be finished tonight.
* For the first time we paid evaluators to ensure we have several evaluators throughout the tryouts. It worked well. Checking clinic was also an additional cost.
* To cover these costs of evaluators and checking clinic should we raise the cost of tryouts from $50 to $85.
  + **Motion**: To increase the cost of tryouts for players from $50 to $85. **1st:** Chris **2nd:** Stan. **Motion moved.**
* The goal for this year’s tryouts was to have the evaluator’s assessment of players determine who was on the team. P&P 6.2.1 Coach Selection states that with coach selection a player has to make it on his or her own merit. This had implications for the selected head coaches for two of the A teams that were named before the summer. The rep committee met for 4 hours to determine the outcome. Craig would like to look at clarify the language to ensure that we do not run into this again. The rep committee will work on different proposals for a solution, which will include investigating how other associations handle this, and bring them back to the board.
* The next unfortunate event was we declared a B team in all the divisions from Atom through Bantam and in Bantam we did not get any more registrations, and two players quit. As such, because of numbers, the Bantam B team had to be folded. Craig would like to look at clarifying the criteria in the P&P.
* Do we carry more players at Bantam because of the likelihood that at this age group you can have a number of injuries and suspensions? Typically this decision is the responsibility of the Representative Coordinator; however, Craig would like the executive to make this decision because he, Megan, and Blair are in a conflict of interest, with each having a child in this age group. The coach is open to have one more player and roster 16. Last year there were a number of injuries. The AP rules have changed significantly and there is no longer a healthy scratch.
  + **Motion:** To have the Bantam team roster 16 skaters. **1st:** Stan **2nd:** John. **In favour:** 10 **Opposed:** 0 **Abstained**: 3. **Motion moved.**
* The P&P 5.52 states that the bantam practice is eliminated after Remembrance Day and replaced with a game. Discussion about continuing to provide practices for the season to build skills and encourage development with this age group.
  + **Motion:** To provide for an exemption to 5.52 practices under section 5.5 Bantam, and continuing practices in Bantam past Remembrance Day. **1st:** Stan **2nd:** Craig. **In favour:** 12 **Opposed:** 1 **Motion moved.**
* On behalf of the association, Craig thanked Neal and Shannon Sekulich for developing the spreadsheet used in the evaluations and the extra time spent doing the data entry.
* Craig also wanted to extend a Thank You to Chris Boyd for his time and commitment the last three weeks.
* Neal wanted to comment that he had the opportunity to hear some of the discussions by the bantam evaluators, and the discussions were thoughtful and professional.
* Meghan wanted to extend her thanks to Craig and Chris for informing the Bantam B families, knowing it was a difficult conversation for everyone.

***Equipment Manager:*** Neal Sekulich

* Foam dividers have not arrived. Neal has had to contact the supplier because of the delay.
* All of the house teams jerseys and socks have arrived. Jerseys will be distributed before the thanksgiving weekend, and socks after thanksgiving weekend.

**Head Coach:** Chris Boyd

* Nothing to report

**Tournament Coordinator:** Paul Skuse

* There has been lots of inquires for the tournaments
* Have a number of tournaments lined up for the house teams.
* Our tournaments are now up on the website.

**Risk Manager:** Mike Danielson Absent

**Transition Coordinator:** Hugh Gurney Absent

**Motion:** To adjourn. **1st:** Shelly **2nd:** Stan. **Motion moved.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:29 pm

**Next Meeting: October 16, 2017 at 7pm.**