



## **Hockey NL AGM – June 9, 2018 – Minutes of Meeting**

Start time 8:30

### **Housekeeping:**

The meeting began with a roll call of voting delegates. The first order of business was to review the minutes from the September 2017 semi-annual meeting. There were no errors or omissions noted. The motion was raised to adopt the minutes. This was motioned by Jamie Cokes and seconded by Cheryl Moores. Motion carried

### **Zone Reports:**

The zone coordinators reports are located in the e-binder. The floor was opened for questions but there were none.

### **Female Chair Update**

Debbie provided an update on the highlights of the past season.

1. IP/Novice Camps – Debbie worked with Hockey Development to offer 5 free IP/Novice (ages 4-8) camps throughout the province this past season. All camps were full showing that girls are excited to try our game. Twin rinks came forward and offered us 20 hours of free ice for camps. We held a weekend of camps with 80 players between ages 5-11 yrs for a skills camp, 4 U9's teams and 6U 12 teams participating in a fun jamboree. We were also able to form one team made up of girls who do not play female hockey. We plan to do this again next season.
2. AAA – All 3 divisions went well this year. We look forward to improvements next season.
3. NL Winter Games- These were a great success. We had 7 teams participate in female hockey and the games were very competitive.
4. Esso Fun Days- We have plans for the upcoming season to do more on recruitment and retention. Esso Fun days are great tools for this. We only used 6 last year but we would like to see more. We will talk more on the process of applying for funding later in the agenda.
5. Provincials-Provincials were very successful. One issue that we realize still exists is grading. We plan to have a female hockey website up and running this season. All games can be recorded and this will be a useful tool in the grading process. Last season we held provincials in 10 sites. The total raised from Pink in the Rink was \$ 14,373 with the U15 Division A and E held in Stephenville being the highest fundraiser.
6. We Are Coaches- We availed of this program this season. In metro area we held a Coach 1 and a Coach 2 clinic. Thank you to CBR for providing ice time. We plan to do this again this season.
7. WGHW- The format will be changed this year. We will discuss further in the agenda.
8. Global Game- This was another successful program. We sent 2 participants this past year.

### **Rules and Regulations:**

We began discussion on the new female rules and regulations that were included in the e-binder. Please note that the AAA section has been shortened. This is because a number of items that were previously in the Rules will now be held in the new Policy Manual that will be ready for the start of the new AAA season.

## 1.0 Age Divisions:

Debbie began the discussion on this section. She indicated that the female committee is bringing these changes forward as we feel that the age gaps that we currently have are so big that we are losing players. NL is currently the only province with this structure. We have seen a lot of growth and our number may be sufficient to change the age divisions now. Hockey Canada is pushing for this. It is important for skill development and socialization.

We opened the floor for comments. Some issues raised are that smaller associations may still not have numbers for this structure. Debbie indicated that we are working on plans for promoting the game. The key to solving this problem is continued work on growth.

One suggestion to help with ice time is that maybe female could share half ice with minor in IP/Novice? This can also be utilized in Atom as well. We emphasized the recruitment and promotion.

The rep from paradise indicated that they found sharing ice to work very well. GFW indicated that they feel these new age divisions are critical to growth. This needs to be done now as smaller groups are in the best interest of female hockey.

Minor hockey is struggling with numbers in smaller associations as well. We need to start working together with neighbouring associations. The growth of the game should supersede our particular interests.

We need to recognize that 5 and 6 year old players want to play with kids their own age. The transition will be difficult but if we don't change this soon we will not continue to grow. This will always be a barrier if we do not change it.

Debbie added that it seems we all agree that growth is the key to solving our age division problem. She has plans for the upcoming season that include a female hockey video, a female hockey brochure, and more help for associations in availing of Esso Fun days. We can't change the age grouping without a plan of how we are going to achieve the numbers required to implement it.

We recognize that ice time will be a challenge.

After further discussion it was decided that while all agree that the new age divisions are needed, we need a plan for implementation and we shouldn't change it all at once. The recommendation was as follows:

*U9 would change to IP/Novice in the 2018-2019 season*

*We will commit to change Atom and Peewee in the 2019-2020 season*

President Jack entered the room. He said that he would recommend the changes. Unfortunately we cannot address all issues of geography but we need to move forward. He stressed the importance and growth and the good results that we are seeing with U9 camps. Merging programs is not a bad thing if we can offer better programs together than we can apart.

## 1.2

Debbie started by saying that this rule is intended to grow the game. We want to encourage females to choose to play female hockey. The questions from the floor were regarding 1) flexibility for associations like Lake Melville? Will female players have to register in the closest association that has female hockey? There was discussion about what would happen if the closest association already has maximum numbers. There is some confusion about what constitutes a female program. Is this the same as a female provincial team? Some associations should zone in order to provide a full program.

### **Officials:**

The meeting resumed at 10:40 after a coffee break. Ed Flood the Hockey NL referee-in-chief joined us. He said that he plans on spending more time on the east coast this upcoming season. There are still great opportunities for

female officials. He encourages all midget players in the province to do the officiating training. We currently have 2 Level 4 female officials in this province, Danielle Mills and Peggy Wakeham. He thinks there may be demand to offer an all-female clinic this season. This is a great opportunity for girls who have aged out of minor hockey to continue in the game.

We are hosting the Bantam AAA Atlantics this year and the plan is to have all female officials.

We are looking forward to the OPOE this summer that is run in conjunction with HPP. We can send 4 males and 4 females to this program. Debbie added that we should start thinking about any good female officials that we know of that would be good for this opportunity.

The question was addressed from the floor as to why there is inconsistency between referee calls in female and minor. Ed indicated that this will be covered in the upcoming training clinics.

### **Rules (continued at 11:00):**

We resumed with a vote on 1.2. There was a discussion on removing the phrase “in a division”.

The conclusion was that we did not want to vote. A motion was made by Luke Bidgood to remove rule 1.2. This was seconded by Mark Griffin and carried unanimously.

### 2.0 Player Movement

This section refers to season moves, not simply a short term pick-up.

### 3.0 Female Hockey team registration

3.1 is a housekeeping addition for further clarification

3.3 is an important sanctioning rule for insurance purposes. It has always been there but not always enforced. We need these forms “Tournament Sanction Form” filled out by the host and filed in a timely manner. There is a fine for not following this procedure.

3.5. This rule will need to be revisited in September. We need to talk to minor about this. We may need to approve a series of games in some areas. The issue was raised that AAA teams need to be allowed to play minor teams in order to have competitive hockey

4.1. This should read 2<sup>nd</sup> year peewee (typo)

5.4. This issue was addressed on adding a time limit to this rule. 4 weeks was suggested.

6.2. The female committee has decided that this rule will be removed at this time and reworded in the future.

6.6 – This section is not relevant now as the age groups will not be changed from u20 to midget this season. This issue was raised that we should consider allowing 18 year olds to play midget in the first transition year when we switch to Midget female. This would allow graduating girls a chance to prepare for the early end to their minor hockey.

The new junior program was introduced. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. More information coming in September but we intend to have it up and running this season.

6.11. Housekeeping

### **AAA Rules:**

1.4. Players can choose to play their house league component in female or minor

1.5. This allows a team to request an exemption

1.9. There was complete consensus on this. The AAA coaches have to make sure this information is clearly conveyed at the start of the season. AAA is not for everyone so we don't want players who are not committed to the program. This is not fair to the rest of the players.

1.10. This is the same as last year.

### **Motions:**

The following motions are to be read in a block- 1, 17, 18, 19,21,22,27, and 30

Motions 2, 3, 4, and 5 relate to making the Female Committee a Council – In favor

### **Hockey Development:**

Hockey development presented a brief presentation. The HPP program is being moved to Corner Brook this year. They are promoting more use of Hockey development. The We Are Coaches program will be offered again.

### **Motions (continued):**

The block motions were carried

All other motions were read and subsequently carried unanimously.

### **Risk management:**

Murray Roberts spoke briefly. Mouth guards are no longer mandatory. He stressed that we need to make sure coach screening is done up front. There are too many instances of coaches looking for approval the day of a tournament.

Lindsay Taylor (Head Coach U16 Team NL) provided a presentation. This was very informative. Thank you Lindsay for your time.

### **Provincials:**

The proposed dates for this year's provincials is April 12-14 and March 29-31

We will discuss this more in September. Think about this, bring it back to your associations, and be prepared to talk about it in September. School sports is having their AGM this weekend so we may have more information from then then.

There was some discussion around format and dates for provincials. It is believed that going back to smaller tournaments and not necessarily megas will help us find host sites. However it was raised that megas may be more suitable for the younger players. We know that grading is an issue, having more complete information on the teams will help the female committee with grading. This discussion will be deferred until September meetings.

### **WGHW:**

World Girls Hockey weekend will have a different format this year. A handout was passed around. The long game is being replaced by "Skills Surge". More info in September.

### **Female Chair Presentation:**

Debbie presented on the Female Hockey plan for the next 2 years. The main goal is to grow the female hockey registration by 10% by 2020. This would be accomplished by using Esso Fun days and Try Hockey programs, female IP/Novice and 12 skills camps, develop a Play Female Hockey video, brochure and presentation for schools and organizations, and improve Female Coaching development through female coaching courses, coach mentor program, and development workshops.

Other female hockey development goals are to ensure age appropriate skill development of the female players. Implement a female goalie program. Provide a female hockey identity through partnership with Minor Hockey and

female hockey branding. Govern female hockey with equal representation on the on the board of Directors. Promote Female Officials and Coaches through all female development clinics. Initiate a Junior Female Hockey program. Assist in the development of High School and Junior High Hockey. These are all goals, programs and initiatives to build and promote a better and stronger female hockey program. Together we can build a stronger game.

**AAA Bantam Female Atlantics:**

Clarenville was announced as the host site of this event April 4-7, 2019.

**Elections:**

The following are elected by acclamation:

Female Chair: Debbie Bouzane

Central Zone Coordinator: Heidi Hefford

Eastern Zone Coordinator: Denise Fagan

Northern Zone Coordinator: Tina Martin

Secretary: Tracey Hatcher

For the Western zone we have two names: Sharon Major and Bonnie Knott

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

First Ballot: Tied

Second Ballot: Tied

Names drawn from hat: Bonnie Knott was elected

Motion to destroy ballots: Denise Fagan, seconded by Tina Martin. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 3:50.

**HOCKEY NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
JUNIOR COUNCIL JUNE 08 - 10, 2018  
ALBATROSS MOTEL, GANDER  
MINUTES**

*As recorded by Bern Tobin, HNL Junior Council Secretary.  
Saturday, June, 09, 2018, 11:30am.... Adjourned 3:30 pm*

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

HNL Junior Council Chair, Charlie Kearsey, called the meeting to order 11:30am...  
Charlie Welcomed all to the Meeting.

**2..... JUNIOR CHAIR CHARLIE KEARSEY ASKED FOR PRESENTATION of CREDENTIALS and ROLL CALL:**

Junior Council Chair ..... Charlie Kearsey  
Junior Council Vice Chair ..... Doug Tibbo  
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 Burse

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

St. John's Jr. Hockey League Voting Representative, Jim Hare  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League, 2nd voting Representative. D.O.L. Chris Whelan  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ..... Team Avalon ..... Chris Ryan (team rep.)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ..... Team CB. North ..... Brian Ryan (team rep.)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ..... Team NE Jr. Eagles ... Joe Murley (G.M.)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ..... Team Mt. Pearl ..... Fred Blair (team rep.)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ..... Team S. Shore ..... Wes Coady (team rep.)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ..... Team TP. Flyers ..... Curlene Drake (team rep.)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ..... Team CB. Region ... John Baldwin (team rep.)  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ... Team St. John's ..... Mark Noseworthy (team rep.)  
16 voting delegates == 8 teams + 2 league + 6 council members.

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

St. John's Jr. Hockey League ... Team TP. Flyers ... Barry Drake.  
St. John's Jr. Hockey League ... Team NE Eagles ... Don Power.

**NOTE: HNL Jr. Chair Charlie Kearsey asked all in the room to stand for one minute of silence for the Humboldt Junior Broncos bus tragedy**

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

CHARLIE KEARSEY: Junior Council Chair, "Are there any additions to the Agenda?"  
GEORGE BURSELL: "I would like to add to the Agenda.

(i) ... Veitch Memorial Trophy

(ii) ... Equipment.

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

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** Asked for a Mover to accept the Agenda as is...

**JIM HARE** so moved ....

**CHRIS RYAN** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> it...

Voted on, Accepted.

**5..... ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2017 HNL FALL MEETING:**

**BERN TOBIN:** Junior Council Secretary, Read out the Sept, 2017 HNL Fall Minutes.

When he was finished, "He asked, if there were any additions or deletions to the 2017-2018 HNL Fall Minutes?" "There were no replies."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "Can we have a Mover & Seconder to accept the Minutes as read out by Bern Tobin?"

**DONNIE POWER** ..... so moved ....

**MARK NOSEWORTHY** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> it...

Voted on, Accepted.

**6..... BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2017 HNL FALL MEETING:**

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "Is there any business arising from the 2017 . "NO REPLIES"

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

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

**RON DOWNEY:** Again this year he noted, "that his report on Junior Hockey out in his area has not changed. Only a glimmer of hope of any team or League. Senior "A" or Senior Rec Leagues are using a lot of local Junior aged players. To get a League up and running you will need a strong administrative group. Ron said, "Last year there was one person (you might say an administrator) interested in forming a Junior League but that was the extent of it. A lot of players need to show interest. Now let's hope Senior gets involved. Ron asked if anyone had any questions.

**FRED BLAIR:** "How many and is it only Jr players and what skill levels?"

**RON DOWNEY** "Not many. Skill levels as per locals. The higher skill levels are playing in the Senior "A" League and that is a 4 team high level League as it goes on. Hopefully the Senior "A" League can get something going and have a feeder group to draw from. So as of now, nothing is moving in that direction. (NO REPORT ATTACHED).

**(b)..... Central Area Director Lloyd Bursey's Report:**

**LLOYD BURSEY:** Noted it is the same as last year. This year, one person called and noted only 10 players were interested. Lloyd said, "Most players are playing Recreational hockey or are heading East and West. Other than that, it don't seem to be much interest in Junior Hockey in the Central Area. (NO REPORT ATTACHED).

**(c)..... Eastern Area Director George Bursell's Report:**

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "the 2017-2018 season started with the regular 8 teams and finished the season with 8 teams. Congratulations to Mt Pearl Junior Blades the SJJHL 1<sup>st</sup> place and League Champions. They moved onto the Don Johnson Memorial Cup where they finished in the Finals short of the Gold. Mt. Pearl played their best and represented the Province and League well. Work is underway for next season and we await the outcome of these meetings to see where we proceed in

**PAGE #3 - (eastern area director .. cont'd)**

2018-2019.” In closing, George thanked all 8 teams for their assistance over the past season. He mentioned the SJJHL recently held it’s AGM and 3 new members were elected to the Board and that one new member was here at the Jr Council meeting today.. Chris Whelan. (REPORT ATTACHED).

**(d)..... Junior Vice-Chair Doug Tibbo’s Report:**

DOUG TIBBO: noted he attended many Junior games. He congratulated Mt Pearl on winning the SJJHL Championship and a fine showing at the DOJO.

**(e) ..... Junior Chair, Charlie Kearsey’s Report:**

CHARLIE KEARSEY: “I attended the DJMC again this season and wish to congratulate the Mt. Pearl Junior Blades on their performance and excellent hockey. He thanked the CBR Renegades on raising \$1900 on their gate and contributing it to the MP Jr Blades to travel to the DJMC. He thanked all those who helped sell tickets to assist Mt. Pearl travel expenses to the DJMC. Charlie spoke on “Expressing Opinions.” He said, “express your opinions but don’t make them personal. It looks good when you agree as one.” Charlie noted positions at the DJMC. People saying we are not competitive. Well look back on the past number of years. Our teams playing in the Don Johnson Cup and the positions we ended up in. We made quite an impression on a lot of people who saw our teams end up in the finals and almost winning gold. Congratulations and thank you.

CHARLIE KEARSEY: “I have other subjects to discuss and will bring up under New Business. Right now I see Gerry Evans, Dec LaCour and Gerrt Kelly have entered the room..”

**8 ..... ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

CHARLIE KEARSEY: welcomed Gerry Evans and asked if he would Chair the Jr. Council Election of officers.

GERRY EVANS: Asked Gerry Kelly and Dec Lecour to assist him with the voting count. Gerry E. noted that there are 4 members of the Junior Council including 3 Area Directors who have returned by acclamation.. They are ... George Bursell Eastern Director, Ron Downey Western Director, Lloyd Bursey Central Director and Charlie Kearsey with one more year remaining on his position as Chair of the Junior Council., Therefore these four Junior Council Members returning are declared according to the Constitution. On that note Gerry E. stated that two seats are up for Elections. The Vice-Chair of Junior Council and the Recording Secretary are vacant. We have 2 people running for the position of Vice Chair, Doug Tibbo and Bern Tobin, who also entered his name. The voting proceeded and ended with Doug Tibbo being declared the new Vice-Chair of the Junior Council.

GERRY EVANS: “Mentioned that the Recording Secretary’s position is vacant and we will now call for nominations from the floor.

CHRIS RYAN: Nominated Curlene Drake 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Tibbo,

GEORGE BURSELL: Nominated Bern Tobin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wes Coady.

GERRY EVANS: “We have 2 people running for the position of Recording Secretary’s position, Bern Tobin and Curlene Drake.



**PAGE #4 election of officers... cont'd**

The voting proceeded and ended with Bern Tobin being declared the Recording Secretary of the Junior Council.

CHARLIE KEARSEY: Junior Council Chair, thanked Gerry Evans for his valuable time and asked all newly elected Officers to take their seats.

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

On the paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) ....

CHARLIE KEARSEY: "Do anyone have any additions to the New Business categories. No replies with the exception of George Bursell wishing to speak on category (9. c) "Two items of the Eastern Area Director's Comments."

(i).... The Veitch Trophy

(ii).... Equipment. "Face Shields."

(iii)... Junior Chair's continued Report.

CHARLIE KEARSEY: Asked George if he would like to speak on the two subjects.

(i).... GEORGE BURSELL: Started his first subject.. "Veitch Memorial Cup."

George said that Gary Gale for a number of years tried to get the Veitch up and running. Many of the Junior Players in Port Aux Basque and Corner Brook are in Mun or Colleges. George proposed that we get together with the Senior League and Gary Gale and try to start a League going out West. He said he already spoke to Gary Gale on Junior Players going to Senior and Register with HNL as Junior.

George asked Ron & Lloyd if they would like for us to proceed with this format.

If enough Junior age players were to register we could get a team to proceed with a Veitch Tourney and our League Champions go onto the DJMC while the Runner-up would go to the Veitch, Provincials. This could happen a couple of weeks after our Finals. The West Junior Team would play our League Champions that would travel West to participate.

CHRIS RYAN: "what would be the cost."

GEORGE BURSELL: "in the range of about \$7000 and the format would be the best of a 3 game weekend."

BRIAN RYAN: "Are there enough players out there?"

GEORGE BURSELL: "yes and they would come from the University and Colleges.

RON DOWNEY: "I doubt if there are enough players to make the numbers. There are not enough in C. Brk or PAB, this is unknown.

JIM HARE: "Are there enough players to make League? I doubt it and I agree with George's idea. A team from here to travel to the West to play for the Veitch.

RON DOWNEY: "Have enough to make a League??? Never Happen!

GEORGE BURSELL: "I did a survey and my info told him, there are enough. Could be around 25 to 30 players.

CHRIS RYAN: For my team to travel and the League to Register, we could be talking \$10,000 to travel and play 3 games.

CHARLIE KEARSEY: Suggested to close off and advised we bring it back to the SJJHL Meeting.

CHARLIE KEARSEY: Junior Chair asked George Bursell if he would like to talk on the #9 ... (ii)... "Equipment Issue?"

**PAGE #5 (eastern director discussion ... veitch ... cont'd)**

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "I got calls from parents requesting we look into full face shields. It's in out West and Ontario. What is used in NS, NB, and PEI Leagues?"

**CHRIS RYAN** "parents are the ones who pay the bills for their kids to play, they have the say on this subject."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "parents do not have the say. They do not set the rules. Parents do not run the SJJHL nor the players dictate what can be worn and cannot be worn. George asked if he could put a motion to have our League going full face shields."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "I don't think that can be done here as the HNL has to make that official by a request from the SJJHL."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY: continued his reports.**

**CHARLIE KEARSEY** "I have an issue George Bursell brought to my attention. The \$500 Referee assignor's fees charged to Junior by the Metro Referees Association." "I spoke to the Referee in Chief Ed Flood who never heard of such a fee in all of his career as a Referee." "I then spoke with Senior and Minor. They never heard of such a fee."

**JIM HARE:** "There was no referee's fee when I was Officiating."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "concerning the Referees, There will be no Referees fee increase in the 2018-2019 season." "if an increase for the following year is brought up he will oppose it."

**MARK NOSEWORTHY:** "will this be an increase across the board."

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "I did an item on the total cost of the officials and how much a single Official makes per hour."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "The 3 man system for 2018-2019 will remain in effect for the SJJHL in the regular season but the 4 man system will be used in the play-offs."

"The Officers mentioned that then SJJHL do not stop looking for sponsors as the HNL does not support all members in it's Association."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "The break down of the 2017-18 and 2019 season Insurance fees will be discussed when Craig Tulk comes into our meeting."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** Mentioned now that we no longer have Derrick Hutchens Company's Boardroom available is there anyone interested in putting off the September 14 to 16, 2018 HNL Fall Meeting Conference Call?

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "Joe Murley? Concerning the Minor Boardroom at Jack Byrne Arena?" "Would you be able to accommodate?"

**JOE MURLEY:** "I do not foresee any problem but will get back to you."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** Thanked Joe. "Now George onto the Notice of Motions, will you do them?"

**BARRY DRAKE:** "Why not wait for a Person from the HNL to do the Motions."

**RON DOWNEY:** "Only if we need clarification on any paragraphs."

**JOE MURLEY:** "I propose a motion, "we do the Motions in Blocks."

**JIM HARE:** "I 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe's motion.... But we do #11 & #20 separate."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "I now ask for a show of hands for or against."  
"16 voting delegates ..... 16 votes counted in favor."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "It's Unanimous"

**PAGE #6 (notice of motions cont'd)**

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "Now for #11 Motion.... Female Council" "Again I will ask for a show of hands for or against... "16 voting delegates... 16 votes counted in favor."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "It's Unanimous"

**CHRIS RYAN:** "Take this back to the HNL Plenary Session tomorrow, unanimous."

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "I would like to speak on Motion #20." All Exec Committee Members and Council Vice Chairs within 30 days... etc"

**NOTE: George Bursell presented his Rationale on proposing Notice of Motion #20." Much discussion ensued on the subject.**

**CHARLIE KEARSEY, RON DOWNEY, DOUG TIBBO, JOE MURLEY and MARK NOSEWORTHY spoke on the subject.**

**JOE MURLEY:** "I propose a motion that we maintain the original wording."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "I now ask for a show of hands for or against."

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "Before you vote on Notice of Motion #20, I wish to withdraw my proposal."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "George has withdrawn his proposal, Notice of Motion #20 and there will no voting on the Motion. We now move on to #10 of the Agenda."

**10..... DISCUSSIONS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**(a)..... JACK LEE: HNL Chair:**

**As the HNL President, Jack Lee entered the Junior Council room someone unknown to him made a derogatory remark towards him. Before Jack spoke on his reason for entering the room he made note of the remark.**

**JACK LEE:** "I do not appreciate insults so why the remark as I entered. Do not make this personal. We need to work together. I will work with the Chair of the Junior Council, Charlie Kearsey and the President of the St. John's Junior Hockey League, George Bursell. Financially if it is there to help you I will try to accommodate you. You run the League, we do not want to run it. We are all here as members of the HNL. It is not the HNL President making the decisions, it is the Executive Committee"

**JACK LEE:** "On the Officials part and the SJJHL and the opportunity for players to enter the Junior level. The HNL has had the opportunity to help out as much as it can. HNL Committed X Number of \$\$\$ to the SJ Junior League over the years. HNL brought your DJMC travel costs up from \$1500 to \$5000. HNL recently contributed \$3000 to assist SJJHL with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee. Charlie Kearsey is very interested in the Junior League and HNL is pleased to be working closely with Charlie."

**CURLENE DRAKE:** I am not pleased with a letter that was circulated concerning players removing their helmets after a game while on or leaving the ice.

**JACK LEE:** That will be discussed under insurance when Craig comes in.

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "Concerning the World Juniors. What is the X number of \$\$\$ going to Nfld?"

**PAGE #7 (discussions from the floor continued)**

**JACK LEE:** "I do not know how much goes to Junior Hockey in Nfld. The SJJHL do not generate enough \$\$\$ to exceed what is presently issued. But I can say, "the branches get 20% while 80% goes to Hockey Canada.

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "Thank you Jack for coming in and for your input."

**(b)... Craig Tulk, HNL Executive Director:**

**CRAIG TULK:** "Thank you and Congratulations to all Volunteers." I would like to start by saying, "there will be no increase in Registration Fees for this coming season." "On our Insurance. Are there any questions?" "None??" "Then I will give you a breakdown on the costs." "Beginning with Minor. Registration \$61.00." "\$12.50 Hockey Canada secondary. Recipient \$16.15. Base fee \$21.30. Breakdown on Premium \$5.00 – \$2.50 of this goes for recipient. General Liability \$8.90 covers all members. Accidental Death \$2.15 / \$2.50. Major Medical Plan \$2.50. Administration Cost \$2.30 as 2<sup>nd</sup> Insurance. This also includes Junior & Senior.

**GEORGE BURSELL:** Craig? Why do Senior Pay Registration fee of \$85.00 and Junior \$95.00.

**CRAIG TULK:** " Sponsor + Revenues from the Herder but they still pay the same Insurance Fees as all Divisions."

**MARK NOSEWORTHY:** "Can you get a cheaper premium than HNL??" "Why is it with 100,000 registrants it is higher??"

**CRAIG TULK:** " I'll bring your concerns to the HC and inquire why."

**RON DOWNEY:** "Is this Primary or Secondary??"

**MARK NOSEWORTHY:** "Secondary." Mark presented a Letter of premiums from Dan Lawrie Insurance Brokers **(see attached)**

**JOE MURLEY** "With teams taking their players on the road and players taking their own cars. Are they covered??"

**CRAIG TULK:** " We have Risk & Liability for that." "Go online for all of this."

**JIM HARE:** "George Bursell spoke on full face shields. How much for half to full??"

**CRAIG TULK:** "\$10.00 to looking at the integrated rate \$15.00 half shield."

**DOUG TIBBO:** "Minor going up and Junior going down."

**CRAIG TULK:** "I'll clue up now on Rules and Regulations. Every few years HC revises the Rules and Regulations.

**BRIAN RYAN:** "On High School affiliation. Is it only if they are registered at the HNL Office? Is the affiliation, 19 years of age??"

**CRAIG TULK:** "Speaking of Affiliation. That's basically it. Could see all come under the HNL Registration."

**JIM HARE:** "Concerning the Junior "A" Supplement."

**CRAIG TULK** "It is implemented by Hockey Canada and we are obligated by those Rules and Regulations." "Best to leave the Suspensions & Rules to Charlie." "you can get them online."

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "For info purposes. If a player playing Senior can he register with Junior and play Senior??"

**PAGE #8 (discussions from the floor continued)**

**CRAIG TULK:** "Try to get in a request. Junior registration at HNL, Junior at years end."

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "Craig, do you feel Junior Hockey is going into the right direction?"

**CRAIG TULK:** "HNL is always there financially and for advice."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "Thank you Craig for coming in and for your input."

**(c)... Ed Flood , HNL Referee-in-Chief:**

**ED FLOOD** entered the room with **TED MURPHY:**

**ED FLOOD:** "The 3 man system is done. We know the 4 man system is a financial burden."

**TED MURPHY:** "Just a comment but the SJJHL will have to work on accepting it."

**CHRIS RYAN:** "The 4 man worked well but is it beneficial to the Officials to lower From Provincial or Metro."

**TED MURPHY:** "Yes but when you look at the 4 man system compared to the 3 man."

**JIM HARE:** "I think the 4 Man compared to the 3 man is professionalism." "We look at the extra \$7900 cost and the League's budget. Teams may have to fold due to the high coat of the 4<sup>th</sup> man."

**TED MURPHY:** "We realize where you are coming from and your situation."

**JIM HARE:** "The cost of travel from central point, Mt, Pearl. "Will you speak to Kenny Chafe so as to get back to the grass roots."

**GEORGE BURSELL:** "Seriousness and inconsistency of some Officials. Some cannot do Junior games. Teams know how the game will be called by the Official doing the game. Here is one, player in the box, game over, player comes out off the penalty box, game misconduct issued to coach, he is suspended from next game, a crucial game. Unfair, the game was over. Why the Call?"

**CHRIS RYAN:** "Can you tell me why the Referee's report is not sent to the League?"

**TED MURPHY** spoke on both subjects. I will look into it and get back to you."

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "Thank you Ed & Ted for coming in and for your input."

**(d)... Ken Chafe, Chair of Hockey Development.**

**KEN CHAFE:** "Coaches and Clinic Development are there to help Junior Hockey.

I would like to say, Don Kelly did a fabulous job in the number of years he contributed to his career in the development of the Officials.

**JIM HARE:** asked concerning the \$1000 that's being asked from all divisions in the development of Officials, Why not go to HNL and ask them to make that contribution to the development?

**KEN CHAFE:** "I spoke with Ed Flood the Referee in Chief on the Officilas and the betterment of the game and the cost of the \$1000 development fee. Ed told me that are withdrawing that cost.

**CHARLIE KEARSEY:** "Thank you Kenny for coming in and for your input."

**\_(i)...Recognizing Deserving Hockey Persons: No comment came from the Chair.**

**CHARLIE KEARSEY: Can I have a mover to adjourn this meeting.**

**CHRIS WHELAN so moved..... JIM HARE 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Meeting adjourned**



## **MINOR COUNCIL 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

June 9, 2018, Albatross Hotel, Gander, NL

### **WELCOME**

Arnold Kelly, Minor Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on June 9, 2018. He welcomed all delegates to the meeting and informed the group we have a full agenda for this meeting.

### **ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES**

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

The roll call indicated there were forty-one (41) of the forty-six (46) registered associations in attendance. The following associations were not represented at the meeting:

- ◆ Baie Verte Minor
- ◆ LaScie Minor
- ◆ Straits Minor
- ◆ Torngat Mts Minor
- ◆ Twin Town Minor

These associations will now be fined the appropriate amount for not attending this meeting in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

### **ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 2017 MINUTES**

A copy of the September 2017 minutes had been included in the e-binder. The following motion was moved by Dave Cheeks and seconded by Trevor Murphy.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the minutes of the September 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting of Minor Council be adopted as presented.

**Motion unanimously 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.

## **REPORTS**

A copy of the reports of the Minor Council Executive Committee members were included in the e-binder. There were no questions for the Committee members on their reports.

## **MINOR CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair said several initiatives were undertaken in the Branch this year and proceeded to comment on some of the highlights. He said he is pleased with our numbers but we still need to entice kids to come out and play. He thanked coaches and referees for administering the game. He said volunteers are hard to get so he thanked all volunteers for their time.

The Chair said he attended the Bantam AAA Atlantics hosted by the Northeast Minor Hockey Association at the Jack Byrne Arena in Torbay. He said it was a fantastic tournament with an excellent championship game. The championship game between the Nova Scotia Gulls and the NL Tricom Thunder saw the Thunder down 3-1 with only 2 minutes remaining. The Thunder came back tying the game and sending it into overtime. They scored early in overtime to win the championship. The St. John's Hitmen also captured bronze in the tournament.

## **PROVINCIAL AAA LEAGUES**

Gonzo Bennett, Eastern Director, gave a report on the Provincial Triple A leagues.

Tricom Thunder represented Hockey NL at the Atlantic Peewee championship in Edmundston, NB, capturing a bronze medal and our Branch, in partnership with Northeast Minor Hockey Association hosted the Atlantic AAA Bantam tournament. Tricom Thunder were crowned Atlantic champions with the St. John's Hitmen capturing bronze.

In light of these successes, there were still struggles this year, namely in the West, as a result of geography. The Minor Council Executive received plenty of feedback on the issue and after due consideration have decided to give the option to Triple A players in Pee Wee and Bantam the opportunity to go back and play with their home association for the upcoming season. Even though these players have been given this opportunity, it will be the decision of the association whether they decide to register them or not. These players must notify their home association by October 1<sup>st</sup> if they want to return and play with the association.

Discussion ensued on this topic with some associations indicating it will cause problems especially when it comes to grading.

The Chair said teams will be graded accordingly. Triple A players will have to be identified, as well as the caliber of hockey they play, e.g., whether they play on the first, second or third line.

Gonzo said we are making the change for this season going forward and if it doesn't work, we will look at it again next year. The current system is not working for all areas and you can't fix geography.

Some felt more will come out to play if they can go back to their own association. Delegates from Central said this will change the league structure and will not be successful in their area.

The Constitution and playing rules have been changed. These changes will be uploaded to HNL's website next week.

A number of delegates in the room felt a lot more discussion is needed before a decision can be made. Delegates from Deer Lake Minor felt the Triple A decision was thrown on us and it will cause more turmoil to the association and friction among parents in smaller areas if associations choose not to take the players back. Therefore, they feel the status quo should be maintained.

The Chair said Executives are put in place to govern the association and as a result should be able to deal with such situations.

President Jack said we have had major complaints over the past number of years of players not being able to go back. We will have to tweak this as we go. If we don't change, we won't move ahead with AAA hockey.

Some delegates felt kids who barely make a team now will not make a team if they are permitted to come back and that will discourage kids from registering.

The grading issue came up once again and the question was asked as to how a team will be graded with a Triple A player on the team. The Chair said the team will be graded the same way it was before the program came into place. Before the program came into place, teams had Triple A caliber players on their teams. Now if there is a Triple A player on a team, that will be taken into consideration as to where the team is graded.

Discussion continued and questions such as why mix up a high performance player back into the regular player minor program.

The Chair said the decision is for this upcoming season only. If it is found not to accomplish what we are looking for then the decision can be revisited next year.



## **BREAKAWAY FOUNDATION**

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

Steve Power, Director at Large, who joined the Foundation this year, addressed the meeting. Steve said the Breakaway Foundation is a group of volunteers whose ultimate goal is to help kids achieve their dream of playing minor hockey. Five years ago they had 12 kids who applied for funding. Now they are funding well over 100 kids and the number is growing. To continue to provide financial support they have two major fundraising events per year; their annual Cocktail Gala and Auction and a ticket sweep at a cost of \$20.00 per ticket. In September every association is asked to take 25 tickets. The proceeds from these tickets will help kids from all across the Province. Steve implored all associations to take the 25 tickets and sell these and more if possible.

A suggestion came from the floor to have an on-line registration which would give anyone a chance to contribute to Breakaway.

The Chair thanked Steve for his presentation.

## **ADDRESS BY HNL PRESIDENT**

Hockey NL President, Jack Lee, addressed the meeting regarding some of the problems social media, and the people who hide behind social media, have created for hockey, not only in the Province but throughout the country. He said it is not as bad for us now because Hockey NL have taken measures to curb it. Hockey Canada and Hockey NL both have policies in their Policy Manuals dealing with social media. Jack asked that associations let HNL know if someone goes outside of our policy because we are all volunteers and we need to prevent individuals from attacking hockey volunteers through social media. This is not acceptable. He said all associations should have a policy on social media harassment in place. Hockey NL has its own policy and he suggested associations mirror the Branch policy to keep it consistent.

Jack referred to Hockey NL's support of the Breakaway Foundation and the great job they do in providing financial assistance to young kids who want to play minor hockey. He referred to the Great Sport Chase Lottery sponsored by Sports NL whereby full time members of Sports NL, such as Hockey NL, can receive proceeds from Sports NL sports cards lottery draws. He said any money we receive from this draw will go directly to the Breakaway Foundation.

Jack referred to the half ice hockey that was implemented this past season for our novice programs. He said this was a big change but that the initiative went well.

He said he is very pleased with our numbers and there are now over 10,000 plus players in the grass roots of Minor and Female players. Minor hockey is very healthy.



In conclusion, he wished all delegates to have a great meeting.

## **HCOP PRESENTATION**

Ed Flood, Referee-in-Chief, and Ted Murphy, Supervisor of Officials, addressed the meeting discussing the HCOP program highlights for the 2017-2018 season and their plans for the 2018-2019 season.

They discussed their new direction being focused on the grassroots because this is the strength and future of the program as well as their emphasis on completing more evaluations and their presence in more rinks to assist younger officials.

They discussed their development plan regarding area clinics and what these clinics would entail.

Over the next three years they intend to hit every minor program and establish a foundation for minor officials. In areas of the Branch that pose a geographical challenge, they would group smaller associations and offer the new program in one year. The three-year plan would be to offer the program to approximately fifteen (15) associations in year one, a further fifteen (15) associations in year two, and another fifteen (15) associations in year three. With the anticipated success of the program the rotation will continue moving forward.

Regarding retention and recruitment, they feel this is an issue for all groups in NL. They anticipate that additional time spent with young officials by the experienced officials in the Branch will help to retain officials. They hope that this will fuel the interest in officiating and today's young official will tell their friends and recruitment will improve. They also feel recruitment for female officials will improve with the involvement of the experienced female officials. There will be two female instructors on board in September.

At the fall meeting they will get the Zone Coordinators, Area Supervisors and Instructors (male and female) to strengthen the delivery system of the program to ensure everyone is working on the same concepts.

Regarding clinics, a schedule will be available in September.

## **MINOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year Minor Council presents two \$500 scholarships, one in the house league category and one in the all-star division category, to players in post-secondary education. The Chair read the bio on each recipient. This year's recipients were Emily O'Brien from the Bonavista Minor Hockey Association and Liam Buckley from Goulds Minor Hockey Association. Leigh-Ann Ryder and Lesley Newell of the respective Minor Hockey associations accepted the scholarships on their behalf. The Chair congratulated both of these players.

The Chair urged associations to make sure their players are aware of these scholarships and asked that they encourage players to apply as we are not getting enough applications from players within the associations.

## **MINOR TOURNAMENT SCORING SITE**

Gonzo Bennett, Eastern Director, gave an update on the Provincial Tournament website.

The Provincial Tournament website was launched last year as a means to move away from the then current structure of having to call in scores after games. Under this website, the coordinator, or designated individual, would go online immediately following a game using a login code and password to directly post scores of games to the website. Every tournament is listed on the website and scores updated immediately following the game. Individuals can then log in to the provincial tournament website and view the scores of all of the games.

Gonzo said this was a great success! Therefore, we will be moving ahead with the scoring site. It is a smooth and easy process and takes about 30 seconds and the scores are done. We are now exploring the idea to have this site implemented for all tournaments and exhibition games. The host team would be responsible for entering the scores. It was noted the scores for invitational tournaments throughout the year can then be taken into consideration for grading purposes.

Following discussion following motion was put forward.

**Motion:** It was moved by Dave Crane and seconded by Trevor Murphy that invitational tournaments and exhibition games be added to the Minor Tournament Scoring Site for the 2018-2019 season.

**Motion carried.**

## **HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION**

Paul Dagg, Technical Director, gave a Development Review of the 2017-2018 season as well as their plans for the 2018-2019 season.

### NCCP Coach Clinics:

The number of NCCP Coach Clinics for C1, C2, D1 and G1 were up in 2017/2018 compared with the number of clinics conducted in 2016/2017 as per the following graph. Paul discussed this, as well as their plans for clinics for the 2018/2019 season.



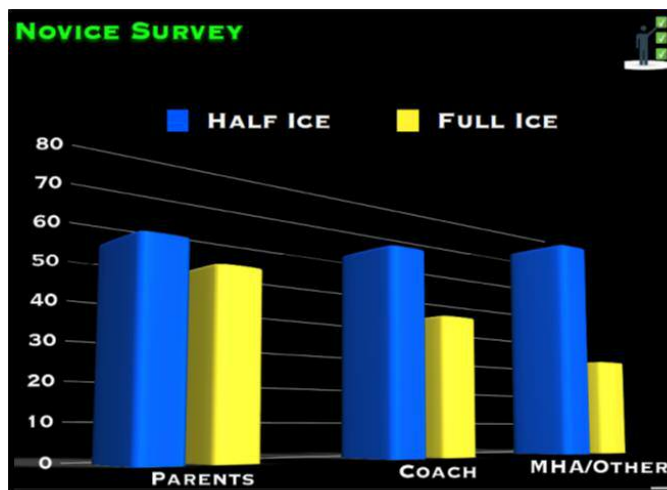
### Novice Survey:

The Novice Survey results on the Novice Hockey Program were presented to the delegates by Paul for feedback and suggestions for next year including a communication plan for parents in September supporting the grassroots initiatives of Hockey Canada.

He discussed the results from parents/coaches/MHA's by presenting charts with the response percentage from each group.

The completed parent surveys were very high in the East but very low in other parts of the Island and Labrador. The question was raised as to how you get the message out to parents. We need the help of associations to do this. Some suggestions were to spend money on mass marketing while others were to distribute pamphlets to parents at registration time. Ken Chafe, Hockey Development Chair, suggested conducting parent sessions as well. He feels parents will react when they see their players develop into good hockey players.

Regarding the half ice vs. full ice for Novice players that was implemented this past season, the following chart shows the response of each group.



Regarding the question on when should games begin, the highest parent response was to follow the HC model (2 months). Some felt the shorter season leaves no room to put in another tournament if bad weather sets in. No one wants little kids travelling on the road in January and February when the weather is bad. It was suggested to have the beginning date a little earlier.

Paul went on to review the results through chart percentages on Limit on # of games; Buzzer system; Officials; Designated full time goalie; Face-offs; Penalties; Blue puck vs. black puck; Net size; Development season (graduating players); Tiered set-up and Line matching.

Questions arose regarding the C1, C2 and D1 requirements. He said C1 is just for IP and Novice. It is not a pre-requisite for C2. He also noted you cannot complete C2 and D1 in the same year. The question was raised regarding individuals who have played a high caliber of hockey and have the credentials if they could go directly to D1. He said this would have to be looked at on an individual case by case basis. One comment from the room was just because you may be a high caliber hockey player doesn't necessarily mean you can coach.

Gary Dove, NCCP Coordinator, said there could be exemptions going to D1 but again that would be based on its own merits. He said you can complete the C1 and C2 in the same season but you cannot complete the C1 and D1 in the same hockey season. D1 would have to be completed in the next season.

#### High Performance Program:

This year the High Performance Camps will be held in Corner Brook from August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. The Male U14, U15 and Female U16 and U18 will be held from August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. The Male U16 will be held from August 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Paul discussed the on/off-ice layout of the Civic Centre; the schedule and reviewed the campus map. This is shaping up to be a great location for this camp. He then went on to highlight some of the female and male athletes of our High Performance Program.

In closing Paul said we are going to continue with our half ice option for Novice for the full year as this appears to be working really well. Other branches our size are now following our lead and he is happy to say we were the first out of the gate with this option.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Murray Roberts, Vice-President of Hockey NL, addressed the meeting regarding the importance of the screening policy. The screening policy is an identification process that is put in place for the protection of the kids. Hockey NL has a screening policy and protocol contained in its Policy Manual. The majority of associations have their own screening policies in place and when associations go through their process it alleviates HNL. Regarding the criminal record check Murray said HNL requires the check to be done every 5 years. That is a comfortable working time for our administration. Some associations, however, set theirs at 3 years.



Dr. Jared Butler, Hockey NL Medical Advisor, addressed the delegates regarding the concussion recognition cards that were launched at the beginning of the season. He said Hockey NL in partnership with the provincial government, Municipalities NL and the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association launched the campaign in an attempt to recognize concussions when they occur and continue to address player safety.

Phase 1 involved placing signage on all benches and in all dressing rooms at hockey arenas throughout the Province to help people better identify the signs and symptoms of a concussion. The intent is to inform players, coaches and fans on what symptoms to look for when diagnosing a concussion. Pocket cards are also being provided and will be updated regularly so as to ensure the best information possible is being provided to recognize a concussion when it occurs.

Dr. Butler also referred to a concussion survey being circulated that will provide critical information to be used.

Regarding banned substances, the question was raised if any consideration has been given surrounding marijuana becoming legal in July. Murray said he has no idea how it will affect organizations such as ours. Dr. Butler said it will be a legal controlled substance, no different than alcohol. We have not been given any guidance from the Department of Justice so therefore you should be strict up front and treat it the same as you would when applying rules for alcohol. Look for signs of impairment and if found apply your policy.

The issue of a policy surrounding mental health was raised. Dr. Butler said we have no official policy pertaining to mental health. However, there is a pilot project in Grand Falls-Windsor partnering with schools in the area regarding mental health. They are hoping to expand it out to a larger umbrella such as hockey.

The Chair thanked Murray and Dr. Butler for their presentations.

At this time the Chair recognized and welcomed Mr. Gerry Kelly, Life Member of Hockey NL and Minor Council and Mr. Dec LaCour, Life Member of Minor Council, to the meeting.

## **WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES**

Tom Gozine of World's Finest Chocolate addressed the meeting. Tom said World's Finest Chocolates have attained the distributing rights of Laura Secord and La Fontaine Chocolate. For the past ten (10) years they have sponsored \$1,250 to Female; \$1,250 to Midget Triple A and \$500 to the Minor Hockey Directory. He thanked associations who have supported their company through their fundraising efforts and said he looks forward to your continued support. As at every meeting, Tom drew names for prizes in appreciation of the support he receives from the Minor associations.

The Chair thanked Tom for their support of our minor programs.





## STEEL HOTELS

Mr. Rex Avery, Vice-President of Steele Hotels, called upon Jack Lee, President of Hockey NL, to accept a cheque in the amount of \$10,000 in support of the programs provided by Hockey NL.

Jack said Steel Hotels have been sponsoring Hockey NL for the past 13 years by donating funds to Hockey NL Programs in the Province and providing medals for provincial tournaments. Jack said he is pleased to announce that Hockey NL has resigned their contract with Steel Hotels for another three years. Steel Hotels have hotels in St. John's, Gander and Corner Brook and he asked when teams are travelling to just give them the opportunity to bid on your business. A portion of all monies collected by Steel Hotels for hockey related stays in the province is donated back to Hockey NL.

Mr. Gary Stamp, General Manager of Steel 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 two individual names of players plus association names entered for a prize of \$500 for each player and \$2,000 for each association. This year's winners are Lilly Taylor of Grand Falls-Windsor Minor Hockey Association and Paul Norman of St. John's Minor Hockey Association. Both Lilly and Paul will both receive \$500 while their respective associations will receive \$2000. Gary said they are currently working on another promotion which proves to be bigger and better than the current one. Once the details are finalized, associations will be notified.

Jack, Rex and Gary then signed the new three-year contract.

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

## HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Jack Lee addressed the meeting regarding high school hockey.

There were concerns raised last year as to who should be governing high school hockey. Currently it is governed by Sports NL but through discussions with them, they want to work with us to see where we will go from here.

A meeting was also called by the NL English School District to express their concerns regarding insurance and the liability issue, e.g. if an injury occurs, if the liability issue would fall on the school, and body checking in high school hockey vs. no body checking in minor hockey. So they have put Sports NL on notice that they want high school hockey governed and regulated by Hockey NL.

Jack said Hockey NL will regular high school hockey. Under that regulation a high school hockey team will only register 19 players with 20 cards; they can affiliate 6 AP's, and the players will have to be registered with a league or minor hockey association. Considerable discussion took place mainly centered around the body checking issue. Some felt it should stay in for high school hockey while others disagreed. Jack said there

is no intention to bring body checking back into the game and this would become part of the regulations.

After discussion the following motion was moved by Dion Park of Clarenville and Area Minor Hockey Association and seconded by Darren Fitzgerald of Deer Lake Minor Hockey Association.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that body checking be removed right across the board from high school hockey.

**Motion carried with a count of 39 for the motion and 15 against.**

## **MOUTH GUARD POLICY**

Jack Lee said there is an appetite for change regarding our mouth guard policy. He said he would bring it back to this group for discussion.

Our Branch is the only Branch that make mouth guards mandatory. When teams are coming in from other areas of the country, their players are not required to wear the mouth guards while ours are. He said statistics show that there has been no proof that mouth guards prevent concussion. He is here now asking the group if you want to make wearing mouth guards optional and not a rule or regulation. If it is optional, then it is up to the parent/player if they want to wear the mouth guard. If we choose the optional choice, it will lead to an amendment of the playing rules and there will be no penalty called.

At the end of the discussion the following motion was moved by Dwayne Greene of Bishop's Falls Minor Hockey Association and seconded by Trevor Murphy of Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that effective immediately a Mouth Guard is optional and **not** mandatory equipment for players registered in Minor Hockey.

**Motion unanimously carried.**

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Copies of the Notice of Motions were contained in the e-binder.

The Chair said the motions we are voting on here today will still have to be brought back to the plenary session tomorrow morning to be voted on by the entire Board of Directors. Just because we carry a motion does not necessarily mean it will be carried by the Board.

The Chair said the tabled Notice of Motions from the 2017 Annual General Meeting had been withdrawn.



**Notice of Motions #1, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27 and 30**

These Notice of Motions were contained in a block and were all governance and housekeeping motions.

These motions were carried.

**Notice of Motion #2**

The Chair said this motion would give Female its own council as opposed to their current status as a committee.

Vince Burton of CBR Minor Hockey Association spoke in favour of this motion. He said the female program and its numbers have grown immensely and it is time for them to have their own council with an equal vote at the table.

The Chair said this would increase the number on the Board of Directors by an additional 6 votes.

Following the vote, this motion was carried.

**Notice of Motions # 3, 4 and 5**

These motions were presented in a block and are housekeeping items relating to the Female Council.

These motions were carried.

**Notion of Motion #6**

This motion deals with the length of term the President of Hockey NL can serve.

The motion was carried.

**Notice of Motions #7, 8, 9 and 11**

These motions concern governance.

The motions were carried.

**Notice of Motion #10**

This motion defines the Grading Committee of Minor, however, the Chair of Minor is not a member of the Grading Committee. Therefore, a friendly amendment was made to this motion excluding the Chair of Minor.

The motion was carried.

**Notice of Motion #12**

The Chair said this motion was withdrawn.

**Notice of Motion #13**

The motion was carried.

**Notice of Motion #14**

The motion was carried.

**Notice of Motions #15 and 16**

These motions were carried.

**Notice of Motion #20**

The motion was carried.

**Notice of Motion #23**

This would be a struggle for smaller associations and would kill female hockey in those associations. Also some minor teams need the female numbers to ice a team.

Other suggested you would get more females to play the sport. There is some legitimacy to it. If Female is going to have their own Council, then they should be able to align their divisions and have a mirror of Minor.

This motion was defeated.

**Notice of Motion #24**

This motion was carried.

**Notice of Motion #25**

The Chair said this motion was withdrawn.

**Notice of Motion #26**

This motion was carried.

**Notice of Motion #28**

This motion was carried.

**Notice of Motions #29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36 and 37**

These motions were governance motions.

The motions were carried.

The issue was raised as to the process regarding the motions and the number of votes Minor has at the Board. The Chair said notice of motions are brought forward thirty (30) days in advance of the AGM and must be submitted by a member of the Board. There will be twenty-six people who vote on the motions. Each Council has seven (7) votes plus the Officers. Even though Minor has the larger number of members, they still get the same number of votes as the other Councils. The consensus is that the Board is too big and should be smaller. Therefore, a governance review is ongoing but this will take time to change.

**MINOR RESOLUTIONS****Resolution #1****AMENDMENT TO: Duties of Hockey NL Coordinators for Easter Provincial Tournaments - HOCKEY NL POLICY MANUAL 4.01.3 #4**

Moved by Arnold Kelly and seconded by Gonzo Bennett.

*Make sure the Hockey NL coordinator or the local coordinator uploads the scores in a timely fashion to the Hockey NL Provincial Tournament score reporting website. Scores should be uploaded after each game if at all possible.*

**Motion carried.**

**Resolution #2****AMENDMENT TO: Ice Time Allocation Policy – Pee wee AAA – HOCKEY NL POLICY MANUAL 4.01.4**

Moved by Arnold Kelly and seconded by Gonzo Bennett.

*Change the ice time allocation for Pee wee Regional (AAA) to the following:*

- *Regular Season: Discretion 1*
- *Exhibition and/or Invitational Tournaments: Discretion 1*
- *Provincial Championships: Discretion 2*

Discussion took place on this motion. A rationale was also discussed as to why provincial championships should be Discretion 1 and not 2.

Following discussion it was moved and seconded that the following amendment be made to the resolution.

*Change the ice time allocation for Peewee Regional (AAA) to the following:*

- Regular Season: Discretion 1
- Exhibition and/or Invitational Tournaments: Discretion 1
- **Playoffs: Discretion 1**
- Provincial Championships: Discretion **1**

**Amended motion carried.**

### **Resolution #3**

#### **AMENDMENT TO: Ice Time Allocation Policy Definition – HOCKEY NL POLICY MANUAL 4.01.4 – DEFINITIONS**

Moved by Arnold Kelly and seconded by Gonzo Bennett.

*Goaltenders are restricted to a one game differential throughout the season or tournament. **Goaltenders must have equal ice time in a provincial tournament, including the championship game.***

Following discussion, the consensus was that goaltenders should have equal ice time through the round robin and coaches would choose what goaltenders play in the championship.

The Chair asked if it was ok to make a friendly amendment to this resolution regarding the consensus of the group.

**Friendly amendment to the motion carried.**

### **Resolution #4**

#### **AMENDMENT TO: Provincial Championship/Tournament Schedules – HOCKEY NL POLICY MANUAL 4.01.5**

Moved by Arnold Kelly and seconded by Gonzo Bennett.

*Update the four and five team schedules to reflect current practice.*

**Motion carried.**

### **Resolution #5**

#### **AMENDMENT TO: Provincial Championship/Tournament Schedules – HOCKEY NL POLICY MANUAL 4.01.5**



Moved by Arnold Kelly and seconded by Gonzo Bennett.

*Update the schedules to include templates for seven and eight team tournaments.*

The Chair said we are already running the seven and eight team tournaments but the Directory needs to be updated to include these schedule templates.

**Motion carried.**

### **Resolution #6**

#### **AMENDMENT TO: Minor Hockey Provincial Tournament Procedures – HOCKEY NL POLICY MANUAL 4.01.6 #9**

Moved by Arnold Kelly and seconded by Gonzo Bennett.

*...Minor Associations who do not meet the minimum numbers of players **and approved coaches with proper qualifications** required for a team one week prior to the commencement of the Final Grading, will not be eligible to participate in the Provincial Tournaments and will not be placed on the Final Grading Report...*

The Chair said the roster includes coaches. He stressed the fact if you do not have coaching staff with credentials in place, you will not go on the final grading. Changes to your roster can occur one week prior to the tournament.

**Motion carried.**

### **Resolution #7**

#### **AMENDMENT TO: Minor Hockey Provincial Tournament Procedures – HOCKEY NL POLICY MANUAL 4.01.6 #15**

Moved by Arnold Kelly and seconded by Gonzo Bennett.

*Delete the Billeting requirement.*

The Chair said billeting is no longer being used.

**Motion carried.**

### **Resolution #8**

#### **AMENDMENT TO: Minor Hockey Provincial Tournament Procedures – HOCKEY NL POLICY MANUAL 4.01.6 #16**

Moved by Arnold Kelly and seconded by Gonzo Bennett.

~~16. Associations hosting an Easter Tournament are responsible for booking hotel accommodations for coaching staff of all visiting teams. (Passed September 1996).~~

Delete because this is not the current practice.

**Motion carried.**

### **Resolution #9**

#### **AMENDMENT TO: Minor Hockey Provincial Tournament Procedures – HOCKEY NL POLICY MANUAL 4.01.6 #31**

Moved by Arnold Kelly and seconded by Gonzo Bennett.

*There will be a \$750.00 registration fee for every team an association sends to a Provincial Tournament. This fee will be paid to Hockey NL and will be distributed to the host association with \$50.00 being retained by Hockey NL.*

This change occurred at the June 2017 meeting but is not currently in the tournament regulations.

**Motion carried.**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Gerry Evans, Past President and Life Member of Hockey NL, to conduct the election of officers.

Mr. Evans said there was only one name put forth for each position and therefore there would not be an election. The following individuals were elected by acclamation to serve for a one (1) year term on the Minor Council Executive Committee for the 2018-2019 season.

Vice-Chair:	Ed O'Brien
Eastern Director:	Gonzo Bennett
Tri Pen Director:	Wendy Penney
Central Director:	Robert Bouzane
Western Director:	Morgan Anderson
Northern Director:	Terry Clarke
Secretary:	Lynette Hiscock

The Chair thanked Mr. Evans and congratulated all members of the Executive Committee.

## **BANTAM DIVISION**

David Kennedy of the Cee Bees Minor Hockey Association asked the question as to why the Bantam Division was not treated the same as Peewee regarding Discretion 1 as per Minor Resolution #2.

Gonzo Bennett responded to this question and said the rationale was to ensure we got Discretion 1 in Peewee. He said there was much more concerns raised from Peewee and very few from Bantam. We didn't want to risk losing getting Discretion 1 in Peewee by including Bantam.

## **MODEL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

Craig Tulk, Executive Director, gave an update on last year's model minor hockey association pilot project. In an effort to support the growth and development of the game and in maintaining focus on the Long Term Player Development within the Canadian Development Model, Hockey Canada and Hockey NL have developed "standards" which will serve to elevate the delivery of the game and will enhance the overall experience for all members. Those Associations which strive to meet and surpass the standards will be awarded the designation of **MODEL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**.

He elaborated on the three phases of the program. Phase 1 entails the governance, delivery of programs and safety aspects. Phase 2 identifies the associations for participation. Five associations have been identified for participation in the 2019-2020 season; namely, Botwood, Marystown, Deer Lake, Southern Shore and Lab West. Phase 3 will be year 1 of the model association. October 1 is the deadline date for associations to apply.

Jack Casey of St. John's Minor spoke on the questionnaire involved. He said it is basically an evaluation of what you did as an association. They evaluate everything. His association received a grade of 82 – 84% which is considered a low A. He said it is a good self-evaluation tool on your strengths and weaknesses.

Craig said there will be more information provided as we move forward.

## **MINOR MIDGET HOCKEY**

Robert Bouzane, Central Director, gave a report on the Minor Midget program. He said this program was a huge success. The league consisted of three (3) teams; one from the West Coast, one from Central and one from Tri Pen. There were three (3) warm-up tournaments; one in Rocky Harbour, Bonavista and Glovertown. The provincials were also held in Glovertown. This year the plan is to have four (4) warm-up tournaments in November, December, January and February with the provincials being held in March. The dates and places for these tournaments will be available in September.

Delegates asked when scheduling dates for warm-up tournaments that it not conflict with scheduled games. Robert assured the group that the intent is not for the minor midget program to negatively affect the associations. The player's first commitment is to their associations.

## **TOWN HALL (OPEN DISCUSSION)**

### **High School Hockey**

Concern was brought forward from the floor about removing checking from high school hockey. This item had not been on the agenda and delegates felt that it was too significant of a change to make it here this weekend.

The Chair said if you feel you did not have enough time to discuss this issue we can come back and revisit it in September. It was suggested for the delegates to talk to the administrators in your schools and find out what they want.

Following discussion, the following motion was put forth by Dave Gulliver and seconded by John Barrington.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the motion passed earlier in today's meeting regarding removing body checking from high school hockey be rescinded and such decision be deferred until the September meeting.

**Motion carried.**

### **Novice and IP Hockey**

The question was raised as to the limitation on travel for Novice and IP hockey. The Chair said Hockey Development are revisiting the travel policy for September.

### **Bulk Equipment Purchase**

The question was asked if Hockey NL had equipment suppliers whereby associations could purchase bulk equipment for cheaper prices. Craig responded and said they had no such preferred suppliers.

### **Tournament Concerns**

Port-aux-Basques Minor said they have concerns with not being able to get teams to travel to their area for tournaments. For example, they had a tournament scheduled where only 1 team out of 5 showed up for the tournament. The Chair suggested for this to be brought up in the regional discussions or look at it in September. He said the Branch can't mandate teams to travel to tournaments.



## **Agenda Items**

Concern was raised about having to make decisions on important items that are not on the agenda. Two examples here today were the checking in high school hockey and mouth guards. When items are not included in the agenda, delegates do not have enough time to assess and consider the topic at hand to make a good decision that will last.

The chair asked delegates when they meet in their respective groups for regional discussions to address these concerns with their area directors. He also noted that the floor had previously asked him to bring the topic of mouth guards to the officers for decision.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Following regional discussions, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Kelly,  
Minor Council Chair

/bac  
2016-07-13

# Hockey NL Senior Council



## Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018  
Location: Albatross Hotel (Salon B/C)  
Gander, Newfoundland & Labrador

### Attendees:

Gary Gale, Chairman	Jack Casey, ECSHL
Andy Brake, Vice-Chairman	Dick Cashin, St. John's Caps
Seamus O'Keefe, Secretary	Greg Ryerson, Northeast Eagles
Joe Maynard (Director, Eastern Region)	Pat Rose, Bell Island Blues
Ed Kearsey (Director, Western Region)	<u>Ian Sullivan, Southern Shore Breakers</u>
Donnie Webber (Director, Northern Region)	Neil Norcott, CWSHL
Dr. Jared Butler (Director, Central Region)	Garry White, Gander Flyers
	Stan Coffin, Grand Falls - Windsor Cataracts
	<u>Ivan Hapgood, Clarenville Caribous</u>
	Wayne Hounsell, WCSHL
	Dennis Waterman, Corner Brook Royals
	Art Barry, Stephenville Jets
	Dave Bruce, Corner Brook Royals
	Shannon Battiste, Port aux Basques Mariners

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

G. Gale acknowledged that there were delegates from the CBN Ceebees and Mt. Pearl Blades organizations in the room who were granted observer status at the meeting.

### 3. Agenda – Review / Additions

G. Gale asked for and advised there were no additions to the agenda order with no objection from those present.

#### 4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #1      **Adoption of the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Annual General Meeting Agenda as presented (J. Butler)**

Seconded	I. Hapgood
Favor	G. Gale, S. O’Keefe, A. Brake, J. Maynard, G. Ryerson, D. Kearsey, D. Webber, J. Casey, P. Rose, I. Sullivan, N. Norcott, G. White, S. Coffin, D. Bruce, S. Battiste, W. Hounsell, A. Barry
Against	n/a

**Motion PASSED**

#### 5. Adoption of 2017 Fall Meeting Minutes

G. Gale presented the Minutes from HNL Senior Council meeting at the 2017 Fall Meetings with no changes or edits required.

Motion #2      **Adoption of the 2017 Fall Meeting Minutes as presented (D. Webber)**

Seconded	J. Casey
Favor	G. Gale, S. O’Keefe, A. Brake, J. Maynard, G. Ryerson, J. Butler, P. Rose, I. Sullivan, N. Norcott, I. Hapgood, G. White, S. Coffin, D. Bruce, S. Battiste, W. Hounsell, A. Barry
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 the overall general state of the game of Senior hockey in Newfoundland, noting a number of positive developments experienced in all three leagues that operated in 2017.

The first two games of the Herder played in Clarenville were fairly balanced with St. John’s experiencing a couple of key injuries that impacted their performance. The Clarenville Caribous proved to be the superior team when the series returned to Jack Byrne Arena and

saw the series swept 4-0. Congrats to the Caribous for their Championship season.

- B) ECSHL Jack Casey commented on the inaugural season of the newly formed East Coast Senior Hockey League (ECSHL) which experienced a successful opening season with balanced play amongst all four participating teams both in the regular season and playoffs. While the interlocking play with the CWSHL was an experiment, all four teams experienced issues dressing a full complement of players to go on the road.

The St. John's Caps emerged as the eventual ECSHL Champions and qualified to play in the Herder Memorial Championships.

- C) CWSHL Neil Norcott provided an overview of CWSHL operations during the 2017-18 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 that was sought. Finals were a great back and forth series that saw the Clarenville Caribous upset the first place Gander Flyers in a hard-fought series and advance to the Herder Championships.

- D) WCSHL Wayne Hounsell recounted the season highlights of the league's second season and the success that was enjoyed by all four teams competing. A high point for the season was inclusion in the broadcast of CBC Hockey Day in Canada from Corner Brook.

Optimism is high for a third year with minor tweaks being made to improve the game.

#### E-H) Area Director Reports

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

#### I) 2018 Herder Memorial Championship Report

J. Maynard provided an overview of the four (4) game Herder championships played between the St. John's Caps and the Clarenville Caribous. The series saw large crowds in both buildings which had the potential to be a much closer series but due to a couple of injuries to two Caps strengthening players, the better team ultimately prevailed in the end and swept the series 4-0.

### **8. Election of Officers**

There were no elections held and the current slate of officers were acclaimed.

## 9. New Business

### a) Notice of Motions

A number of motions were reviewed and voted on as presented;

### b) Officiating

Ed Flood and Ted Murphy addressed the group and highlighted some of the issues that arose throughout the season. Referee recruitment and mentoring continues to be a major priority and that for the most part improvements had been made within the system. Leagues/teams commented on the improvements that they had experiences, especially with the areas of communication and engagement.

Ed Flood communicated that the implementation of the "Allan Cup" system for referee supervisors and teams' postgame meetings at the Herder went well would be continued going forward.

### c) 2018 Allan Cup

Discussion was deferred until after the presentation from SOK Associates

### d) Senior Awards

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

1. David Bruce (West)
2. Nick Aylward (East)

### e) Insurance Coverage

Craig Tulk addressed Senior Council regarding recent developments in insurance coverage provided by Hockey Canada. No rate increases were immediate, however there were some specific changes that were highlighted.

### f) Province Wide Territories

Discussion was deferred until after the presentation from SOK Associates

### g) Herder

Discussion was deferred until after the presentation from SOK Associates

### h) Player Movement

Discussion was deferred until after the presentation from SOK Associates

### i) Senior Setup Proposal

Seamus O'Keefe of SOK Associates gave a presentation of options for the 2018/19 season for Senior teams to review and discuss that was an attempt to strengthen the game and provide a strategic vision.

SOK acknowledged the work that had been done to date and the amount of due diligence that had been completed by an ad hoc committee consisting of Gary Gale and Dr. Jared Butler, who held a number of conversations with stakeholders throughout the Province.

Highlights of the proposal included the following:

- Rebranding of Senior Hockey in the Province under the umbrella of the Newfoundland Amateur Senior Hockey League (NASHL);
- Reorganized structure of the three existing Leagues with the inclusion of CBN Ceebees and the possibility of the Twillingate Combines and the Mount Pearl Blades being added
  - WCSHL (Port Aux Basques, Stephenville, Corner Brook, Deer Lake)
  - CWSHL (Grand Falls – Windsor, Gander, Clarenville, CBN)
  - ECSHL (Southern Shore, St. John's, Conception Bay, Northeast)
- Acknowledgement that the WCSHL did not wish to participate in interlocking play, but the two other leagues would explore opportunities to compete against one another;
- There were a couple of proposed scenarios for individual League playoffs, but teams expressed concern for any shortening of their existing structure/length due to the much-needed revenue that they generate;
- The Herder Memorial Championships would be reorganized into a round robin format, similar to the MasterCard Memorial Cup which would feature a host team and Champions from the three Leagues. This would allow for season long promotion and greater assets to attract potential corporate partners;
- It was proposed that with sufficient funding, the NASHL would be able to fund team travel expenses (bus/hotel) and implement a provincial marketing program and joint website;

Discussion was held around the table with general acknowledgment in the merit of the proposal, but that there were still several important logistics to be ironed out in order to continue to move forward, team territorial rights being foremost;

The WCSHL expressed their concern for the proposed new Herder structure claiming the current imbalance in competition and limited funds to travel;

Following a lunch break for Leagues to discuss the propose amongst themselves, it was agreed that all feedback would be reviewed and recirculated with modifications within two weeks.

## **10. Other Business**

No other business was requested or discussed.

## **11. Adjournment**

Meeting concluded at 1:30pm