



**MINOR COUNCIL**  
**2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
June 9-11, 2017, Albatross Hotel, Gander, NL

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Arnold Kelly, Minor Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am on Saturday, June 10, 2017. He welcomed all delegates to the meeting. He did a quick review of the agenda for the day.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions

**ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 2016 MINUTES**

A copy of the September 2016 minutes had been included in the e-binder.

**Motion:** It was moved by Dave Cheeks and seconded by Trevor Murphy that the minutes of the September 2016 Fall Meeting of Minor Council be adopted as presented. Motion Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**ERRORS OR OMISSIONS**

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes

**ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES**

The Chair called upon Lynette Hiscock, Secretary, to conduct the roll call of voting delegates.

The roll call of voting delegates showed there were forty-four of the forty-six registered associations in attendance. The following associations were not represented at the meeting:

- La Scie
- Torngat Mountains

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, these associations will now be levied a fine for not having a delegate in attendance for the Annual Meeting.

## **REPORTS**

The reports of the members of Minor Council were included in the e-binder. There were no questions on the reports.

## **PROVINCIAL AAA LEAGUES**

Gerry Wicks, Administrator, Provincial AAA Leagues, addressed the meeting with a presentation on these leagues.

### Mission Statement

To foster a learning environment within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador for elite AAA PeeWee and Bantam players to develop the skills required to achieve their hockey goals.

### Objectives

- 1 Prepare Pee Wee Players for Bantam and Bantam Players for Major Midget
- 2 Prepare ALL players to represent their region at the Provincial Play-Downs to determine who represents the Branch at the Atlantic
- 3 Provide development opportunities for players across the province to better prepare for HPP
- 4 Increase the competitive level of Team NL at the Atlantic Challenge Cup and QMJHL Challenge
- 5 Provide development opportunities for Coaches (HPP, CWG, MM, MHAs)

### How Do We Achieve Our Objectives?

- 1 Continue support from the MHAs across the province
- 2 On-going guidance from HNL/HDC to set policy initiatives
- 3 Encourage younger coaches to volunteer their time to get their coaching levels
- 4 Expanding the season to 32 regular season games
- 5 Encouraging teams to participate in out-of-province invitational tournaments

### 2017/2018 Regular Season Schedule

- 1 Expanded to 32 games from 28
- 2 Each team plays the other 4 teams 6 times: 3 home and 3 away (24 games)
- 3 Kick-off Tournament (4 games)
- 4 Mid-season Tournament (4 games)

### 2017/2018 Play-Off Schedule

- 1 Year-end Play-off Jamboree in a tournament format
- 2 Round Robin to determine top 4 teams
- 3 Awards ceremony Saturday night
- 4 Semi-finals: 1<sup>st</sup> plays 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> plays 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday morning)
- 5 Gold medal game and bronze medal game (Sunday afternoon)
- 6 One team will play a minimum of 4 games and 4 teams will play a maximum of six games

### League Awards

- 1 Regular Season Most Valuable Player (votes)
- 2 Top Scorer (statistics)
- 3 Top Defenseman (votes)
- 4 Most Gentlemanly and Effective (votes)
- 5 Rookie of the Year (votes)
- 6 Coach of the Year (votes)
- 7 Top Goaltender (votes)
- 8 Best Goals against Average (statistics)
- 9 DOP of the Year (votes)
- 10 Top Forward (votes) (new for 2017 season)
- 11 Play-off MVP (votes) (new for 2017 season)

### Special Thank You

Bay Arena Minor Hockey Association for donating the Top Scorer Trophy in recognition of the many volunteers who make minor hockey possible.

GFW Minor Hockey Association for donating the Top Defenseman Trophy.

Cee Bees Minor Hockey Association for donating the Rookie of the Year Trophy in recognition of Brandon Harris.

The Lee Family for donating the Most Valuable Player Trophy.

The 2014/2015 TriCom AAA Bantam Team for donating the Bantam Division Trophy.

The 2015/2016 St. John's AAA Pee Wee Team for donating the Pee Wee Division Trophy.

### Sponsorships Still Available For

- 1 Most Gentlemanly and Effective
- 2 Coach of the Year
- 3 Top Goaltender
- 4 Best Goals against Average
- 5 Director of Operations (DOP)
- 6 Top Forward
- 7 Play-off MVP

### 3 Biggest Positives

- 1 Parents are happy with players playing on 1 team and coached by 1 coach with 1 schedule.
- 2 Schedule allows families to enjoy other non-hockey interest on down weekends.
- 3 Approximately 45 games over the regular season, play-offs, provincial play-downs and out-of province tournaments. (4 home weekends as host, 4 away weekends as visitors, 1 Kick-off tournament, 1 Mid-season tournament, 1 Play-off Tournament).

### Highlights

- 1 TriCom Bantam won the 2014 Ice Jam Tournament
- 2 St. John's won the Bantam Irving Cup in 2016
- 3 St John's won the PeeWee Bell Aliant Atlantics in 2016
- 4 TriCom won the PeeWee Bell Aliant Atlantics in 2017
- 5 Team NL Male U16 tied for second at the 2016 QMJHL Challenge in Quebec, Top Atlantic Team
- 6 Team NL Male U16 placed fourth at the 2017 QMJHL Challenge in Quebec
- 7 12 Alumni AAA Players drafted to the QMJHL and 1 signed as a free agent

### PeeWee Tournaments

- 1 Kick-off Tournament – October 13-14 weekend in TriPen Region
- 2 Mid-season Tournament either central or western in December or January
- 3 Play-off Tournament – mid February
- 4 Provincial Play-Down Tournament – mid March (TBD)
- 5 Bell Aliant Atlantic Championship – April 5-8, 2018 (HNS)

### Bantam Tournaments

- 1 Kick-off Tournament – September 8-10 weekend in Harbour Grace at the DCCC
- 2 Mid-season Tournament either central or western in December or January
- 3 Play-off Tournament – late February
- 4 Provincial Play-Down Tournament – mid March (TBD)
- 5 Bantam Atlantic Championship – April 5-8, 2018 (HNL)

### For More Information

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The Chair thanked Mr. Wicks for his presentation.

### **BREAKAWAY FOUNDATION**

The Breakaway Foundation is a non-profit organization with the goal of providing financial assistance to youth of this province who require financial assistance to play hockey.

Debbie Doyle, President of the Breakaway Foundation, gave her yearly update. The Breakaway Foundation started in 2013-14 by helping 12 kids at a cost of \$6,000. This past 2016-17 season they helped 117 kids enjoy the sport at a cost of \$44,000. She referenced the executive for the upcoming season as listed in the current newsletter. She thanked everyone who helped in the past seasons and encouraged associations to continue to identify children who require financial assistance. She addressed the meeting on two upcoming fundraisers:

1. Third annual Cocktail Gala and Auction on June 23, 2017 at Granite, 115 Duckworth Street and
2. Ticket drive with a prize of tickets to the World Juniors.

She encouraged all to support the foundation and welcomed any association who could help with the ticket drive.

Following Debbie's presentation, a copy of the latest newsletter was distributed to all members in attendance.

The Chair thanked Debbie for her presentation and reiterated the importance of association's continued support of this foundation.

## **MINOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year Minor Council presents two \$500 scholarships to players in post-secondary educations. This year there was only one application received. The Chair read the bio of the recipient. This year's recipient was Luke Fowlow of the Bay D'Espoir Minor Hockey Association. Gail Hoskins, President of Bay D'Espoir Minor Hockey accepted the scholarship on Luke's behalf. The Chair congratulated Luke and wished him well in his future.

## **HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION PRESENTATION**

Frank Healey, Regional Director NL, Heart and Stroke Foundation addressed the meeting. He spoke briefly on heart and stroke statistics as it relates to the people of our province. He introduced the "Skate For Heart Program" A joint program between the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Minor Hockey Associations to fundraise for reinvestment of monies to supply arena with AED and critical training for appropriate staff members. The Website for information and registration will be announced September 2017. He encouraged all associations to take advantage of this program and thanked Jack Lee, President, Hockey NL for his input into the initiative.

The Chair thanked Mr. Healey for his presentation.

## **ADDRESS BY HOCKEY NL PRESIDENT**

President Jack Lee addressed the meeting. He spoke of the great season that we all had last year and suggested that changes are needed and changes are coming.

He advised all in attendance that HC has made mandatory ½ ice hockey for all Novice players in the country in the 2018-19 season. Studies dictate that this is the best for development of players at that age.

Hockey NL hosted Hockey Canada Spring Congress in St. John's. He spoke on the planning; the events and how well our province and our branch was represented.

In closing he challenged all in attendance to face and embrace change to ensure it happens as we move forward to grow the game of hockey in our province.

## **2017 AGM MINOR HOCKEY RESOLUTIONS**

The Chair informed the meeting that we will be reviewing four minor hockey resolutions and voting will be through a show of hands. Minor Resolution package was presented in the e-binder.

### Minor Hockey Provincial Tournament Procedures:

#### **Page 95 #9**

In associations where sufficient players are registered in a division, teams must carry 17 players, at least two of whom must be goaltenders. Teams with only one goaltender are permitted to register and carry 16 players. Exceptions may be permitted to carry less than the required number in extenuating circumstances as determined and approved by the Minor Council Director and/or Chairperson. The minimum number of players for a team is 12, at least one of whom must be a goaltender and a maximum number of players for a team is 19, at least two of whom must be a goaltender. Teams must have the minimum number of players registered by January 27 in order to be on the final Grading Report. In the event of an injury or illness or suspension by the association of Hockey NL to a goal keeper during a tournament, coaches have the option of: dressing another player, accepting a goaltender from the host association (if available), or forfeiting the game. (passed September 1992)

Motion Carried

#### **Page 97 (Banquets) #16**

Banquets held during Provincial Tournaments shall be at the discretion of the host association and shall not be scheduled for the last day of the tournament. Teams failing to attend the banquet shall be fined \$250.00 payable to the host association.

Motion Carried

#### **Page 97 (Pick Up Players) #18 friendly amendment:**

Any association that doesn't have the maximum number of players for a team, as per paragraph 9, shall have until 7 days prior to the commencement of the provincial tournament week to submit pick up forms to their respective Director(s). No pick up players shall be permitted to be added to a team roster after this date.

Motion Carried

Teams failing to send a representative to the Coaches meeting held prior to the Provincial Tournaments shall result in the Head Coach being suspended for the first two (2) games that his/her team participates in.

Motion Carried

## **HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION**

Ken Chafe, Hockey Development Chair, addressed the meeting with a presentation:

IP Branch Mentors: Dave Burry, Charlie Quick, Nick Miller, Terry Goulding, Robert Major, Glen McCarthy, Gary Dove

Coach Level 1: 2016/17 Begin requirements for all coaches at IP level to obtain Coach Level 1

Set up: All IP games cross-ice – Novice half-ice games until Feb 1

Reviewing changes for 2017/18: Equipment Funding, Mentorship, On-site development sessions (on and off ice), Enhancing junior coach program

Goaltending Mentors: Mike O'Brien, Ken O'Leary, Chat Brinson, Nancy Caines, Marek Benda-Lead: Jeff Murphy

Mentors will begin mentorship set-up in 2017/18 – will be a goaltending resource for MHAs

Clinics: 2017/18 will offer Goaltender 1 clinics, fees and set-up TBA

Goaltender Newsletter: First edition released, will follow up with quarterly releases

### Checking Updates

Development staff will announce plan for checking education for coaches at the TBD coaching levels for 2017/18

Online education component available similar to Hockey University Coach

### Under 13 Program

Second consecutive year this program has taken place for male and female players



2017 skills camp saw over 160 players participate

On-ice: Focus on skills development

Off-ice: Focus on warm-up/cool down, nutrition and checking skills development.  
Lead way into High Performance Program

### Highlights

- 2017 Highest finish at Male U16 QMJHL Challenge (3<sup>rd</sup>) Top Atlantic Team
- Male U14 numbers increased from 44 to 68 for summer camp participants
- Summer provincial camp will move to Corner Brook beginning 2018

### Novice I/2 Ice Hockey

Ken Chafe began discussion on half ice hockey for novice players. He advised that there was a request for a date for full ice hockey for this age group to prepare players for atom division hockey. He feels that this age group will very easily pick up on skills required for atom division hockey such as off sides thus wonders if a date for full ice hockey is really a requirement. He reiterated the importance of small ice surface in contributing to more puck touches, more shots on goal, more saves and reminds the members of the video that was shown at September 2016's semi-annual meeting. He posed a question to the floor: Does anyone disagree with ½ ice hockey for the novice age group?

The Chair advised that Hockey Canada will mandate ½ ice hockey for all novice age children (7-8 years) for the 2018-19 hockey season.

### Questions/Discussion from the floor

There was some mention of an amount of \$39000 being available. A lot of the smaller associations in the province are not able to avail of the great support from businesses such as Tim Horton's. Could some of this money be made available to help with the cost of items required to implement cross ice hockey i.e. rink dividers.

Ken Chafe advised that anyone finding themselves in that situation should contact him or Paul Dagg through email to arrange for assistance.

Discussion continued on pros/cons with a motion by Kyle Paul and seconded by Duane Green having it resolved that:

**For the full 2017-18 season, all minor hockey associations will implement ½ ice hockey for registered novice age players.**

Motion carried.

### Hockey Development Workshop

Take 15 minutes in groups of 4 and discuss:

**What can hockey development do to help your association for 2017-2018 season?**

One person from each group will record. We will collect each group's findings and bring forward to our Development Committee Meetings in August.

At this time the Chair acknowledged Gerry Kelly, Life Member Hockey NL, Life Member Minor Council and Dec LaCour, Life Member Minor Council.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S WORKSHOP**

Craig Tulk, Executive Director, gave instructions for a workshop:

#### Provincial Tournament Structure

History: Started with "All Star" teams from each association. Then Development Category. Now to what we have today: All inclusive.

- People are asking for change

Groups of 10-15 near your table

Appoint someone to chair to keep on track and recorder for suggestions very important.

Simple question, stay on task on the questions while adding where needed. Consensus approach.

Information to be emailed to [ctulk@hockeynl.ca](mailto:ctulk@hockeynl.ca) after the weekend. Gather the information for the Minor Council Executive Committee.

**What categories should be participating in provincial championships (A, B, C)?**

**Should there be a minimum number of members in association to be eligible to participate in provincials? If so what is that?**

**Should there be any different format for tournaments that are described as competitive vs recreational? House League vs All Star....**

**If so, what should this look like?**

**Is the timing of the provincials during the school break (Easter) still the best time? If not when?**

**Should there be a consideration of a regional playdown format to earn the right to provincials? If so, what could this look like?**

**If it is time for change how, who, when do we do this?**

The Chair thanked Craig and all participants at the closing of the workshop.

## **STEELE HOTELS**

Mr. Rex Avery, Vice-President of Steele Hotels addressed the meeting. He advised that this was the 11<sup>th</sup> season that Steele Hotels has been providing medals for provincial tournaments in this province. To date Steele Hotels has donated \$40,000 to Hockey NL Programs in the province and almost \$25,000 in coin. He explained that a portion of all monies collected by Steele Hotels for hockey related stays in the province is donated back to Hockey NL and they are happy to continue to support the programs. He thanked everyone for their support and called upon Jack Lee, President Hockey NL, to accept a cheque in the amount of \$13,000.

Mr. Gary Stamp, General Manager of Steele Hotels addressed the meeting. He explained the "Stay & Play" program which is supported by Steele Hotels. Any travelling hockey team who stays with Steele Hotels in the province has individual names of players plus association name entered for a prize of \$500 for player and \$2000 for association. This year's winner of the \$500 is Hannah Hickey and the \$2000 winner is Bay Arena Minor Hockey Association. Steele Hotels is proud to announce that next season they will double their prize meaning two individual players will win \$500 each and two associations will win \$2000 each.

Jack Lee, President Hockey NL, advised that there is a committee in place to develop a hotel policy. He invited Mr. Stamp to serve, with him, on this committee. Mr. Stamp accepted the invitation. Mr. Lee believes there will be a positive outcome from this meeting and thanked Mr. Stamp for his support and hopes to continue the great relationship between Hockey NL and Steele Hotels.

## **WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE**

Tom Gosine of World's Finest Chocolate addressed the meeting. He explained that as of July 1, 2017 his company has gained new fundraising rights across Canada. These rights include the World's Finest Chocolate, Laura Secord and La Fontaine chocolate. He assures his services will remain prompt and all his products will be 100% guaranteed. Mr. Gosine's company sponsors \$1250 to Female; \$1250 to Midget AAA and \$500 to the Minor Hockey Directory. He thanked everyone for their continued support of his company through their fundraising efforts and looks forward to continued support.

The meeting adjourned for lunch to reconvene at 1:00 pm.

## **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

At this time there was a video shown on behalf of Mr. Wayne Russell.

The Chair informed the meeting that the Notice of Motions package was contained in the e-binder.

### **Tabled Notices Of Motions**

#1, #8, #9 removed from the tabled notice of motions as they were passed with the adoption of the policy manual.

#2, #3, #5, #7 are related to changes required for governance.

### **Tabled Notices of Motions #2, #3, #5, #7**

These four motions were carried

### **Notice of Motion #1**

The motion was defeated

### **Notices of Motion #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8**

These notices of motions were put aside as they all related back to Notice of Motion #1 which was defeated.

### **Notice of Motion #9**

The motion was carried

### **Notice of Motion #10**

The motion was carried

### **Notice of Motion #11**

Friendly amendment

609. b. The Audit and Finance Committee shall consist of a chair who shall be the Vice President the Executive Director, **Exofficio/Non-Voting** and two other members to be appointed by the Executive Committee.

The motion was carried

### **Notice of Motion #12**

Friendly amendment

303. (i) act as a Chair of the **Audit & Finance Committee**

The motion was carried

### **Notices of Motions #13, #14, #15**

These notices of motions were carried

### **Notice of Motion #16**

This motion strictly relates to Senior thus it was returned to Senior Council for a decision.

### **Notices of Motions #17, #18**

These notices of motions were carried

### **Notice of Motion #19**

This motion strictly relates to Junior thus it was returned to Junior Council for a decision.

The Chair introduced Mr. Ed Flood. Mr. Flood has his name forward for election as Referee-In-Chief with Hockey NL. Mr. Flood addressed the delegates speaking on his intentions should he be elected.

The Chair thanked Mr. Flood and wished him luck at Sunday's election.

The Chair introduced Mr. Tim Power. Mr. Power presented on:

## **10 Tips For Hockey Tournament Success**

### **#1 Recruit Your Volunteers – Don't Advertise**

- Chairperson should never fall for “being handed a team”
- Identify core members versus role members & communicate it to them
- Sort out likely scale of event & build team to execute it

### **#2 Define Your Committee's Mantra**

- ENJOY OR QUIT

### **#3 Extend the Event's Reach**

- Launch the event's presence on-line early
- Think pre-event reception versus reception during the event
- Always do tournament pass pre-sales (vouchers)

### **#4 Never Forget The Kids**

- Base ticket pricing on family attendance
- Admit kids for free, but charge adults
- Random acts of kindness
- Welcome kids to Warm Room treats

### **#5 Plan to Detail**

- Tasks Lists vs. Meeting Minutes
- On-line distribution of task lists
  - Accountability
  - Constant check-up on progress
- Task Lists Breakdown
  - Pre-event
  - Game time
  - Media

### **#6 Challenge the Conventional**

- No to Program Booklet full of ads; yes to mini-program and banner

### **#7 Think in Triangles**

- IceCaps 10-Puck Relay
- T-Shirt Sponsor Hand-outs
- #WeAreDJHL Cross-promotion

### **#8 Develop Your Brand & Your Own Media**

- Paradigm shift: media is now DIY first (a.k.a. social media)
- Attracting mass media is bonus

- Event brand is about more than looking & content of materials; it's about how volunteers talk up event & vibe around it.
- Determine value proposition for fans from on-ice entertainment offered
- Sharp action photography & just-in-time content are vital!

#### #9 Always Be Accountable

- Stick to budget and share with partners (but treat as a live document)
- Never over-sell nor under-deliver to sponsors
- “Consider it done”
- Be a fan of analytics & metrics (i.e., engagements & unique users)

#### #10 Always Remind Yourself: Folks Remember the Time, Not the Score

- Creating fun is hard work, so have some too
- Be creative & inclusive
- Recognize talent & reward it with a bigger role on team
- Gratitude is never denied
- Respect the game and the people in it
- Treat teams like they are special

Final Thought: In hockey, as in life, goals are seldom achieved unassisted.

The Chair thanked Mr. Power for his presentation and noted Mr. Power's “second to none” success.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Gerry Evans and Mr. Gerry Kelly, Life Members of Hockey NL, Mr. Dec LaCour, Life Member of Minor Council and Mr. Craig Tulk, Executive Director, Hockey NL.

Mr. Evans, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lacour and Mr. Tulk conducted the election of officers.

The following people were elected by acclamation:

Ed O'Brien, Vice Chair	1 year term
Gonzo Bennett, Eastern Director	1 year term
Wendy Penney, Tripen Director	1 year term
Robert Bouzane, Central Director	1 year term
Terry Clark, Northern Director	1 year term
Lynette Hiscock, Secretary	1 year term

Chair, Arnold Kelly was elected for a 2 year term unless new governance takes effect in which case it will be a 1 year term

With two names put forward, an election was held for the Western Director position.

The names of Morgan Anderson and Catherine Dinn were put forward for Western Director. Both candidates were given the opportunity to address the delegates before the casting of ballots. Following the election and counting of the votes, Morgan Anderson was declared Western Director.

Following the election, a motion was made by Tim Power and seconded by Trevor Murphy to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

The Chair called the new executive to take their place at the front table. He thanked Catherine Dinn for her interest in the position.

The Chair also thanked Darren Murray for his two years of service to Minor Council as Central Director.

## **CONCUSSION AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Dr. Jared Butler, Medical Advisor, Hockey NL addressed the delegates with a repeat of an announcement of the Concussion Awareness Program. Hockey NL with the support of the Provincial Government, NL Medical Association and Municipalities NL will work together to bring concussion injuries to the forefront. "Concussion Recognition" Cards will be placed on every bench and on every dressing room door in every arena in our province. Pocket cards will also be provided. These cards will be updated regularly so as to ensure the best information possible is being provided to recognize concussions when they occur. Mr. Butler advised that he may be contacted through his email at any time if questions should arise.

The Chair thanked Dr. Butler for his time and attention to this most important subject.

The Chair introduced Mr. Don Kelly. Mr. Kelly's name has been put forward for re-election to the Referee-In-Chief position with Hockey NL. Mr. Kelly spoke on his intentions if he should be re-elected to this position.

The Chair thanked Mr. Kelly and wished him luck in Sunday's election.

## **TOWN HALL DISCUSSIONS**



### Provincial Tournament Fees

Current fee structure for Provincial Tournaments is \$550. \$500 is paid to the host association with \$50 going to Branch for administration fees. In light of the rising cost of ice and other related fees, it has been brought to the attention of the Chair that these fees need to increase. Most host associations now are being forced to fundraise thousands of dollars in order to pay all tournament associated expenses. Representative from Labrador feels that this would be a bigger burden to them as the cost of them having to come to the island is already substantial. To raise these fees would increase their need for even further fundraising. Following discussion, on a motion by Vince Burton and seconded by George Dupont it was resolved that:

**Beginning in the 2017-18 season, Provincial Tournament Fees will increase from \$550 to \$750.**

Motion Carried.

The Chair noted that going forward there has to be more consistency in tournament structure and in order to ensure this a "Hosting Document" setting minimum guidelines for tournament structure will be put in place.

### Provincial Winter Games

NL Winter Games Dates March 10-18, 2018 and will be hosted by the Town of Deer Lake. Applicable age group is the Bantam Division with male competition being held first part of week and female in second.

### Midget A Tournament Body Checking

The Chair questioned the possibility of removing body checking from Midget A division based on the fact that it is now a four team tournament as no other team wants to play that level of hockey with body checking. Open discussion questioned the need to remove body checking for those four teams if they desire that level of hockey. Also, for those with an interest to move on to AAA Minor or AAA Major having no exposure to checking would be of no benefit. It was decided that removing checking from Midget A would be a step backwards and therefore the current structure would remain.

### AAA Minor Midget

The Chair advised that there is a desire to revitalize a AAA Minor League in the Province. Its structure would depend on the number of zones involved. The number of players left in associations to participate and ice time was discussed. It was clarified that AAA Minor Midget players **would not be removed** from playing with the home association. After continued discussion it was concluded

that area directors would proceed with the structuring of a AAA Minor Midget League.

### Tournament Sanctioning

It has been brought to the attention of the Chair that tournaments are not being sanctioned as required. If tournaments are not properly sanctioned then travel cannot be approved. It was suggested that paperwork to have a tournament sanctioned should be submitted **three weeks prior to** tournament. Failure to do so could result in the cancellation of the tournament.

## **OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION**

Hockey NL Fees have been increased with no consultation with associations. Why would this happen with such a healthy bank account?

The Chair asked Craig Tulk, Executive Director, if he would speak to the issue. Mr. Tulk advised that rising expenditures; salary restructuring, additional HST, decrease funding from Hockey Canada and increase in expenses are all related to increased fees.

Coach Warning – Fair Play Issue was a very real issue in some of the provincial tournaments this past season. The Chair reiterated that fair play is an ongoing issue that never seems to be resolved. Association executives put coaches in place and if the coaches break the rules it is up to the association's presidents/executives to make sure that coach is disciplined. During provincial tournaments it is the responsibility of the HNL Coordinator to ensure that the fair play rule is followed. That does not always happen or does not happen as it should. There is a new four step policy in place and this policy should be followed.

Cost of Provincial Tournament Admission is an issue yet something we are unable to control. Some arenas are run by the town and/or have unionized workers. The associations within these areas have no control over what is charged for admission at the door; it is a fee charged by the town.

Mouth guards are no longer believed to prevent concussions. It was questioned if Hockey NL will continue to standby their mandatory mouth guard rule. The Chair advised that Mouth guards are mandatory for all players and goaltenders until the rules is changed by the Branch.

After much discussion a motion by Vince Burton; seconded by Mark Noseworthy resolved that:

**The table has given a mandate to The Chair of Minor Council to take the current mouth guard policy forward to the Board for discussion.**

The Chair advised that he would take this back to the Board and all aspects of the mouth guard policy would be discussed; insurance, risk-management, safety. The time frame of policy change was questioned from the floor. Jack Lee, President Hockey NL advised that the policy document has been adopted so time would not be an issue.

Three Tier Atom Tournament Structure was questioned. The Chair advised that it was structured that way with the intent for better competition. Teams would fall into level dictated by ability to play. It was noted by a representative at the table that he attended this tournament as a parent. It was well structured and very well executed. It was a great tournament.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm

Arnold Kelly  
Minor Council Chair

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## **Female Committee, Hockey NL AGM – June 10, 2017 – Minutes**

Start time 9:00

### **Housekeeping:**

The meeting began with a roll call of voting delegates. There were 33 voting delegates present plus 5 committee members plus 5 observers. The first order of business was to review the minutes from the September 2016 semi-annual meeting. There were no errors or omissions noted. The motion was raised to adopt the minutes. This was motioned by Tina Martin and seconded by Denise Fagan. Motion carried

### **World Girls Hockey Weekend:**

Carolyn began with a report on the 2016 events. Last year we had 15,000 toques for participants and these were all distributed. They will have toques again this year. We are looking for long game host sites, same as in the past. Please go back to your associations and see if you can host these.

If not, please consider an event, please be creative in finding events, most events are acceptable. Make sure you register the events on the website.

The question was asked as to could it be a regional event? Yes, this would be great. We are aware that the date is not optimal as many associations do not have ice on. Also, thanksgiving weekend is a hard one to plan hockey events. Carolyn stressed to register early online to ensure you get the package from Hockey Canada in time

### **Global Game Weekend:**

This event was held in Ontario this past season. NL sent 2 participants. Hockey Canada supplemented the cost by paying \$500 per girl. The event was made up of skill sessions, meet and greet with Team Canada players, games, and tours. The girls received apparel and overall had a great time. We will have more info in September for the events for the upcoming season.

### **Zone Reports:**

The zone coordinator's reports are located in the e-binder. The central report is not included but Heidi Hefford gave a verbal report. "Central had a good year, there were some issues with low AAA numbers".

The floor was opened for questions but there were none. Feel free to approach the zone coordinator in private if you have any questions.

### **Hockey Canada Congress Update:**

Carolyn Yates, Female Chair, gave an overview of the Hockey Canada meetings. The highlight is that councils are changing with the governance reviews. It was stressed that it is recognized that female is unique and may need a unique structure.

The ESSO Nationals will be held in NS in 2018 and there will be a 4 man officiating system.

Mel Davidson attended the meetings. They discussed the Team Canada boot camp that was recently held in NB. There was a lot of discussion on whether or not we should allow double carding. There was discussion regarding the new "angling and contact" clinics. Ken Chafe will have more information on this as it will be promoted. It was recommended that all branches hold at least one officiating clinic. This will be followed up with the Referee in Chief.

**Esso Fun Days:**

There were 875 ESSO Fun Days held throughout the country last year. In this province we held 7 events, this is down from 17 last season. There were a total of 200 participants. Gander Minor, Ceebees, and Harbour Breton indicated that they had held successful events. Tamar has placed the event and application at the bottom of your agenda.

The issue was raised regarding direction as to how best to promote and grow this program. Carolyn indicated that each association can promote this how they see fit. They can use handouts or personal contact. There are poster downloads available. The Eastern coordinator indicated that the metro area had begun a new committee to oversee the “Growth and Retention” issue of female hockey. The chair was in the room and discussed some preliminary ideas that they are pursuing: promoting in schools, focusing on the social aspect of female hockey, getting out to promote at community events, and using social media. The issue was brought up that the cost of hockey is a significant barrier and that associations had used the Bauer First Shift program to overcome this obstacle in recruitment

**Murray Roberts, Hockey NL Vice-President entered the room.**

He briefly mentioned the announcement from Friday night’s meeting regarding “Concussion Awareness”

**Heart and Stroke Presentation:**

Mr. Frank Healey, the NL regional director for the Heart and Stroke Foundation addressed the room to promote their new initiative, “Skate for Heart”. The purpose of the program is to ensure there are AED’s in each arena and provide CPR training.

Facts: Each year there are more survivors from heart attack and stroke. Since the 1950’s the Heart and Stroke Foundation has engaged in research but more needs to be done. In NL someone suffers a heart attack or stroke every 4 minutes. We have an obesity epidemic in NL, 1 in 3 children are overweight or obese and 9 of 10 Newfoundlander’s have at least 1 risk factor for heart attack or stroke. In Canada 52% of people are overweight or obese, that rises to 65% in NL.

The “Skate for Heart” program will raise funds to be reinvested in hockey associations. The minor hockey associations can register online and pick a date in February 2018 for their event. They will be provided with pledge forms and can begin fundraising 2-3 weeks before the event. Then they simply hold a skate for heart. 10% of the funds raised go back directly to the associations. The top association will receive training and an AED.

**Date for Provincials:**

There was discussion regarding the best date to host Female All NL Provincial Tournaments. It was suggested to have the female tournaments on Easter weekend. This was discussed, issues include the availability of ice (statutory holiday) and possibility of a desire to keep this weekend for family and religious observance. It was decided that associations would have to discuss this further.

It was discussed whether we should just try and host the female provincials after Easter. No clear decision was made on this. A question was raised as to whether we try and work with NLVA to ensure our tournaments do not conflict. The answer to this was that we use the school sports calendar and have contacted other sports in the past, however it would be virtually impossible to schedule , for example U15 provincials so that it did not conflict with Grade 7, 8, and 9 provincials in basketball and volleyball.

**Debbie Doyle from the Breakaway Foundation entered the room and presented the annual report.**

**NL Winter Games:**

The NL Winter games will be held Mar 10-18, 2018 in Deer Lake. The ages for female hockey will be the same as last time, players must be between 13 and 16 years of age as of Dec 31, 2017. We have asked that female hockey be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the games. We will have more information as it is provided to us from the organizing committee. This event should be no cost for players as the players and coaches are billeted and fed. Transpiration is provided from the major centres. The zones for this event will not be the same as our AAA zones.

**Dr. Jared Butler entered the room for a brief discussion on the concussion awareness project.**

For this project Hockey NL has partnered with the NL Medical Association. The goal is to make sure every dressing room door in every rink has the concussion awareness tool. There will also be pocket cards for coaches and team staff.

**Female Teams playing against minor teams:**

This has been a big issue. The first point is that any play vs minor teams must be approved by the female zone coordinator and the minor area director. This past season the female committee a policy in absence of a general rule. We need to make a rule here and have it passed by the membership. The policy followed this season was that this would only be allowed up to the peewee level (i.e. a female team could not play against a minor team that was any older than peewee). There was to be absolutely no contact.

Discussion was held as to whether there should be an exception for AAA teams as these teams are selected and play at a higher level.

There was some discussion, in the end the motion presented was:

*“Female teams playing against minor teams will be restricted to minor teams in the peewee age group and lower. Exceptions may be made for AAA teams. These teams will be allowed to play down one division.*

The final decision was this would be tabled as an action item for September. We will vote on this motion then. Teams are reminded that the proper paperwork must be filed to have any cross divisional play sanctioned by Hockey NL.

**Don Kelly, Hockey NL Referee-in-Chief entered the room for a presentation.**

He indicated that female registration for officials was up 15%, we encourage more female recruitment. This year we held 2 full tournaments with female officials, the AAA Bantam kick-off in Harbour Grace and the AAA Midget playdowns in the Southern Shore.

He referenced the discussion from Friday night's town hall meeting regarding mouthguards. This is not a decision that can be made by the referees. It has been determined that while they do not prevent concussions they can prevent facial injuries.

He was asked about a 3 man system. He indicated that the 3 man system is the minimum, we are striving toward the 4 man system for some events. The 2 man system may be approved by lower levels of hockey.

The final point was that there is going to be referee training on body contact vs body checking.

**Hockey NL President, Jack Lee entered the room.**

Female hockey is doing well, this past season we had 2,038 players registered; our goal was 2,000.

He discussed some initiatives for the upcoming season. We will be having a “Bring a Friend Day” for girls during minor hockey week as we host Hockey Day in NL.

When we come back for our September meetings he would like to have ideas brought forward as to how we can grow female hockey. We need one initiative from each association. There is money available from Hockey Canada to help with these initiatives.

He ended his presentation by acknowledging Carolyn Yates as she will not be returning to the Female Committee for the 2017-2018 season. She has had 13 years as a coordinator and 2 years as the Female Chair. Thank you Carolyn!!

**Ken Chafe, Hockey NL Hockey Development Chair entered the room.**

There was some technical difficulty with his power point presentation so we will have to make it available after the fact. He indicated that there is \$39,000 available from Hockey Canada that he has to spend. He wants ideas as to how to do this. He wants each association to think what Hockey Development can do for them.

He indicated that it is mandatory that we use the half ice format this season for novice age players for the entire season.

He talked about new equipment available, goaltending mentorship, checking, and the U13 program in HPP.

**AAA League for 2017-2018 season:**

Tracey Hatcher, new AAA Female League Chair, presented a PowerPoint regarding the plans for AAA for the upcoming season. The PowerPoint presentation will be forwarded by the zone coordinators after the meetings. Discussion after the presentation centered on the need for events and travel to all zones (this will be mandatory this season), coach selection (the first round of this process is almost complete), and fees (all fees MUST be paid in advance of the season start date). More information will be coming out over the summer as the staffs are put in place.

The goal is to make the midget AAA program as successful as the bantam program was last season.

It was announced that the AAA Midget Atlantic had been awarded to MPMHA. Congratulations!!

Ed Flood is running for the position of Referee-in-Chief. He addressed the room on his vision of the officiating program in NL and how it related to female hockey.

**Female Rules and Regulations:**

There are a number of changes to the female rules and regulations. These are included in your e-binder. Is there any discussion? Questions?

No questions were asked. The motion was made to approve the new rules by Denise Fagan, seconded by Cheryl Moores. Motion carried.

**Notices of Motion:**

The notices of motion are presented in your e-binder. Each item was addressed and the results were as follows: Items 1-8 were opposed. Items 9-19 were approved.

Items from the 2016 AGM:

1, 8, and 9 are no longer relevant. Items 2, 3, 5, and 7 were passed unanimously.

### **Provincial Tournaments:**

The date for the ALL NL Female Provincials for the upcoming season is Mar 23-25, 2018.

Carolyn gave a summary from last year's provincials. The Pink in the Rink results from last season were \$ 13,000 raised. This is good but down \$ 10k from last season. The discussion centered on the timeliness of the information, and that the fundraising should be done as a team event, like a bake sale, etc. to get the girls involved. We need to get the information out to the associations earlier.

The discussion then shifted to the provincial tournament format. Are the megas too big? We are losing our banquets, opening ceremonies, etc. Maybe we should be holding smaller megas, limiting the number of teams to 10 or 12? If we were to reduce the sizes of the tournaments we would need to go back to grading the teams and releasing the grading reports.

Carolyn added that she has addressed the issue of the difficulty that we have in finding hosting sites with the officers. She said that she has the support of the officers that if associations do not step up to host, we will ask associations. If an association refuses then there is a \$1,000 fine and their team will not be allowed to travel.

We are asking all reps to go back to their associations and return in September with the applications to host.

There was discussion on raising the tournament fee above \$500. This is on the agenda of minor and we will copy whatever they decide this weekend.

Reminders: Coaches must have the proper certification, the withdrawal deadline for provincials once you are placed on the grading report is 30 days prior to the tournament start date, we will communicate the team roster deadlines in September.

This discussion was tabled for September for further discussion.

### **Final items:**

We are looking to apply for a big female event for Hockey NL in the next couple of years. More to follow

### **Elections:**

The following are elected by acclamation:

Female Chair: Debbie Bouzane

Central Zone Coordinator: No name brought forward

Western Zone coordinator: Sharon Major

Northern Zone Coordinator: Tina Martin

Secretary: Tracey Hatcher

For the Eastern zone we have two names: Denise Fagan and Gina Mercer

Each candidate was given time to address the room and a vote followed. Denise Fagan was elected.



The floor was opened for nominations for Central chair. Karen Lilly nominated Heidi Hefford. No other nominations were made and Heidi was elected by acclamation.

The meeting ended with a brief address by the new Female Chair, Debbie Bouzane. She is looking forward to working with us to grow female hockey.

Motion to adjourn at 2:30.

Submitted by: Tracey Hatcher, Secretary - Female Committee

**HOCKEY NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
JUNIOR COUNCIL JUNE 09 - 11, 2017  
ALBATROSS MOTEL, GANDER**

**MINUTES**

As recorded by Bern Tobin, HNL Junior Council Secretary.  
Saturday, June, 10, 2017, 12:30pm.... Adjourned 4:00 pm

**1..... WELCOME:**

HNL Junior Council Chair, Gerry Taylor, called the meeting to order 12:30pm... Charlie Welcomed all to the Meeting.

**2..... JUNIOR CHAIR GERRY TAYLOR ASKED FOR  
PRESENTATION of CREDENTIALS and ROLL CALL:**

Junior Council Chair .....Gerry Taylor  
Junior Council Vice Chair ..... Charlie Kearsey  
Junior Council Rec. Secretary ..... Bern Tobin  
Junior Council Eastern Area Director ..... George Bursell  
Junior Council Western Area Director .....Ron Downey  
Junior Council Central Area Director ..... Lloyd Bursey

**2 (i)..... JUNIOR ASSOCIATIONS' VOTING DELEGATES:**

As the Central West Jr. Hockey League was not registered in the HNL there were no League Representatives present.

St. John's Jr. Hockey League Voting Representative, Steven Clarke  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League .....2<sup>nd</sup> voting Representative. (not present)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ..... Team Avalon .....Derrick Hutchens (gm)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ..... Team CB. North ..... Brian Ryan (team rep.)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League .....Team Jr.Celtics ..... Greg Ryerson (Coach)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League .....Team Mt. Pearl ..... Fred Blair (g.m.)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League .....Team S. Shore ..... Ian Sullivan (President)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League .....Team TP. Flyers ..... Barry Drake (team exec)  
\*\*\*St. John's Jr. Hockey League ...Team CB. Region ..... Roger Powell  
\*\*\*St. John's Jr. Hockey League ...Team St. John's ..... (NO SHOW)  
14 voting delegates === 7 teams + 1 league + 6 council members.

**2 (ii)..... JUNIOR ASSOCIATIONS' ALTERNATES (Non-Voting):**

SJJHL ...Doug Tibbo....Team Northeast Jr. Eagles .. (GM)  
SJJHL ... Kevin Tobin....CB. Regional Jr. Renegades (Team Executive)  
SJJHL ... Dale Sullivan... Southern Shore Jr. Breakers (Coach)

**3..... ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Junior Council Chair, Gerry Taylor asked for any additions to the Agenda.  
No additions to the Agenda.

**4..... TABLING & ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:**

Gerry then asked for a Mover to accept the Agenda as is...  
So Moved by Barry Drake .... 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Ryerson..... Voted on .Accepted.

**5..... ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 2016 HNL FALL MEETING:**

Junior Council Secretary, Bern Tobin Read out the Sept, 2016 HNL Fall Minutes.  
When he was finished the Meeting Chair Gerry Taylor asked for a Motion &

**PAGE #2** (adoption fall meeting cont'd.)

Seconder to accept the Minutes as read out by Bern Tobin.

Gerry asked if there was any business arising from the Fall Minutes.

So moved by Derrick Hutchens ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> By Fred Blair.

**6..... BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2016 HNL FALL MEETING:**

Junior Chair Gerry Taylor asked, "any business arising from the Fall Meeting Minutes?"

No one came forward, No additions arose to the Fall Meeting Minutes.

**7..... REPORTS:**

**(a)..... Western Area Director Ron Downey's Report:**

Again this year Ron noted, "that his report on Junior Hockey out in his area has not changed. There's just nothing out there. No one interested in reviving it. Ron noted, "again the Corner Brook Minor System turned out over 40 or more midgets. CB Minor Juvenile League lost two teams. . Players are being enticed to play senior, recreational, or juvenile. It looks like there's no Junior in the west for the future. Ron Downey thanked Gerry Taylor for time and services with the Junior Council. (NO REPORT ATTACHED)).

**(b) Central Area Director Lloyd Bursey's Report** Lloyd gave his report. He too reiterated his views on Junior Hockey in Central. It's 4 years now and we're not fortunate enough to have any form of hockey for our graduating midgets. Lloyd went on to say in the Lewisporte they thought that something may be on the move. But nothing transpired as there is no competitive hockey of any form. Lloyd Bursey also thanked Gerry Taylor for his time and services with the Junior Council. (NO REPORT ATTACHED)

**(c)..... Eastern Area Director George Bursell's Report:** George said, the SJJHL opened the 2016-2017 with the return of the 8 teams. He said, we opened our League games on September 30, 2016 closing out on April 07, 2017. We had our very first season of televised games and our All Star game. George Congratulated all teams in the SJJHL for a great Season and to the new executive. Also the league's first place team overall, S.Shore Junior Breakers, and they are the League Champs and Congratulations on a fine representation of the SJJHL at the DJMC. The Breakers are to be commended for their fine showing at the DJMC and having 3 of players added to the 6 man All Star Team. George said the League held it's AGM on June 05, 2017 and he was returned as President along with (6) new Officers almost a new slate. Jim Hare Vice President, Bern Tobin remains with the position of Treasurer, Cathy Doyle Secretary, Carl Lake Public Relations, Gerry Taylor Statistician, Steven Clarke Director of Minor Officials and Wayne Carter Director at Large. George mentioned Paradise did wish to put a team in the League this year. Their application of 2016-2017 was rejected by a vote of the teams and Executive and now must re-apply in 2019-2020 season. The League is ready to go for 2017-2018 and will open in September with all 8 teams returning. George closed out his report by thanking Gerry Taylor for valuable time and service over the years.

**(d)..... Junior Vice-Chair's Report:** Vice-Chair Charlie mentioned he attended the DJMC and wish to congratulate the S.S. Jr Breakers for their decorum and attitude at the hotel and the overall event. He congratulated the Jr Breakers on having three off their players nominated to the All Star Team. Charlie then spoke on the DJMC. He stated that he met with the Executive Members of the DJMC and they suggested a new event format for NL. They said this is just a suggestion. NL should come up with some way that they could play for the Don Johnson Cup. NL could have the top 4 teams in their League play for the DJ Cup. Charlie stated the Atlantic Teams said they would not mind stepping away from the event. He they said it is due to the tremendous amount of money it costs NL to travel 3 of the 4 times it is held off the island. In closing

**PAGE #3..... vice chair's report cont'd:**

Charlie said the Atlantic teams stated the cost of travel to NL for them is usually \$10,000 to \$15,000.

**(e)..... Secretary's Report..... Bern noted he had nothing to add.**

**(f)..... Junior Chair's Report:** Chair, Gerry Taylor Congratulated the Southern Shore Junior Breakers on the winning of the League 1st Place Overall and then topping it off with winning the League Championship. He also congratulated the Avalon Jr Capitals for a fine showing in the finals against the Breakers. Jr Breakers then onto the DJMC and a fine showing at the Atlantic Championships.

**8..... ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Gerry Evans entered the Room. Gerry Taylor welcomed Gerry Evans and asked if he would Chair the Jr. Council Election of officers. Gerry E. noted that outgoing Chair Gerry Taylor still retains his voting privileges until after the Elections are declared. He then went onto say that there are 3 members of the Junior Council including 2 Area Directors who have returned by acclamation..

They are **Bern Tobin Secretary... George Bursell Eastern Director & Lloyd Bursey Central Director.** Therefore the 3 Junior Council Members returning are declared according to the Constitution. On that note Gerry E. stated that two seats are up for Elections. He mentioned #1 The Chair of Junior Council for which Charlie Kearsy is running for and Derrick Hutchens, who also entered his name.

#2 the Vice-Chair of Junior Council is vacant and 2 people are running for that position. Ron Downey & Doug Tibbo. The voting proceeded with the position of the **Chair. Charlie Kearsy** as being declared the new Chair of the Junior Council. The spot for Vice-Chair: In the first ballot it went into a tie. Upon a 2nd ballot it was noted that **Doug Tibbo** won the Vice Chair position. Gerry E. mentioned that the Western Area Director is still open. Bern Tobin nominated Ron Downey to the position. 2nd by Lloyd Bursey. Gerry asked if anyone was opposed to Ron Downey seeking that position. No replies. Gerry E. declared **Ron Downey Western Area Director** by acclamation. Gerry E. then stated that he declares the Elections of Officers according to the Constitution, now closed.

**9..... NEW BUSINESS:**

**On (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f).... Junior Council Chair, Charlie Kearsy** thanked Gerry E. for his valuable time and asked all newly elected Officers to take their seats. Charlie said his first duty as Jr. Council Chair is to thank Gerry Taylor for his many years of service, Gerry has dedicated most of his valuable time and services to the Junior Council. He also stated, We must all get on the same page. What goes on in this room, stays in this room. Charlie asked if any of the elected Members have any comments. (no replies) (Gerry Kelly and Dec Lecour assisted with the voting count.)

**Still under New Business,** Charlie asked George Bursell if he would like to speak on the Motions and get them off the table. As George began to speak on the Governance and the Referee-in-Chief's position to be set as an appointment instead of elected, Murray Roberts entered the room. Charlie welcomed Murray and mentioned that George Bursell was getting ready to go through the Notice of Motions. . Murray said he was there to answer any questions the room would like to have answered .. Charlie then asked George to carry on with the Notice of Motions ... George carried on with the Notice of Motions with explanations of each. George made note of #189 taken out and entered into the HNL Policy Manual. When George had finished with the Notice of Motions, Charlie asked if anyone had any questions. Charlie thanked Murray for coming into our room

**PAGE #4..... new business cont'd**

**10... Discussions from the Floor:**

**(a)..... HNL President's Report:** President Jack Lee entered the room. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Jack said, First he would like to thank Gerry Taylor for his many years of service with the HNL and in particular his involvement with Junior Hockey and Council for the last 9 years on the Board. Jack congratulated the newly elected Members to the Junior Council. He also congratulated the S. Shore Junior Breakers on winning the SJJHL Championship and great showing at the Don Johnson. George Bursell asked Jack on the 4 man system and the extra cost of \$12,000 to a League that has no sponsor. Jack noted that the HNL has a right to make increases where feasible and the SJJHL has a right to appeal. Charlie thanked Jack for coming in.

**(b)..... Executive Director's Report:**

Craig Tulk came into the room. He congratulated the League's Team Jr Breakers on winning the League Championship and a fine showing at the Don Johnson. Craig said that this year the teams will find an increase in registration fees. (a)... To register here today, an extra \$5.00. Also teams \$300 to register. All Junior Players increase of \$10 now \$95.00 each.... All Non-Playing Bench Staff & Team/ League Volunteers increase of \$10.... now \$65.00 each..... Charlie thanked Craig for coming in.

**(c)..... Referee in Chief's Report.**

"Don Kelly entered the room: He spoke on Gerry Taylor and the many, many years of service he has given to Junior Hockey and the HNL. He congratulated the S.Shore on winning the League Championship. Don spoke highly of the caliber of officilas presently in the Province and the great job that Kevin Heffernan has been doing the years. Bern asked Don if there will be an increase in Official fees this year. Don noted that they contemplated that but decided not to forego on it for this year. George Bursell asked concerning rulr 9.2 a.. and other infractions dropped from the Junior Supplement. Also the referees ultimatum of not doing games after 8:10pm. George said, the teams have no control on when a rink jumps a game ahead by an hour due to minor on before Junior. Don said that they are addressing many of those issues. On the referees games time, that has been addressed and they will be doing their jobs as assigned per game and time. George said and what about referees inconsistencies. Don said that they have been hearing this year after year and if you find this is still an issue call me or Kevin and we will address it. Fred Blair spoke on the referees carrying chips on their shoulders and interacting with the coach and bench staff. We find this very difficult to deal with. Gerry Taylor answered with, "Junior is the training tool for Officials. Also Coaches are in control of attitudes." Fred said the 4th man is a waste of money. Charlie thanked Don for coming in.

**(d)..... Hockey Development Chair's Report....** Ken Chafe entered the room, He said, Thank you to Gerry Taylor for his mentorship over the many years he served on the HNL Board and it is sad to see you go. Ken congratulated the newly elected Executive. Ken mention his certificate and the difficulty in obtaining it. He noted that they will be hosting a seminar in the near future. Time and date unknown. Ken began speaking on his position with the HNL Board. When Ken finished his introduction. Charlie thanked him for coming in.

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**11... Recognizing Visiting Hockey Persons :**

**(a).....** Dr. Jared Butler entered the room: He spoke briefly on concussions. He has chaired a committee to get the word out there concerning Head Hits and the severity of concussions. We have a pocket card that will help make the public aware of concussions. The cards will be forthcoming by the opening of the 2017-2018 season. Charlie thanked Dr. Butler for coming into our room.

**(b).....** George introduce Mr Frank Healey to the room. Mr Healey spoke on his involvement with the Heart & Stroke Foundation, NL... He spoke of the young and Healthy dropping dead from Heart Diseases. We are a society of processed foods and hydrogenated fats and greases. He spoke on the Defibrillators and their importance to saving a person life in the case of a Heart Attack. They are just as important in arenas as the fire extinguishers. 67% of heart attacks are caused by the lack of activity and proper dieting. The Heart Foundation NL will soon be fundraising with an event called, "Skate for the Heart." He noted that if you ever need further information the contact person is our Co-ordinator Mr.Gerry Healey at 383 1026. When Mr Healey finished, Charlie thank him for coming into our room.

**(c).....** Referee Ed Flood entered the room. He spoke on his tenure as an Official and his involvement in the Officiating field and the number of years involved. He mentioned running for the Chair of Referee in Chief. When Ed finished, Charlie thanked him for coming into our room.

**12... Other Business:** Charlie asked if there were any other business. (No replies.)

**13... Charlie said if there is no other business.** Then I ask for someone to move for an adjournment. So moved by Lloyd Bursey. Seconded by Ron Downey.. The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

## **Chair, Junior Hockey Report**

### **June 2017**

During the 2016-17 hockey season HNL did not have a junior league operate in either the Central or Western Regions, that was unfortunate. I believe all players who have learned to love and play the game at an early age should be able to continue participating until life takes them on a different path. The young players who live in the Central and Western Regions of our Province have to accept the fact that, in most cases, when they graduate out of Minor Hockey their playing days in a competitive game of hockey is over. I wish we could change that.

In the Eastern Region the SJJHL had another successful season. Eight teams participated, each team played a 28 game schedule not including the play off rounds. In the playoff rounds all eight teams participated first in a quarter finals series, then the four remaining teams played a semi final series with the winning teams advancing to the league Finals. In the Finals series the two successful teams, this year, the Avalon Jr. Capitals and the Southern Shore Jr. Breakers, played a best of seven with the Southern Shore Jr. Breakers claiming the League Championship in seven games and earning the right to represent the Province at the DJMC which was held this year in Fredricton, NB. We congratulate the Junior Breakers on winning the League Championship and then representing HNL at the DJMC. At the DJMC the Jr. Breakers played well winning the first two games but losing the remaining games all by a close score. Most importantly the team played well and represented the Province and their league well. The DJMC is an expensive tournament for our teams to participate in. At the end of each season the successful team who wins the league championship finds themselves having to raise a large amount of money in a very short time to cover travel and other expenses to allow them to participate in the DJMC tournament. I have always viewed the DJMC as a reward to the team who wins the league championship by giving those players a chance to see and play against teams from out of Province. I have always saw participating in the DJMC off the Island as a learning experience for our players to help them grow and experience life and the game of hockey outside the norm. But to have a team participate in the DJMC it puts a lot of strain on those who have the responsibility for team operations. At the end of a long season to then take on an expense almost equal to the cost of operating a team for a full season is a big commitment. It's easy to understand why our team operators are not in favour of participating in the DJMC. As we go forward its hard to predict the future of the DJMC. The people who support and operate our teams do a tremendous job in meeting the demands for our teams to not only play a full schedule but if their team is successful in winning the league championship to then participate in the DJMC. My hat is off to all those who give of their time and talents to make this happen.

In closing my hat is off to the executive committee and the teams of the SJJHL for their work done in providing another season of hockey to our young players.

As well I thank the members of our junior council who have provided me with support and guidance in the junior hockey operations over the past season. I enjoyed every minute of your company and the participation in the game at the HNL level. At the end of this weekend my intention is to move back to helping in the SJJHL, I wish each of you well at the HNL level .

Thank you,  
Gerry

# Hockey NL Senior Council

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2017  
Location: Albatross Hotel (Salon B/C)  
Gander, Newfoundland & Labrador



### Attendees:

Gary Gale, Chairman	Paddy Daly, AESHL
Andy Brake, Vice-Chairman	Jack Casey, St. John's Caps
Seamus O'Keefe, Secretary	Aaron Perry, Northeast Eagles
Joe Maynard (Director, Eastern Region)	Pat Rose, Bell Island Blues
Clyde Williams (Director, Western Region)	Ian Sullivan, Southern Shore Breakers
Donnie Webber (Director, Northern Region)	Neil Norcott, CWSHL
Dr. Jared Butler (Director, Central Region)	Garry White, Gander Flyers
	*Stan Coffin, Grand Falls - Windsor Cataracts
	Bob Hedges, Grand Falls - Windsor Cataracts
	Ivan Hapgood, Clarenville Caribous
	Dennis Waterman, WCSHL
	*Wayne Hounsell (WCSHL, Stephenville Jets)
	Art Barry (WCSHL, Stephenville Jets)
	Jamie Young (WCSHL, Stephenville Jets)
	Dave Bruce (WCSHL, Corner Brook Royals)
	*Shannon Battiste (WCSHL, Port aux Basques Mariners)
	Mark Lawrence (WCSHL, Port aux Basques Mariners)

\*voting delegate

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### 1. Welcome

G. Gale called the meeting to order at 9:15am and welcomed all attendees.

### 2. Presentation of Credentials / Roll Call

A. Brake completed the meeting roll call and verified the total number of votes present was twenty (20), based on the following breakdown:

i. AESHL	5
ii. CWSHL	4
iii. WCSHL	5
iv. Sr. Council	<u>6</u>
TOTAL	20



### 3. Agenda – Review / Additions

G. Gale advised of some additions to the agenda order with no objection from those present.

l. Concussion Protocol update (J. Butler)

m. Breakaway Foundation (S. O’Keefe)

### 4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #1      **Adoption of the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Annual General Meeting Agenda as presented (J. Butler)**

Seconded      I. Hapgood

Favor      G. Gale, S. O’Keefe, A. Brake, J. Maynard, C. Williams, D. Webber, P. Daly, J. Casey, A. Perry, P. Rose, I. Sullivan, N. Norcott, G. White, S. Coffin, D. Bruce, S. Battite, W. Hounsell, A. Berry

Against      n/a

**Motion PASSED**

### 5. Adoption of 2016 Fall Meeting Minutes

G. Gale presented the Minutes from HNL Senior Council meeting at the 2016 Fall Meetings with no changes or edits required.

Motion #2      **Adoption of the 2016 Fall Meeting Minutes as presented (D. Webber)**

Seconded      J. Casey

Favor      G. Gale, S. O’Keefe, A. Brake, J. Maynard, C. Williams, J. Butler, P. Daly, A. Perry, P. Rose, I. Sullivan, N. Norcott, I. Hapgood, G. White, S. Coffin, D. Bruce, S. Battite, W. Hounsell, A. Berry

Against      n/a

**Motion PASSED**

### 6. Business Arising From The Minutes

Nothing to report.

## 7. Reports

- A) Hockey NL Senior Council G. Gale spoke to efforts to revive the Corner Brook Royals by working with members of the Booster Club and commended them for their hard work. The focus then changed to formation of the west league and various issues, including
- i. development of a League Constitution and by-laws
  - ii. issues that impacted attendance (eg. Sunday games, ticket cost, imports)
- The season was launched and experienced capacity crowds throughout the reduced schedule with the Corner Brook Royals claiming the Cliff Gorman Cup in a one game championship final.
- The AESHL experienced a successful 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with the CBN Ceebee Stars winning the championship in six games over the Northeast Eagles
- While disappointed in the fact that the CWSHL launched with a three team setup, the competition was fierce throughout the season and the championship series between the GFW Cataracts and the Clarenville Caribous was some of the best hockey witnessed in this Province in a very long time. Congrats to the Caribous who prevailed to win the League title.
- The Herder was a balanced, well played series between the Ceebee Stars and the Caribous that went the maximum of five games, ending on a somewhat controversial play.
- Congrats must also be given to the Grand Falls-Windsor Cataracts who travelled to Bouctouche, NB and captured the Allan Cup as the best amateur hockey club in Canada (3<sup>rd</sup> Championship for a Newfoundland team)
- B) AESHL Paddy Daly started by acknowledging the success of the other leagues, in addition to the Allan Cup Champion Grand Falls – Windsor Cataracts. The 50<sup>th</sup> season of the AESHL started with a reception that recognized former championship teams and players. The season saw the HGOE Ceebee Stars go from worst to first and capture the League title in a well played series over the Northeast Eagles. The Ceebee Stars capped off a very successful season by winning the Herder Memorial Championship in five (5) games,

- C) CWSHL Neil Norcott provided an overview of CWSHL operations during the 2016-17 season which saw fierce competition amongst the three competing teams. While a three team setup was challenging for all involved, it proved to achieve the competitive balance sought. Finals was a great back and forth series that saw the Clarendville Caribous prevail and advance to the Herder Championship as the host.

Moving forward, N. Norcott advised that the Gander franchise will be an ongoing issue. Announce some League structural changes and while they are in survival mode, they are not willing to throw in the towel at this point. Willingness to move forward. I. Hapgood reiterated their concerns and an outlook to the west and east being critical.

P. Daly addressed concerns that aeshl is not responsive to the challenges of the CWSHL and is trying to help with a solution.

New changes are forthcoming, including a modified import rule and reduced salary cap, while interlocking play is being explored.

- D) WCSHL Dennis Waterman recounted the formation of the league and the success that was experienced by sampling listening to the fans and what they wanted to see. Some of the important decisions that positively impacted the League on and off the ice included:
- i. Respect for team histories
  - ii. No overnight stays
  - iii. Reasonable ticket pricing
  - iv. No imports
  - v. No paid players

Optimism is high for a second year with a possible longer season a definite possibility.

#### E-H) Area Director Reports

Individual Area Director reports were provided by J. Maynard (Eastern), Dr. J. Butler (Central), C. Williams (Western) and D. Webber (Northern) mostly reiterating previous comments echoed by the League representatives.

#### I) 2017 Herder Memorial Championship Report

J. Maynard provided an overview of the five (5) game Herder championships played between CBN HGOE Ceebee Stars and Clarendville Caribous. The series saw large crowds in both communities and one that could have been won by either team. There was an acknowledgement of the controversial series winning goal and a recommendation to utilize goal judges going forward.

J) 2017 Allan Cup Report

Dr. J. Butler summarized his experience at this year's Allan Cup with the following comments

- The community of Bouctouche was engaged and the facility was more than adequate;
- couple of branch issues w/ player eligibility and transfers, # of imports, B37 goalie eligibility (CIS);
- Great hockey was played and an obvious congrats to the GF-W Cataracts for their Championship;
- Acknowledged that there are changes forthcoming at the Sr. Level due to Hockey Canada reorganization

K) Webcast report

Dr. J. Butler commented that the technology has improved immensely and the time is right to invest in a proper system that will enable more exposure to Senior hockey throughout the Province.

L) Medical (Concussion) Update

Dr. J. Butler provided an update on the partnership that has been struck between Hockey NL, NL Medical Association and the Municipalities NL regarding a concussion recognition tool that will be made available in the Fall at all rinks in Newfoundland & Labrador. This will position Hockey NL as leading concussion awareness across the country that will educate and educate kids going forward leading to a safer game.

M) Breakaway Foundation

S. O'Keefe addressed the Senior Council meeting and advised them of their mission, recent activity and opportunities for teams to participate, including the upcoming fundraising dinner on June 23, 2017 at Granite Club;

G. Gale advised the group that Ed Flood had requested some time to speak as he is running for position of Hockey NL Referee-In-Chief. E. Flood advised that it is his 3<sup>rd</sup> time running for position and addressed some of the current issues that he sees with Senior hockey, including

- i. lack of communication
- ii. east vs west challenges
- iii. ability for Sr council to have greater input re: style of game
- iv. evaluation period pre-Herder
- v. western NL referee availability and no Central area referees
- vi. continued ongoing training/mentoring

- vii. sharing refs when opportunity arises

E. Flood then took questions from the floor.

Don Kelly addressed the crowd regarding upcoming elections as current RIC and fielded questions from membership regarding officials related issues, such as officials development, recruitment, retention and rules interpretation (eg. "Abuse of Officials").

A video from Wayne Russell was then played for the group regarding their committee work on proposed Hockey NL Governance changes. This was followed by an update from Murray Roberts on the same topic.

## **8. Election of Officers**

Gerry Evans advised the group that C. Williams will not be returning to his position of Area Director (Western) and that Ed Kearsey of Corner Brook would be acclaimed to the position. G. Gale thanked C. Williams for his service to Senior Council and welcomed E. Kearsey to the table. The remaining slate of candidates was acclaimed and approved.

## **9. New Business**

### **a) Notice of Motions**

All motions were reviewed and passed as presented;

Motion #16 was voted regarding an amendment re: # of players on active rosters from 32-28. (14-5, carried);

### **b) Imports**

For the 2017/18 season, the CWSHL will allow one (1) import goalie per team. There will be no imports permitted for the upcoming season. This means no fly ins and that players must live in the Province and be a resident;

Hockey NL Senior Council will take two (2) weeks to review and approve or not.

### **c) 2018 Allan Cup**

The CBN Ceebee Stars would be offered the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Allan Cup in Rosetown, SK and have established a deadline of August 15<sup>th</sup> to commit. Hockey NL would like to

know ahead of time in case Plan B is enacted. Play downs are scheduled to be hosted by Hockey New Brunswick with a possibility of 3 or 4 teams, depending on PEI;

Roster related issues continues to be Ontario and Alberta ("We misinterpreted the rules"). Branches should be held more accountable. P. Daly commented that the Herder should be priority because of the ramifications it has on our teams and Leagues.

d) 2018 Herder Competition

- i. Arrangement for 2017/18 season would be confirmed at Fall Meetings in September;
- ii. Implementation of a six (6) man system (including goal judges) was discussed and the general consensus was that it would be adopted for the 2018 Herder Championships;
- iii. While video review in theory would help officials manage games more effectively, the concept had its limitations from venue to venue and the consistency would not be achieved as it intended and could not be implemented effectively;
- iv. Herder Banner – concern was raised by Hockey NL that the banner unveiling protocol was not being followed by all teams and that greater attention should be given to this to ensure consistency and marketability;
- v. A review of 2017 Herder venues was provided with no significant issues raised.

c) Officiating

**10. Senior Awards**

The Senior Awards were unanimously approved to the following deserving recipients:

1. George Scott (CWSHL)
2. Carl Doyle (AESHL)

**11. Other Business**

No other business was requested or discussed.

**12. Adjournment**

Meeting concluded at 12:30pm

# **Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador** **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Albatross Hotel, Gander, NL June 8, 9 and 11, 2017**

Present:

Jack Lee	President
Murray Roberts	Vice President
Gary Gale	Chair Senior
Arnold Kelly	Chair Minor
Ken Chafe	Hockey Development Chair
Carolyn Yates	Female Hockey Chair
Don Kelly	Referee in Chief absent until Friday morning
Gerry Taylor	Chair Junior
Gerry Evans	Past President
Craig Tulk	Executive Director (non-voting)

## **1. Welcome**

The President opened the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

## **2. Additions to the Agenda**

No additions

## **3. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Be it resolved to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 5-6, 2017.**

**Moved: Arnold Kelly**

**Seconded: Carolyn Yates**

**Carried:**

## **4. Business Arising from Minutes**

- a. Hotel Policy (Action): Carolyn Yates will chair a special committee with Gary Stamp and respective chairs to present a proposed hotel code of conduct policy for the next meeting in September.

## 5. Executive Director Report

### a. Atlantic Mentor Female Coach

**Whereas the Atlantic Branches and Hockey Canada wish to continue with the Atlantic Female Coach Mentor, and whereas, the mentor is on leave with the Canadian Olympic team until after the Olympics in February 2017, be it resolved that Hockey NL continue to contribute \$5,000 to the position this coming year to be allocated for future travel costs for the position upon return.**

**Moved: Arnold Kelly  
Seconded: Murray Roberts  
Motion Carried**

### b. Sponsorship Atlantic: SOK report on Atlantic Properties is not completed to date.

## 6. Standing Committees

### A. Minor Council – Arnold Kelly

- i. Major midget update: decision on franchise assignments will be completed this weekend and the recommendation will be brought back to the officers for awareness. Hockey NL Minor Council representatives will not be sitting on the league executive this year.
- ii. Minor Midget League: to see if there is an interest from the minor hockey association this weekend.
- iii. 2017 Bantam Atlantic Host site will be selected this weekend by the minor council executive.
- iv. Pee Wee and Bantam AAA league governance is now with the Hockey NL Minor Council Executive.
- v. We are having a provincial tournament structure workshop this weekend.

### B. Senior Council – Gary Gale

Hoping to have three leagues next season with twelve teams.



### **C. Female Committee – Carolyn Yates**

- i. Tournament fees: on the agenda for minor for a recommendation.
- ii. Fines in female for not hosting a tournament is the same as minor.
- iii. AAA Female League is planning three divisions again this year.
- iv. Global Game is approved again for 2018 in Ontario.
- v. Angling clinics, hockey development will work with female coaches.
- vi. Junior/Senior leagues: Action: The Female Committee to appoint a rep to work with the Executive Director on recruiting a female senior program.
- vii. Interdivisional play policy. Action: The Executive Director, Minor Chair and Female Chair to work on gathering information from other branches and membership associations on building a proposed policy for discussion during next meeting.

### **D. Officiating Committee – Don Kelly**

Report on the activities for the season and will present annual report in detail to the membership tonight. Registration is at 748. Four-man system in place next year for junior and senior hockey in the branch. There was a discussion on the cost in junior hockey for officials.

### **E. Hockey Development Committee – Ken Chafe**

- i. Goaltending mentors are in place for next season
- ii. Under 13 High Performance Program addition was a great success
- iii. Corner Brook was announced as host for the 2018 High-Performance Program provincial site.
- iv. We had 4 junior coaches this year, reinstated the Initiation Program Clinic for coach 1 and had a significant number of site visits to promote the new IP plan including six mentors and 34 associations impacted.

Action: The hockey development operation report need to be in writing and annual written report presented during the Annual General Meeting commencing in 2018.

## **F. Junior Council – Gerry Taylor**

- i. Junior: The future is in jeopardy for the Don Johnson Cup as Nova Scotia is not looking for our participation. Action: The President will address this with Atlantic Meeting and Hockey Canada.

## **7. Risk Management Report – Murray Roberts**

- a. A new concussion awareness plan will be announced this weekend and concussion recognition card will be placed on every bench and in every dressing room. Partnership with Government NL, Municipalities NL and NL Medical Association.

## **8. Hockey Canada Report – Jack Lee**

- a. Minutes of Atlantic Meeting were read. The officers suggested the President request to the Atlantic delegates to engage council representatives once per year for a regional workshop. Action: the President to take back to next Atlantic Meeting.
- b. Destination St. John's has shown an interest in perhaps making an application to host a Hockey Canada event and there was no opposition to support their bids.

## **9. New/Other/Deferred Business**

- a. Minor: The Major Midget League new executive request the Minor Council Executive Committee reconsider the decision to eliminate the draft. The Council denied the request and the Minor Chair is bringing this back to the Officers. The President declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the meeting.

**Be it resolved to support the original decision to eliminate the draft and moved towards teams based on residence for the Major Midget teams.**

**Moved: Gerry Evans**

**Seconded: Ken Chafe**

**Carried**

- b. 2017-2018 Standing Committee Appointments      Deferred to next meeting
- c. Annual Meeting Schedule      Deferred to next meeting

d. Senior

**Be it resolved, the number of imports for the Central West Senior Hockey League as per regulation 808 a, be one goaltender per team; and no imports for any other registered Senior Hockey League for the 2017-2018 season.**

**Moved: Gary Gale**

**Seconded: Charlie Kearsey**

**Carried**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am**

Minutes recorded

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Craig Tulk', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Craig Tulk  
Executive Director  
Hockey NL

## **Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador Annual General Meeting 2017**

**Albatross Hotel, Gander  
June 9 - 11, 2017**

### **Plenary Session**

#### **1. Welcome – President Jack Lee**

Meetings are always about change. On behalf of the Board I welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting after a long winter of hockey. We have a busy schedule on the agenda this weekend with more announcements to follow. After this weekend, we encourage the volunteers to take time to relax throughout the summer before the next hockey season.

#### **2. Members who have passed away – Vice President Murray Roberts**

The Vice President read out the names of individuals who have passed since our last Annual General Meeting and asked members to rise in a moment of silence.

Roberto Bissonnette  
Shirley Clarke  
Walter Clarke  
Colin Downey  
Jimmy Guy  
Linda Janes  
Dean Langdon  
Chris Mallard  
Bernice Mehaney  
Shawn Neary  
Ed Neil  
Leonard Peach  
Richard (Dick) Power  
Matthew Sargent  
Mike Squires

### **3. Roll Call of Voting Delegates- Executive Director Craig Tulk**

The President asked the Executive Director to give the roll call of voting delegates.

President	Jack Lee
Past President	Gerry Evans
Vice President	Murray Roberts
Chair Minor	Arnold Kelly
Chair Junior	Gerry Taylor
Chair Senior	Gary Gale
Female Hockey Chair	Carolyn Yates
Referee in Chief	Don Kelly
Hockey Development Chair	Ken Chafe
Minor Secretary	Lynette Hiscock non-voting
Minor Western Director	Morgan Anderson
Minor Central Director	Darren Murray absent
Minor Eastern Director	Gonzo Bennett
Minor Tri Pen Director	Wendy Penney
Minor Northern Director	Terry Clarke
Vice Chair Minor	Ed O'Brien
Junior Secretary	Bern Tobin
Junior Western Director	Ron Downey
Junior Central Director	Lloyd Bursey
Junior Eastern Director	George Bursell
Junior Vice Chair	Charlie Kearsey
Senior Secretary	Seamus O'Keefe absent
Senior Central Director	Jared Butler
Senior Vice-Chair	Andy Bake
Senior Western Director	Clyde Williams absent
Senior Northern Director	Donald Webber
Senior Eastern Director	Joe Maynard

### **4. Adoption of Minutes- President Jack Lee**

#### **Motion**

**To adopt the Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador Plenary Minutes of the 2016 Fall Meeting.**

**Moved: Jared Butler**

**Seconded: Arnold Kelly**

**Carried**

## **5. Business Arising from Minutes- President Jack Lee**

No business arising that is not on the agenda.

## **6. Branch President Report- President Jack Lee**

Delivered in the Town Hall Session.

## **7. Nomination Report- Past President Gerry Evans**

The Past President delivered the nomination report.

### **2017-2019 TWO YEAR TERM**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President – Jack Lee

Vice President - Murray Roberts

Chair, Minor Hockey – Arnold Kelly

Chair, Junior Hockey – Charlie Kearsey and Derrick Hutchens

Chair, Senior Hockey – Gary Gale

Female Hockey Chair – Heidi Hefford and Debbie Bouzane

Hockey Development Chair - Ken Chafe

Referee-in-Chief - Don Kelly and Ed Flood

### **2017-2018 ONE YEAR TERM**

#### **SENIOR COUNCIL**

Vice Chair – Andy Brake

Eastern Director - Joe Maynard

Central Director – Jared Butler

Western Director – Ed Kearsey

Northern Director - Don Webber

Secretary –Seamus O'Keefe

#### **JUNIOR COUNCIL**

Vice Chair – Rod Downey and Doug Tibbo

Eastern Director - George Bursell

Central Director - Lloyd Bursey

Western Director – NO CANDIDATE

Northern Director – NO CANDIDATE

Secretary – Bern Tobin

#### **MINOR COUNCIL**

Vice Chair – Ed O'Brien

Eastern Director – Gonzo Bennett

Tri Pen Director – Wendy Penney

Central Director – Robert Bouzane  
 Western Director – Morgan Anderson and Cathy Dinn  
 Northern Director – Terry Clarke  
 Secretary – Lynette Hiscock

#### FEMALE COMMITTEE

Eastern Zone Coordinator – Gina Mercer and Denise Fagan  
 Central Zone Coordinator – NO CANDIDATE  
 Western Zone Coordinator – Sharon Major  
 Northern Zone Coordinator – Tina Martin  
 Secretary- Tracey Hatcher

The nominations from the floor will be entertained for positions with no candidate. Elections for Council will be held tomorrow with the election of the other President, Vice President, Hockey Development Chair and Referee in Chief.

### **8. Executive Director Report – Craig Tulk**

Delivered in the Town Hall Session.

### **9. Branch 2017-2018 Operating Budget- President Jack Lee**

The President asked for the adoption of the 2017-2018 Budget.

**To approve the 2017-2018 operating budget as presented.**

**Moved: Jared Butler**  
**Seconded: Murray Roberts**  
**Carried**

### **10. Appoint of Auditors- President Jack Lee**

**Motion**

**To appoint LLP Grant Thornton as the 2017-2018 auditors.**

**Moved: George Bursell**  
**Seconded: Carolyn Yates**  
**Carried**

The session closed and reconvened with a Town Hall session where reports were delivered by the President, Executive Director and Referee in Chief. Presentations on Governance as well as Concussion Awareness were presented with a question and answer period for all delegates. The second plenary session was held on Sunday morning.

### **11. Welcome of New Board of Directors- President Jack Lee**

A warm welcome was expressed to new members on the Board and Committees.

Debbie Bouzane, Doug Tibbo, Denise Fagan, Robert Bouzane and Ed Kearsey

A sincere gratitude was expressed to departing members.

Carolyn Yates, Gerry Taylor, Trish Sullivan, Darren Murray, Clyde Williams

### **12. Resolutions- Vice President Murray Roberts**

Before resolutions, a prerecorded video from Governance Committee member Wayne Russell was shown.

A request to block resolutions numbers one (1) and two (2) was expressed by Andy Brake. No objections were expressed to block.

Motion to table resolution numbers one (1) and two (2) to the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Andy Brake

Second: Gary Gale

A motion to amend the tabled resolution numbers to add (3) to (15)

Moved: George Bursell

Seconded: Bern Tobin

Gary Gale advised that there are supplementary motions (housekeeping) that will follow numbers 1 and 2 if they are tabled.

Ken Chafe advised that number fourteen (14) is a Hockey Development Committee that requires change this year.

The Executive Director advised that you cannot debate or amend a tabled motion only time and place can be discussed. Also, blocked motions would require no objections from the Board before being permitted and are usually requested to speed the process when you know the result is unanimous and there is no debate required.

The Vice President ruled the amendment out of order, and we will vote on the original motion and that requires a majority to carry.

Motion carried



The following motions will also be tabled as they are housekeeping motion to resolutions number one (1) and two (2).

Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8)

Motion to table resolution nine (9) to thirteen (13) to the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: George Bursell

Seconded: Lloyd Bursey

Defeated

Motion to table number nine (9) resolution to the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Jack Lee

Seconded: Ken Chafe

Carried

Motion to adopt resolution number ten (10)

Moved: Gary Gale

Seconded: Murray Roberts

#### DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Add paragraph (g)

- (g) To set direction for the association and to establish and monitor a strategic plan. To supervise and monitor performance, accountability and compliance.

Carried

Motion to adopt resolution number eleven (11)

Moved: Gary Gale

Seconded: Murray Roberts

#### 609. **Audit and Finance Committee**

- a. The Audit and Finance Committee is responsible for the oversight related to Hockey NL's auditing and reporting, financial policies and strategies, and financial risk management.
- b. The Audit and Finance Committee shall consist of a chair who shall be the Vice President, the Executive Director and two other members to be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Carried

The Vice President asked for any objections to block resolution number twelve (12) and thirteen (13) in block, since they are both housekeeping from the previous resolution. No objections.

Motion to adopt resolution number twelve (12) and thirteen (13)

Moved: Gary Gale

Seconded: Murray Roberts

Note the friendly amendment to number twelve (12) Audit and Finance Committee

### 303. **Vice-President**

The Vice-President shall be a member of the Executive Committee and as such shall participate in the overall administration of the Association. In the absence of the President shall have all the powers and duties of the President. The Vice-President shall also:

- (i) act as a **Chair** of the Audit Finance Committee;

### DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- (i) The Executive Director shall serve on the Audit and Finance Committee as specified in By-Law 609.

Carried

Motion to adopt resolution number fourteen (14)

Moved: Ken Chafe

Second: Jared Butler

- (b) Membership on the Development Committee will consist of Hockey Development Chair, Technical Director, National Coach Certification Program Coordinator, Initiation Program Coordinator, Grassroots Coordinator, Referee-in-Chief, Female Committee representative and Minor Council representative.

Carried

Motion to adopt resolution number fifteen (15)

Moved: Gerry Taylor

Second: Don Kelly

## BY-LAW SEVEN

### EXPENSES

700. (a) The reasonable expenses of any of the Officers, and the Executive Director, of this Association when attending any meeting or event requiring their attendance on Branch business, will be paid by the Association.
- (b) The reasonable expenses of the Minor Council Executive Committee when attending any meeting or event requiring their attendance on Council business will be paid by the Minor Council.
- (c) Reasonable expenses of any executive committee (excluding Minor Council) of Hockey NL when attending the Hockey NL annual and fall meetings will be paid by the Association. In order for members to attend special events and have expenses paid, it must be authorized by the Hockey NL Finance Committee or included in approved budgets.
701. No expenses shall be paid by the Executive Director or by the Vice-Chair of Minor Council for any person apart from the members of the Board of Directors, except those specifically invited by the Branch to act on various committees or to conduct or attend various clinics.
702. For certain occasions, such as the HC meetings, expenses may be subsidized. In such cases, where the subsidy is less than what would be normally paid by this Association, Hockey NL will make up the difference.
703. Expenses will be paid on the following basis:
- (a) **Transportation:**
- Necessary taxi fares, bus fares and economy air fares. In the case of travel by personal automobile, a car allowance per kilometre as set by the Board of Directors from time to time, for travel by the most direct route and return shall be allowed. The payment will not exceed the cost of economy air travel. No allowances shall be paid on behalf of passengers. If the branch representative is unable to make arrangements to travel by personal automobile, they will require authorization for car rental allowances. When representatives travel by air, no car rentals will be permitted unless prior approval from the Executive Committee is received in extenuating circumstances.
- (b) **Hotel:**
- Where a hotel stay is required, the hotel room rate only will be paid.

(c) **Meals:**

A meal allowance of \$50 per day, or part thereof depending on the meal period(s) outside the home while travelling, allocated on the basis of \$10 for breakfast \$15 for lunch and \$25 for the evening meal. An additional allowance of \$25 per day will be allowed to Branch representatives when representing the Branch at meetings held outside this province.

704. Expense accounts are to be submitted to the Executive Director or the Minor Council Vice-Chair as soon as possible. If the statement is satisfactory, payment will be made promptly by cheque. The Executive Director or the Minor Council Vice-Chair is expected to seek the advice of the President on any claims, which appear to be out of the ordinary.

PROPOSED WORDING: To delete

Carried

The Chair of Senior Council announced that resolution number sixteen (16) was carried as amended in senior division meetings, with the number thirty (30) being amended to twenty-eight (28). This motion was directed to the division for a decision during the resolution's meeting.

Motion to adopt resolution number sixteen (16).

Moved: Gerry Taylor  
Seconded; Don Kelly

Replacement Goaltender

The signing officers of a team may submit a written letter of request to the respective League Executive member or divisional chair for consideration. Such a request must include:

- (a) The circumstances that led to the need for relief.
- (b) The name of the replacement Goaltender they propose to use
- (c) Written permission from said Goaltenders registered team

If permission is granted for the Replacement Goaltender, it shall include an understanding that the Replacement Goaltender will act under such terms and conditions as determined by the respective League Executive member; unless the starting Goaltender becomes injured. This permission will have a timed duration. In situations where there is less than twenty four (24) hours between games and the respective League Executive member or Chair of each Council cannot be contacted, then the respective Hockey NL representative would provide the required permission to the team. This permission would only be granted provided that all the required conditions

as listed above are met. The respective League Executive representative would still be notified, but in this case notification would be after the fact. The respective League Executive representative will provide all documentation to the League President following approval being granted.

Carried

The Vice President asked if there were no objections, we will delete regulation 807 with the duplication and conflict. Senior council brought this forward. There were no objections, so this will be removed from the regulations.

Motion to adopt resolution number seventeen (17).

Moved: Gary Gale  
Second: Jared Butler

(g) **The Cliff Gorman Memorial Award**

Presented in 2005. To be awarded annually to the player judged the most valuable on one of the teams competing in provincial Senior A Championship.

Carried

Motion to table resolution number eighteen (18) to the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: George Bursell  
Seconded: Jared Butler  
Carried

The Vice President requested if there were any objections to block resolutions numbers two (2), three (3), five (5) and seven (7) from the 2016 Annual General Meeting that were tabled for this meeting. Hearing no objections we will block them. No objections.

Moved: Jared Butler  
Seconded: Donnie Webber

**ARTICLE THREE – GOVERNANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Hockey NL Policy Manual forms part of Hockey NL's governance and is in full force and effect when adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Officers of Hockey NL present and voting.

**ARTICLE SIX – AMENDMENTS**

The Hockey NL Policy Manual can be amended or changed (except for Sections 1.08 – Conflict of Interest Policy and 2.02 – Executive Committee Honoraria) by a

two-third majority of the Executive Committee present and voting. In the case of an amendment or change to Sections 1.08 or 2.02, then a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors present and voting is required to make the amendment or change.

#### By-Law 4 – Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee

400 (f) To establish and implement the provisions of the Policy Manual.

### REGULATION THREE - DISCIPLINE

313 Any member, as defined in Article 5, Sections (c) and (d) of the Constitution, or any fan, attendee, or person present at a Hockey NL sanctioned event, shall be subject to the Policy Manual of Hockey NL, including the Code of Conduct. Any contravention is subject to discipline. The Policy Manual forms part of Hockey NL's governance and is in full force and effect when adopted by the Officers.

Carried

The Vice President announced that the tabled motions from the 2016 Annual General Meeting numbers one (1), four (4), and eight (8) will not be placed back on the table as they were not moved to the policy manual and will need to stay in the constitution.

### **13. Committee Reports- Chairs**

- a. Minor- Arnold Kelly
  - We have made some changes in our operations policy.
  - A decision to prohibit full ice games in Novice effective next season.
  - Workshop on gathering information on improving our current provincial tournament structure
  - Announced Steele Hotels are doubling their support for Stay and Play
  - Event Seminar. Northeast Minor Hockey Association are hosting the Atlantic AAA Bantam Championship.
  - Minor hockey association's fees have increased from \$500 to \$700
  - Minor midget level, checking option program for small number games of regional team based.
  - Intra Oral Mouth Guard policy will be reviewed this coming year.
- b. Female- Debbie Bouzane
  - Under 13 Camp was discussed.

- Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association are hosting the Atlantic AAA Female Midget Championship March 29-April 1, 2018.
  - Heart and Stroke Foundation fundraising was presented to the delegates.
  - Thanked Carolyn Yates for her service.
- c. Senior- Gary Gale
- Welcome Ed Kearsy to board.
  - Five teams in the East, hoping to have three teams in Central West and the West League is up and running with good fan support with four teams.
  - Import reductions will be presented to the officers.
  - Herder Banner presentation and raising will be incorporated by Hockey NL.
  - Allan Cup next year will have to be a regional play down if we make the commitment to enter.
  - We will be recognizing two more volunteers in senior hockey at the beginning of the year.
- d. Junior
- Announced the results of the election in council and welcomed Doug Tibbo.
  - Stress we need more people running in elections.

#### **14. Elections- Bonnie Evans**

Life Members Dec Lacour and Gerry Kelly were appointed to scrutinize the ballots with the Executive Director being the clerk.

The following were acclaimed for the 2017-2019 term:

President, Jack Lee

Vice President, Murray Roberts

Hockey Development Chair, Ken Chafe

An election was held for the position of Referee in Chief between Don Kelly and Ed Flood.

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Ed Flood elected Referee in Chief

#### **Motion to destroy the ballots**

**Moved: Don Webber**

**Seconded: Lloyd Bursey**

**Carried**

**15. Meeting Schedule – President Jack Lee**

The Fall Meeting has been set for September 15-16, 2017 in Gander at the Albatross Hotel.

**16. Adjournment- President Jack Lee**

Adjournment

Minutes Recorded,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Craig Tulk', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Craig Tulk  
Executive Director,  
Hockey NL