



Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association 2008 Annual General Meeting

May 14, 2008

To: Member Associations
Executive Committee

Annual General Meeting

As has already been announced the Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association's 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Sunday May 25, 2008

LOCATION: Beban Park Social Centre,
2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC

TIME: Registration: 10:00am
Call to Order: 11:00 am

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of Agenda
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Adoption of Previous Minutes:
 - i. 2006/07 VIAHA AGM held Sunday May 27, 2007 – Nanaimo, BC
- 4) Annual Reports
- 5) Financial Report
 - i. 2007-2008 Notice To Reader Financial Statements
 - ii. Motion to wave requirement of an audit (By-Law 11 paragraph 92)
 - iii. 2008-2009 Proposed Operating Budget
- 6) Lunch/Awards
- 7) Guest Speakers
 - i. (World U-17 Hockey Challenge Update, Ron Paulson, Russell Dyson, Tom McEvay):
 - ii. (BC Hockey VP Rick Boekestyn and Executive Director Barry Petrachenko)

Recess & Bid farewell to guests

- 8) Old Business
- 9) New Business
 - i. Endorse BC Hockey District Candidates
 - ii. Resolutions to Bylaws and Regulations
 - iii. Review BC Hockey Resolutions
 - iv. Elections
- 10) Adjournment

There will be a delegate registration fee of \$20.00 for those attending the lunch/awards portion of the AGM to assist in covering the cost of the facilities and buffet style lunch. Please complete and return the enclosed attendance response sheet by **May 20, 2008**.



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Voting

According to VIAHA Bylaw #3 paragraph 34:

The maximum number of votes that any one member association shall have at a General Meeting is five (5), as follows:

- (a) Each VIAHA Director – one (1) vote,
- (b) Each association – one (1) vote, plus
 - (i) Each association that has 1 – 15 registered teams – one (1) vote,
 - (ii) Each association that has 16 – 30 registered teams – two (2) votes,
 - (iii) Each association that has 31 + registered teams – three (3) votes.

Total votes carried at the 2008 VIAHA Annual General Meeting by each Association shall be as follows:

Association	Votes
Alberni Valley	4
Campbell River	4
Comox Valley	5
Cowichan Valley	5
Gold River	3
Juan de Fuca	4
Kerry Park	3
Lake Cowichan	3
Nanaimo	5
Oceanside	4
Peninsula	4
Powell River	4
Saanich	4
Sooke	3
Tri Port	3
Victoria	3
Victoria Racquet Club	3



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Registration Form

VIAHA Annual General Meeting May 25, 2008

IMPORTANT: Please advise the VIAHA Office of the number of persons who will be attending from your association no later than May 20, 2008.

Please submit your registration by email to info@viaha.org with the following information:

Association Name:

Number of Delegates Attending:

Names of Delegates Attending:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Number of Guests Attending: _____

Please bring a cheque with you to the AGM for the delegates and guests attending from your association at \$20 each.

The registration fee of \$20.00 for all those in attendance will subsidize the cost of facilities, refreshments and lunch. Please complete and return the enclosed attendance response sheet no later than **May 20, 2008**.

NOTE: Members of the VIAHA Executive Committee, VIAHA Officers and other individuals attending the Annual General Meeting please email your registration as per the instructions provided above to confirm your attendance.



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MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN NANAIMO MAY 27, 2007

Present

President – Jim Humphrey	Kerry Park – Roxanne McClelland
Executive Director – Randy James	Lake Cowichan – Staci Nelson
VP Competitive – Don Taylor	Lake Cowichan – Kelly Bergstrom
Female Dev. Coordinator – Teri Cotton	Nanaimo – Dan Payne
Risk Manager – Carol Fergusson	Nanaimo – Michelle Hynes
BC Hockey District Director – Joe McDonald	Nanaimo – Lawrence Pearson
SVIMHA Past President – Ron Doak	Nanaimo – Sonya Zado
South RCM – Steve Marsh	Oceanside – Sue Tompkins
North RCM – Mike Fraser	Peninsula – Bob Gordon
BC Hockey Coach Coordinator – Mike Mowat	Peninsula – Alison Looyson
Alberni Valley – Cindy Heard	Powell River – Sharon Cairns
Alberni Valley – Char Sherwood	Saanich – Doug Allen
Alberni Valley – Brenda Oscienny	Sooke – Ian Cartwright
Campbell River – Bill Boshman	Tri Port – John Labatt
Campbell River – Stan Stewart	Tri Port – Allison McCamile
Comox Valley – Dick Robinson	Tri Port – Anne Dumonceaux
Comox Valley – Dale Stewart	Victoria – Annalyn Richardson
Comox Valley – Eva Moore	Victoria – Rob Richardson
Cowichan Valley – Kathy Irving	Victoria – Paul Timmins
Cowichan Valley – Leslie Heinio	VRC – John Tinker
Cowichan Valley – Kristen Arnold	VRC – Ron Walchuk
Cowichan Valley – Mike Eddy	
Gold River – Ellena Gjesdal	
Juan de Fuca – Dave Horner	
Juan de Fuca – Ken Carson	
Juan de Fuca – Mike Hanson	

Regrets: Barb Norton, Chuck Blararu, Mark Kenny

Guests: Vicky Long, Deb Turney

Call to Order: 12:55 pm by VIAHA President Jim Humphrey

Number of Eligible Votes in Attendance: In accordance with VIAHA By-Law #3 paragraph 28, all decisions except for amendments of the Society's By-Laws shall be made on the basis of simple majority and shall be binding on all member associations. Amendments to the Society's By-Laws require a 75% majority. The total number of eligible votes in attendance is 48. Amendments to the Society's By-Laws require a vote of $0.75 \times 48 = 36$ votes. All other votes require a simple majority of $50\% + 1$ of $48 = 25$ votes.

Adoption of Agenda: MSC Dan Payne Sharon Cairns
(Carried)

Adoption of Minutes from the NVIMHA AGM held May 13, 2006 in Nanaimo:

MSC Dan Payne Sharon Cairns
(Carried)



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Adoption of Minutes from the Extraordinary General Meeting held July 9, 2006 in Nanaimo:

MSC Doug Allen Kathy Irving
(Carried)

Reports:

Year End Reports were distributed at the VIAHA AGM. Each report was made available for question to the membership.

VIAHA President - Jim Humphrey reported that he has been added to a Provincial Competitiveness Committee by BC Hockey. The Committee was tasked with looking at the structure of Minor Hockey Associations are set-up today and to come up with suggestions and options for MHA's. The report will be available at the BC Hockey AGM in June.

Jim reported that there will information regarding the Hockey Summit made available at the BC Hockey AGM.

Members of the VIAHA and BC Hockey have been spending time working on the Strategic Planning document. The Strategic Plan will be made available to the membership at a future Executive Committee Meeting.

Executive Director – Randy James – no questions asked.

Mid Island Vice President – Chuck Blararu – no questions asked. Jim thanked Chuck for all his hard work this past season.

North Island Vice President – Jim Humphrey/Joe McDonald – no questions asked.

South Island Vice President – Barb Norton – no questions asked.

Competitive Vice President – Don Taylor – no questions asked.

Midget Managing Director – Ian Cartwright – no questions asked. Jim thanked Ian for all his hard work this past season.

Bantam Managing Director – Anne Dumonceaux – no questions asked. Jim thanked Anne for all her hard work this past season.

Pee wee Managing Director – Sharon Cairns – no questions asked. Jim thanked Sharon for all her hard work this past season.

Atom Development Commissioner – Leslie Heinio – no questions asked. Jim thanked Leslie for all her hard work this past season.

BC Hockey District Director – Joe McDonald – no questions asked.

BC Hockey RCM Reports – Steve Marsh/Mike Fraser – no questions asked.

BC Hockey Female Development Coordinator – Teri Cotton – no questions asked. Jim thanked Teri for all her hard work this past season.

Risk Management Report – Carol Fergusson – no questions asked.



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Motion to Accept Reports as Presented: MSC Dave Horner Bob Gordon
(Carried)

Year End Financial Report:

Copies of the Year End Financial Report dated March 31, 2007 were distributed at the meeting.

Questions were raised with regards to the Salmon Kings for the 2007/08 Season. Randy reported that the VIAHA will be speaking with the Salmon Kings organization this summer and hopes to run the 50/50 Program again for the upcoming season.

The Miscellaneous Receipt line item on the Statement of Operations was also questioned and Randy reported that the money accounted for under that line item came from the purchase of Barcode scanners by the Associations as well as SVIMHA Adjustment Payments following the amalgamation of the North and South Island Districts.

Motion to accept the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 2007 as presented:

MSC Dan Payne Sharon Cairns
(Carried)

2007 – 2008 Proposed Budget:

The Proposed Budget for the 2007 – 2008 program year was distributed at the meeting.

Questions were raised with regards to Direct Access Funding and whether that would affect MHA's ability to apply for funds. The response given was no, that each MHA and the VIAHA are separate legal entities and that each are permitted to apply for funds through the Direct Access program provided the funds being requested are not being used for the same purpose.

Dale Stewart questioned the Player Membership costs. Each MHA paid \$5.00/player for the 2007/08 season prior to May 27, 2007. Any additional membership fees will only be charged if the Direct Access Application is not approved and the Salmon Kings revenue is less than anticipated. Should expenditures be less than that which is budgeted, Associations can expect to not be charged for the full \$10.00/player Membership Fee. Decisions with regards to whether or not to charge the additional Membership Fee will be made as deemed necessary by the Executive next season.

Scholarships and Bursaries will be offered at the AGM next year.

Questions were raised with regards to expenditures being almost \$100,000 more than the previous year. Jim addressed the issue and referred to items in the proposed budget which were not included in the previous year's operating budget which make up the difference. These items include Coach and Referee Mentorship and Evaluations, Administrative Costs associated with running the Salmon Kings program, the hiring of an Administrative Assistant to assist with the workload, Awards and Presentation costs, Rent for office space which will be required for the upcoming season and the additional cost associated with hiring an Executive Director as Randy was hired part way through the season last year and it did not cost the VIAHA a full years salary.

Motion to accept the Proposed Budget for the year ending March 31, 2008 as presented:

MSC Staci Nelson Doug Allen
(Carried)

Motion to Waive the Requirement to have an Audit for the 2006/07 Program Year:

MSC Staci Nelson Anne Dumonceaux
(Carried)



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SVIMHA Accounts Payable:

Jim reported that the funds, which were to be paid to the VIAHA in accordance with the SVIMHA November 23, 2006 Financial Report in the amount of \$2,009.32 has, not be paid. A cheque to close out the former SVIMHA account was delivered to the VIAHA at the April 29th meeting for \$224.57, a difference of \$1,784.75. Ron will discuss with Ian the discrepancy and try to resolve where the difference occurred. An up to date financial report will be requested from the SVIMHA. The nine former SVIMHA Associations are advised that the \$1,784.75 is still outstanding and will be collected from them should the discrepancy go unresolved.

Special Business – Endorsement of Candidate for BC Hockey VI District Director:

Motion presented to endorse Joe McDonald as the BC Hockey VI District Director
MSC John Tinker Dan Payne
(Carried)

Amendments to the Constitutions/Bylaws:

Proposed Changes to the VIAHA By-Laws & Regulations document (attached) was distributed at the meeting.

Motion: To approve all changes to the VIAHA Constitution & Bylaws as presented with the exception of those on page 22.

MSC Kathy Irving Staci Nelson
(Carried)

Friendly Amendment Page 22: To add the RCM's to the list of positions in paragraph 48 and to remove the words "(non voting)" after Female Development Coordinator, Coaching Coordinator, Risk Manager and RCM's.

MSC Bill Boschman Dick Robinson
(Carried)

Amendments to the Regulations:

Motion: To approve all changes to the VIAHA Regulations as presented with the exception of those on pages 45 – 46 and 47 (Regulation 4.20).

MSC Staci Nelson Doug Allen
(Carried)

Motion: To approve the changes to Regulation 4.17 on pages 45 – 46 as presented.

MSC Dan Payne Bill Boschman
(Carried)

Motion: To approve the changes to Regulation 4.20 on page 47 as presented.

MSC Bill Boschman Doug Allen
(Carried)



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Election of Directors/Officers for 2007/08

The VIAHA Nomination Committee submitted the following list of names for the positions listed below:

Officer Positions:

President – Jim Humphrey (acclaimed)
VP North – Mark Kenny (acclaimed)
VP South – Barb Norton (elected by ballot) *
VP Mid – Deb Turney (acclaimed)
VP Competitive – Don Taylor (acclaimed)

* Nominations for VP South include Barb Norton and Ron Doak. An election was held in which 46 of 48 eligible ballots were cast. Barb Norton was elected as VP South.

BC Hockey District Positions:

Coach Coordinator – Mike Mowat (acclaimed)
Female Development Coordinator – Teri Cotton (acclaimed)
Risk & Safety Manager – Carol Fergusson (acclaimed)
RCM North – Mike Fraser (acclaimed)
RCM South – Steve Marsh (acclaimed)

All BC Hockey District Positions will be ratified by BC Hockey in June at the Minor Committee Meeting.

Motion: To destroy the ballots

MSC Dan Payne Bill Boschman
(Carried)

New Business:

Review of Resolutions for BC Hockey AGM:

The Notices of Motion for the 2007 BC Hockey AGM were distributed at the meeting. Jim Humphrey reviewed each of the motions with the membership. Associations are requested to consider each of the resolutions prior to the BC Hockey AGM. Jim would like to have a meeting with each of the Associations prior to the BC Hockey AGM to discuss how the District will vote on each of the resolutions – more information to follow.

Next Meeting: TBA

Motion to Adjourn: **MSC** Doug Allen Kathy Irving
(Carried)

Jim Humphrey, President

Randy James, Executive Director



VIAHA President 2007/2008 Year End Report

The 2007/2008 season is now written into the history books and we are preparing for the 2008/2009 season. I would like to thank all who committed their time to administer the game, allowing our players the opportunity to participate.

This past October we set up office in Nanaimo, which brought new challenges but also solved many others. The District hired Andy Telfer as our Executive Director and Robin Edwards as the Executive Assistant, I believe both made themselves available to the membership and assisted where they could. We once again partnered with BC Hockey with our staff doing work for them and in return BC Hockey subsidized part of the Executive Director's salary. This partnership works to our advantage, the work that our Executive Director does for BC Hockey, such as approving our player and team official cards, updating the HCR after clinics and other tasks are mostly work that directly benefits the VIAHA.

I want to thank my fellow Officers for their commitment and guidance this past season. Barb Norton, our VP-South Island ensured the recreational leagues in the south and the Atom, Pee Wee and Bantam Female leagues ran smoothly. The mid island saw the leagues grow from previous years and Deb Turney, VP-Mid Island, along with her six commissioners met the challenge superbly. Don Taylor, our VP-Competitive along with his three Managing Directors seemed to never stop as they oversaw the Island League. You will read in their reports that there were at times too many discipline issues; as our elite league it is deplorable that some teams averaged 30 minutes plus penalty minutes per game. We will need to review the present structure over the summer and try and determine what can be done to alleviate the penalty issues in the future. Last but not least I wish to thank Mark Kenny the VP-North Island for his support. The north does not have inter-association leagues per say but Mark worked with each MHA to ensure that recreational players had a place to play.

This past season I was also the Officer responsible for the Atom Development League and the Midget Female League, I would especially like to thank both Leslie Heinio and Sonya Zado for their untiring work as commissioners.

In the latter part of September the Victoria Salmon Kings informed us that they were not going to have us look after the selling of 50/50 tickets at their games. They really never gave a very good reason other than they wanted to help out more "local" groups. This was a huge loss to the District and most unfortunate that the Salmon King management could not recognize that supporting all minor hockey in the District enables more opportunities for children to play this great game. Many of our current and past NHL stars come from all parts of the Island, including players on both the Salmon Kings and their affiliate team the Vancouver Canucks.

Recognition of our volunteers is important, there are so many who give up much of their lives to facilitate our game. The VIAHA Executive continues to be the mainstay behind the operations of the District; it was a pleasure to work with these dedicated individuals. They are to be congratulated for their contributions, as through their efforts our children were allowed the opportunity to participate. It was truly an honour to work with each of them.

Our BC Hockey District resource people are also to be thanked for their contribution. Joe McDonald our BC Hockey District Director was always there for us, his friendship and guidance throughout the year were very much appreciated. Mike Fraser and Steve Marsh fulfilled the duties of Referee Committee Members, they both worked very hard at developing our officials under, at times, very trying situations. Teri Cotton seemed never to stop as our Female Development Committee member. Carol Fergusson took over as the Safety and Risk Manager and has brought huge success to this program; she was successful in



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recruiting more instructors as well as bringing the MCC clinic to Nanaimo last August. Mike Mowat was our Coaching Coordinator and he and his instructors gave up almost every weekend September through December putting on coaching clinics. Other BC Hockey resource people that we do not often see but work very hard within the District are Ian Turner our Female High Performance Coordinator and Brent Polischuk our Male High Performance Coordinator. These resource people, along with their volunteer instructors/evaluators ensured our District had support and guidance second to none.

The District continues to develop a “Strategic Plan” identifying short-term requirements as well as long-term goals. We are also putting together a policy manual and a commissioner’s guide that will hopefully assist in improving the game.

We continue to strive in improving communication, for those MHA Presidents that are returning and those that are new it is strongly encouraged that you attend all VIAHA meetings. Where sending alternates is allowed there are times when certain aspects are lost as the alternate usually is not aware of past discussions at the VIAHA table. For those that do come to the VIAHA meetings it is crucial that they take back to their MHAs the results of the discussions that have taken place. We will be updating our website over the summer and will have meeting minutes, bulletins, etc. posted on line for next year, this will allow for anyone that wants to read and track what we are doing.

An issue that we seem to be having difficulty dealing with is the abuse that our game officials take. We continue to lose officials in the 17-22 year group faster than we can recruit and develop replacements. This past year saw several recreational games cancelled because of the lack of officials; in the recreational playoffs there were games with only one official. This is unacceptable and we need to fix this problem. These volunteers are not “fair game” for abusive team officials and parents, those who abuse our officials must be held accountable.

In closing, I wish to again pay tribute to our volunteers; the game is better through your involvement. I trust that everyone can take a much-deserved rest from the game over the next few months to enjoy other activities. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Humphrey
President



VIAHA Executive Director 2007/2008 Year End Report

This year the VIAHA office staff has consisted of Robin Edwards and myself, both of us new to VIAHA. Our first few months was a crash course in Hockey administration, the set up of a new office for VIAHA, and not to mention all the work that really needed to get done! I'm happy to say that after we had office systems in place and figured out communication protocols, everything was working smoothly.

I am always proud to deliver a year end financial result that is far better than anticipated, and this year we did just that. The loss of the Salmon Kings hurt VIAHA a lot. However, instead of the anticipated loss of \$29,000 in our re-worked budget, we ended the year with a modest net income.

It was a pleasure to provide services to the many MHA Presidents, registrars, ice schedulers, other MHA executive members, and the many coaches who contacted the VIAHA office. To start the year we hosted a Registrar's Seminar in Lake Cowichan. As the year progressed there were more and more inquiries about HC, BCH and VIAHA regulations. In the New Year we began to hear from irate parents or other player's relatives who just needed to vent. We assisted Managing Directors and Commissioners, and BCH reps with HCR information access and requests, and helped coordinate their efforts. The office, primarily through Robin Edwards, took on a huge role this year in tiering and scheduling. We received and reviewed 156 Overage and Underage applications (please keep in mind these need to be filled out in full in order for us to review them as quickly as possible). To develop these and other services, the VIAHA team, MHA Presidents & staff, and BC Hockey representatives provided valuable support.

Roughly a quarter of my time is with BC Hockey work under the cooperative agreement with them. This has consisted of warehousing and delivering materials to coaching and safety clinics, confirming coach qualifications, approving carded teams, and I now review all player transfers in the Vancouver Island District. And whether in my VIAHA or my BC Hockey role, a very positive element in my work is the support I have received from every member of the BC Hockey staff. The BCH staff work very cooperatively with long term solutions in mind, and they have been an invaluable resource.

Another good portion of my work has been to monitor or become involved with sensitive and sometimes highly confidential issues. I have monitored the occasional conflict between MHAs, helped channel contentious player transfers, tracked all VIAHA appeals, taken part in all appeal committee meetings, and have kept VIAHA personnel apprised of issues that require attention. On these matters, I have appreciated President Humphrey's and South VP Barb Norton's depth of experience, and also appreciated the very level-headed approach of VI District Director Joe MacDonald.

Robin and I have kept an eye on improvements for next year. We log predictable events and deadlines that can be applied to the next season. I keep a copy of the VIAHA handbook in my desk and scribble into it potential changes to our bylaws and regulations. We have reviewed and commented on the draft policy manual – thanks to Barb and Ken Norton for this – and researched other potential policies to help VIAHA run smoothly. Also, we are keenly aware that the MHAs support the office and we strive to keep office expenses low. For the future, there are many improvements we wish to make. We want to improve communications, our web site, policies and procedures, and so on. I fully support President Humphrey's vision of making VIAHA a more and more professional association.

To close, I want to thank the many volunteers who helped with hockey. Without you, there would be no hockey. Your VIAHA staff will continue to support you as much as we can.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Telfer,
Executive Director



VIAHA Mid-Island Vice President 2007/2008 Year End Report

As this being my first year in the role of VP of Mid Island, I must say it was year of learning. I would first like to thank the following people: Andy Telfer and Robin Edwards in the VIAHA office. My fellow executive members: Jim Humphrey, Barb Norton, Mark Kerry, Don Taylor and Joe Macdonald. The mid island presidents for all their patience and of course the commissioners, Tammy Butler and Karen Luff for peewee, Richard Peeke-Vout and Petra van Deventer for bantam and Zonna Rozzano and Bruce Macdonald for Midget. If it wasn't for these people our recreational players would not have the organized leagues to play in.

This year it was decided to divide the mid island region into two sections. Division 1, which consisted of Cowichan Valley, Lake Cowichan and part of Nanaimo. Division 2, which consisted of part of Nanaimo, Oceanside and Port Alberni. The placing for the leagues are as follows:

Div I

Peewee:

Nanaimo Senators – 1st in League

Nanaimo Senators – 1st in Playoffs

Bantam:

Duncan team Harris – 1st in League

Duncan team Harris – 1st in Playoffs

Midget:

Nanaimo Nuggets – 1st in League

Nanaimo Nuggets – 1st in Playoffs

Division II

Peewee:

Nanaimo Phantoms – 1st in League

Nanaimo Phantoms 1st in Playoffs

Bantam:

Nanaimo Islanders—1st in League

Nanaimo Islanders – 1st in Playoffs

Midget:

OMHA QF – 1st in League

OMHA QF – 1st in Playoffs.

Each winner of the league and playoffs received a banner for there arena.



VIAHA Mid-Island Vice President 2007/2008 Year End Report

At the end of the year, I did ask each commissioner what could suggest for improvements. The one main topic that kept coming up was tiering. I believe this will need to be looked at for the up coming hockey season. In each league we had some teams that won every game and some that teams that hardly won. As you can see from the winning stats, each division had the same team that won the league and playoffs. Though I am not pointing fingers at these teams, but we must look at the flip side of this and think of the players who lost every game. We as adults are here for kids playing hockey, though winning is not everything, it would be nice to have them play on an even playing field. For this new season, we (mid – island associations) need to discuss how we are going to do our recreational teams this year. Not have one association tier and the others not, as what happened this year.

Another issue for the new season – is the juvenile league. It would be nice see something organized for these players. The mid island has 3 competitive teams – Oceanside, Port Alberni and Nanaimo. This year they held there own “mini” league and tried to get south island to come on board. Juvenile is very strong in the Pacific Coast. It would be great to other associations join in, so maybe we can have a league and also invite mainland teams to come over. I do know that OMHA juveniles went over there for a tournament. This same team represented the Island for the provincials, where they were very competitive. I think next year when it comes to OA is midget, we should have a close look at whether or the association should have juvenile team, instead of having 2 or 3 OA players on each team.

As for the planning of next year, I have already contacted the commissioners and as of now, the most of them are returning. The plan is to meet in June to discuss the up coming year with the mid island presidents and commissioner. Also something new for next year, the mid island will be taking more responsibility for female hockey commissioners. We will be looking after midget and bantam. Each association has been given their requirements for commissioners. So hopefully the commissioner from your association is returning.

Once again, I would like thank everyone for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Turney
Vice President, Mid Island



VIAHA North-Island Vice President 2007/2008 Year End Report

Things on the North Island generally run very smoothly which makes my job an easier one. We continue to enjoy the injury-reduced non body checking house leagues and support all other development programs where possible.

Our Rep hockey program grew this year with B teams being formed in Campbell River with the help of some imports from Gold River. We are appreciative of the Rep teams that compete in the same tiers as our outlying Associations; Tri Port & Powell River, they enjoy the competition and love visitors. We did manage to send North Island Bantam B team to the provincials in an experience that will never be forgotten. We are also very proud of the Atom teams that play in the Island development league and the success they enjoyed.

The Comox Valley Association hosted a very successful Midget AAA tournament that showcased some of the best players in the province. The CVMHA executive and their volunteers should be commended for a job well done.

We are concerned that the fees charged to our teams and players are not quite on a level playing field and we look forward to resolving that with the VIAHA Executive. The North Island does not run any inter-leagues so any of the costs associated with that process including banners should not be the burden of our teams. We feel North Island represents the base rate and any services provided by the league above and beyond that basic service should be a user pay. It will lead to a lively discussion but we are hopeful the 2008/2009 rates be recognized as suggested.

In closing I would like to once again bring your attention to body checking in recreational hockey, it's just not worth it. We have a great game in the North, highly competitive enjoyed by all (including the parents) with less injury. What part of that don't people understand? Again I invite you to come to one of our North Island recreational games, you will be pleasantly surprised. If you can't make the drive we would be happy to bring down two teams for an exhibition.

We are proud of the all the Associations and the volunteers that make it work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kenny
Vice President, North Island



VIAHA South-Island Vice President 2007/2008 Year End Report

The past season has been filled with many challenges. There were times when we never seemed to get ahead with our problems. As I look back over the year, I see that these challenges opened the door for change and improvement.

Those changes will be reflected in our By-Laws, Regulations and Policy Manual for the coming year. I see these helping individuals with the many questions they often have.

This past year we had fourteen leagues administered by eight returning commissioners and six new. Janet Leahy, the Head Commissioner worked with these volunteers on a daily basis and certainly was a huge support.

Below are the end results for most of our leagues.

Atom girls	Oceanside were league champs as well as playoff winners.
Peewee girls	Oceanside won the league championship and Cowichan Valley were playoff champs.
Bantam girls	Nanaimo won the league championship and Kerry Park were the playoff champs.
Atom C2	Saanich C2 team won both the league championships and the playoffs.
Peewee C2	JDF C4 won both the league and playoff championships.
Peewee C3	Victoria C1 were both league and playoff champs.
Bantam C2	Kerry Park won the league banner and Peninsula C2 team won the playoff.
Bantam C3	Victoria won both the league and playoff championships.
Midget C1	JDF C2 won both the league and playoff championships.

In closing, I would like to thank all the coaches, managers and commissioners for all their work in making sure the players were happy and had fun this season. Without your efforts, there would be no teams or leagues.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Norton
Vice President, South Island



VIAHA Competitive Vice President 2007/2008 Year End Report

First and foremost I would like to thank the Division Managers, Sharon Cairns- Pee Wee, Anne Dumonceaux – Bantam, and Cora Hoover - Midget for all their hard work over the past season. I would also like to thank Jim Humphrey – President for his hard work and dedication to the sport.

Working through the second year of our new association was interesting and posed some interesting challenges with interpretation of our Regulations and Constitution.

Early in the year there was a distinct lack of discipline shown by some of the Coaches as well as the players. Fighting Majors and Misconduct penalties were up in some Divisions. Regulation 14.05 Failure to Appear was invoked three (3) times with one Association appealing the decision.

During play-offs Regulation 11.06 (format) was challenged and both appeals were denied. The above two regulations received a lot of criticism from Coaches, Managers and parents but there were no formal submissions to change the wording or amend the regulations submitted prior to the Annual General Meeting.

On the positive side of things, there was some wonderful, exciting hockey played throughout the season and in the play-offs. Congratulations to the following play-off champions:

Pee Wee	AAA	Nanaimo
	AA	Powell River
	B	Cowichan Valley

Bantam	AAA	Juan de Fuca
	AA	Alberni Valley
	B	Comox Valley

Midget	AAA	Cowichan Valley
	AA	Kerry Park
	B	Juan de Fuca

Congratulations to Kerry Park AA for bringing home the Provincial championship.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Taylor
Vice President, Competitive



VIAHA Midget Managing Director 2007/2008 Year End Report

The Island League Midget division had a total of 23 teams in 3 divisions during the 2007/08 season. These teams competed in 271 league games during the season including tiering and playoff games with only a handful in incidents that required league intervention.

Midget Island League 2007/08	# of Games	Average Penalty Minutes
League Games – Tiering	38	46
League Games – Regular	157	42
League Games – Round Robin	33	43
League Games – Playoff	13	48
Exhibition Games	72	48.6

The summary report below includes information on all non-minor penalties recorded for all league, exhibition and tournament games for the 2007/08 season.

Midget Island League	Non-Minor	Majors	Match/Gross
Players	527	103	21
Team Officials	17		3
Total Non minor penalty minutes	6453		

The total number of games players or team officials missed due to suspensions was 240 (167 HC/73 VIAHA), this includes tournament games. There are currently 8 players and 1 team official under suspension at the conclusion of this season, which will be carried forward to the 2008/09 season.

This was my first season as midget director so I am unable to provide or compare these statistics to previous years.

Congratulations to the players and team officials for the teams that advanced to represent VIAHA at the BC Provincial Tournaments:

JDF Midget B
Kerry Park Midget AA
Cowichan Valley Midget AAA

I would like to thank all the managers and coaches for being understanding and supportive while I was trying to grasp a understanding of the rules & regulations. I also need to thank Sharon Cairns, Anne Dumonceaux, Andy Telfer, Don Taylor, Robin Edwards, Joe McDonald, Mike Fraser and Steve Marsh for providing support and sharing their wealth of knowledge. A BIG THANK YOU has to go to Jim Humphries who was always available to provide support and more importantly take the heat when I inadvertently “ruffled a few feathers”.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Hoover
Managing Director, Midget



VIAHA Midget Managing Director 2007/2008 Year End Report

MIDGET STANDINGS Final Standings, 2007

TIER 1	GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PIM	GF	GA	PIM AVG	PTS
Juan De Fuca A	10	10	0	0	322	76	12	32.20	20
Nanaimo A	10	6	3	1	444	35	33	44.40	13
Kerry Park A	10	5	4	1	215	27	39	21.50	11
Campbell River A	10	4	5	1	316	30	39	31.60	9
Cowichan Valley A	10	2	6	2	275	29	51	27.50	6
Comox A	10	0	9	1	321	30	52	32.10	1

TIER 2	GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PIM	GF	GA	PIM AVG	PTS
Oceanside A	10	5	2	3	208	28	25	20.80	13
Victoria Racquet Club A	10	5	3	2	312	33	28	31.20	12
Alberni A	10	4	4	2	295	33	32	29.50	10
Peninsula A	10	4	5	1	264	32	30	26.40	9
Powell River A	10	4	5	1	303	30	35	30.30	9
Tri Port NIE A	10	3	6	1	332	35	38	33.20	7

TIER 3	GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PIM	GF	GA	PIM AVG	PTS
Nanaimo B	10	8	2	0	312	47	23	31.20	16
Saanich A	10	5	4	1	201	47	47	20.10	11
Oceanside B	10	5	4	1	270	39	40	27.00	11
Cowichan Valley B1	10	4	4	2	307	33	34	30.70	10
Sooke A	10	4	6	0	186	47	51	18.60	8
Juan de Fuca B1	10	1	7	2	198	40	58	19.80	4

TIER 4	GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PIM	GF	GA	PIM AVG	PTS
Comox B	10	10	0	0	192	51	21	19.20	20
Kerry Park B	10	7	3	0	153	50	28	15.30	14
Cowichan Valley B2	10	4	5	1	263	31	31	26.30	9
Victoria A	10	3	6	1	252	33	47	25.20	7
Peninsula B	10	2	7	1	136	35	48	13.60	5
Juan de Fuca B2	10	2	7	1	245	22	46	24.50	5



VIAHA Bantam Managing Director 2007/2008 Year End Report

This year the Bantam Division had 3 tiers and a total of 24 teams. Although there was some opposition to this, most teams met the challenge and had a good year

I would like to thank all the managers and coaches that I worked with this year. For the most part, we managed to work through all the regulations and had a successful year. You will see on page two the breakdown of penalties for this year. I have also included on the bottom of that page, a comparison from the previous 2 years.

Coach's behavior still continues to be a concern. Coaches received 15 game misconducts and 1 coach received a second game misconduct. I cannot stress enough the impact a coach has on their players. This is an area that Associations must continue to work on. Fighting majors hit an all time high this year as did major penalties. Discipline needs to be at the top of the list for next year's coaches, parents, and players.

Congratulations to JDF AAA, Alberni AA and Comox B for advancing to Provincial competition. We have to continue to improve on the playoff format - more than one set of playoffs were decided by a coin toss.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals who worked with me this year. Good luck to those moving on into Midget. A big thank you to Jim Humphrey, Andy Telfer, Robin Edwards, Don Taylor, Joe McDonald, Sharon Cairns, and Cora for all their support and never ending knowledge of rules and procedures.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and good summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dumonceaux
Managing Director, Bantam

<u>Bantam Division</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Games played	857	892
Penalty Minutes	13,458	14,714
Average PIM	15.7	16.5
Major	33	26
Fight Major	17	4
Minor CFB + Game	90	89
Minor HTH + Game	52	59
Minor with Misconduct	46	47
Misconduct	57	41
Stand alone Game	15	24
Match	4	5
Gross	6	3
Coach Game Misconducts	18	14



VIAHA Peewee Managing Director 2007/2008 Year End Report

The 2007-2008 season, although not without the usual bumps and hiccups along the way, was again a successful one in the Peewee Division. Teams, for the most part, have a better understanding of the expectations of representative teams at this level of competition.

A couple of areas of concern are the preparedness of peewees for body-checking and awareness of danger zones on the ice. We must be ever mindful and constantly vigilant in these areas throughout the season. Although major penalties were down slightly this season, as well as the average overall penalty minutes, I was disappointed at the increase in the number of misconducts incurred in this division as that shows a lack of respect and discipline on the part of these individuals.

Another concern was the coin toss to decide playoff positioning. Perhaps this is something that can be revisited during the off season. Play on the ice should be the deciding factor, in my opinion, and not chance. Overall, the playoff format is a good one. I had the privilege of supervising some very exciting games, both in the round robin, semi-finals and finals. Again my congratulations to Nanaimo AAA, Powell River AA and Cowichan Valley B1 who ably represented Vancouver Island at their respective Provincial championships.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my coaches and managers for a good year. We managed to work through some difficult situations and move on with respect and cooperation. I wish all those moving on to bantam's success and look forward to returnees next season.

Finally I would like to thank Jim Humphrey, Don Taylor, Andy Telfer, Robin Edwards, Anne Dumonceaux, Cora Hoover and all the association Presidents for your continued leadership and support. I believe that Vancouver Island continues to forge the best path for our kids in making their minor hockey experience the best it can be.

Peewee Division Synopsis	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Game played	1033	1041	1097
Penalty Minutes	13,599	15,825	14,402
Average PIM	13.2	15.2	13.1
Major	23	39	35
Fight Major	3	2	3
Minor CFB + Game	128	146	132
Minor HTH + Game	50	74	78
Misconduct	31	29	38
Stand alone Game	19	5	6
Match	3	2	3
Gross	1	0	0
Coach Game Misconduct	16	15	11

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Cairns
Managing Director, Peewee



VIAHA Atom Development Commissioner 2007/2008 Year End Report

The 24 Atom Development teams enjoyed another successful season. The continued growth and popularity of the program is amazing. The number of Atom teams from off the Island participating in our tournaments continues to grow, solidifying the future of Minor Hockey.

This past season, the Atom Development league was divided into 4 divisions with 6 teams in each division based on the results of the pre-season exhibition games and availability of ice. From the final standings, the parity in the league is evident, I believe the placements were correct, a couple surprises but they were contrary to the evidence received in September.

TEAM	LEAGUE CHAMP	PLAYOFF CHAMP
Div 1	Nanaimo-A	Nanaimo-A
Div 2	Oceanside	Alberni
Div 3	Powell River	Powell River
Div 4	Victoria	Comox-B

Shortage of ice is still a concern. The association ice coordinators were very accommodating in making changes to make some of the travel much easier for out teams. Major complaint all season, inconsistency in the officiating. Often the officials for an Atom game are relatively inexperienced; the difference between incidental contact and body checking seemed to draw the ire of many. This is an education issue and as I reiterated many times this season, "patience, it will get better" For the most part, referee reports were submitted promptly, but near the end the season, it became difficult for some referees to send them in. Teams submitted the game reports and game sheets quite promptly; I only issued 1 fine.

The inclement weather didn't affect many Atom games. I believe there were 4 cancellations, with all games being rescheduled. The playoff format caused some problems with the overtime rule. As shown by the league standings, ties were quite common in Atom Development, so it was inevitable that some games would be going into overtime. There was often confusion with the on-ice officials and the timekeepers; many were unaware of this year's format. All was overcome, resulting in exciting playoff games.

With the support from VIAHA, the Atom Development program will continue to improve as indicated by the continued improvement over the past 7 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Heinio
Commissioner, Atom Development



VIAHA Island League Female Midget 2007/2008 Year End Report

Well now that our 2007 2008 season is wrapping up I just want to thank everyone for making my position as Midget Female Commissioner a fun and enjoyable time. As this was a new position I especially want to thank everyone for being so patient as it was very much a learn and you go year. This year I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know 19 different teams, managers and coaches and I can't say enough how much I've enjoyed it.

A special thanks to Jim Humphrey who with out your help, guidance and support I would still be sitting scratching my head as I was as the beginning of the season and also to the 2 wonderful men Robin and Andy from VIAHA who I am sure were thinking "is this stupid women ever going to get it" you guys were great and I could not have done it without your confidence and patience. Keep up the great work guys.

So I extend to all coaches, managers, teams and VIAHA staff and of course our dedicated VIAHA President. A very large heart felt thank you for making my position so enjoyable.

Keep the kids in your heart and the joy in the game and hope to see you all next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Zado
Commissioner, Female Midget



BC Hockey District Director 2007/2008 Year End Report

The competitive leagues within the VIAHA District continue to be healthy with 71 male carded teams and 9 female carded teams declared prior to the December 1st deadline. On the recreational side, there were approximately 276 teams declared for recreational leagues. Ice availability continues to be problem with some associations which has made it a little tough on scheduling leagues. A huge thank you goes out to all ice schedulers. It is a tough job – well done.

There were a large number of coaching clinics this year on the island. Each MHA hosted a safety and speak out clinic each this past season. A good job was done by the MHA organizers and the instructors. I would like to thank the District Coordinators for their hard work in providing instructors and setting up for the various clinics. In addition, I would also like to thank the VIAHA Executive Committee for their support through out this past season.

A few Chevy Safe and Fun and “Lace’em up” programs were held in the District this past season with good success.

The VIAHA hired a new executive director last summer (2007) just as hockey was starting to pick up. The new executive director will be assisting the VIAHA executive committee and will again liaison with the BC Hockey office to assist them in addressing issues on Vancouver Island.

The Victoria Salmon Kings withdrew their funding support at the start of the season from VIAHA whom were to run the 50/50 draws during their home games again this year. This caused the VIAHA to reassess their priorities and program planning for this past season.

Four teams received approval to travel out of Province to attend tournaments in Alberta and the USA. Several teams also traveled off the island this year, to local tournaments in the lower mainland and in the Okanagan. There are also a large number of tournaments (94 with 7 others being cancelled) that took place on the island as well this season.

On the penalty front, the number (trend) of match and gross misconducts were up in comparison to the year previous.

<u>2006 – 2007 (5.5 months)</u>		<u>2007 – 2008 (5.5 months)</u>	
Match	Gross	Match	Gross
8.2 / month	5.0 / month	11.1 / month	6.7 / month
(41)	(25)	(61)	(37)

The challenge for the VIAHA District next season will be to turn this trend around.

The District is continuing to develop their “strategic plan” and long term visions.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe McDonald
V.I. District Director



BC Hockey RCM North 2007/2008 Year End Report

The 2007-2008 season finally ended as far as the Officiating end of things goes and the year in general overall went very well. The clinics this past year had a number of 2 night sessions went much better than expected and I expect this to continue next year in a number of areas. We held 9 clinics in the North Island and most were well attended. I have some concern with North Island conducting 2 clinics whereas the turnouts would suggest one clinic be held involving all participants from the 2 days. I would be looking at suggestions regarding this from the RICs and executive.

My areas of concern Officiating wise this past year are more consistency by the Officials, having more exchanges of Officials which gives these young people a grasp on what its like to Referee in another rink, more ideas and implementation in the development of young Officials, bringing back Officials that have stepped back. Development will not happen without experience being passed on by Senior personnel.

I was very happy with the number of potentially good young and up and coming Officials. We had approximately 30 Female Officials in our area this past year with some outstanding Officiating from our Senior Officials Marianne Cottingham, Jacqui Harrison and Jamie Scriver leading the way. There were a number of very good females whom, hopefully, will continue in this program, as there is much opportunity for them in the future. I had the opportunity to travel to many tournaments this past year and am very proud of the overall Officiating at these games.

If the Program is to succeed we need the support of Teams, coaching staffs, hockey executives, fans and parents. Through Development this will happen.

Finally I would like to thank Jim Humphrey, President of the VIAHA, Joe McDonald, District Director for BC Hockey, and the executive of VIAHA for their continued Support of the Officiating Program.

I would also like to Congratulate Morgan Wasiliew from the Comox Valley, and TJ Hamre from Alberni Valley for being named recipients of the VIAHA sponsored awards allowing these young people to attend the Summer Officiating School in Lake Cowichan in August.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Fraser
Referee Committee Member, North Island



BC Hockey RCM South 2007/2008 Year End Report

To Be Sent Later



BC Hockey Safety and Risk Management Coordinator 2007/2008 Year End Report

It is the responsibility of each hockey association to provide a safe and fun environment for children to learn and play hockey. To ensure this happens there have been many policies and procedures put into place. This includes such items as Criminal Record Checks for coaches and volunteers, Abuse and Harassment Policies, Team Tryout and Selection procedures, sanctioning for special events, as well as ensuring a safe physical environment and proper equipment for playing the game. As associations, this is why we send coaches and volunteers to courses on Speak Out, Coaching Courses and Safety Programs. These courses provide education for our volunteers to ensure our players learn in a safe and fun environment.

We make decisions as an association executive to promote this safe and fun environment. The decisions made at the executive level take into consideration how they will impact the players involved. The decisions are always made looking at the best possible outcome for all the players. We cannot make a decision that benefits only one or two or even five players at a level, when the decision could impact nineteen players. We have to look at the bigger picture. The decisions must follow our own constitution and by-laws of VIAHA, as well as the constitution and by-laws of BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.

As a local association it is your responsibility to communicate any and all decisions to your members- the hockey parents and players. The best technique to *reduce risk* in any association is good communication. If coaches and parents know why decisions are made, are aware of which activities must be sanctioned, and understand how certain activities must occur- there is less chance of risk to the players and the association. Remember, your executive members, coaches, and managers are all volunteers. Communication is everyone's responsibility.

This has been a transition year for our clinic presentation in Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association. 17 Speak Out Clinics and 13 Hockey Canada Safety Program Clinics were hosted throughout the Island during the last season. These clinics were provided by 10 different instructors. I would like to thank the local associations for their patience and cooperation as we adjusted to a different style of booking clinics and for their support of the new instructors.

I would also like to congratulate the instructors on a job well done. The feedback from all the associations was extremely positive. I look forward to working with all of you next season.

I would like to thank the VIAHA executive and especially the VIAHA office staff who were instrumental in making my job easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Fergusson
Risk Manager, VIAHA
HCSP Coordinator and Safety & Risk Management Committee Member, BC Hockey



BC Hockey Coach Coordinator 2007/2008 Year End Report

This year 24 clinics provided the District with the largest number of coaches trained on Vancouver Island in one season. There were 502 coaches who participated in 20 clinics plus 24 Female coaches that participated in the very successful “We are coaches” program that was brought to our district by Hockey Canada under the leadership of Teri Cotton. There were also 3 mentorship clinics held throughout the Island and it is hoped more MHA’s will take advantage of these ‘Specialty Clinics’.

A breakdown of all clinics is as follows;

- Checking – 1 clinic / 10 participants
- Intro to Coaching – 1 clinic / 8 participants
- Coach Stream Hybrid - 14 clinics / 363 participants
- Developmental 1 – 4 clinics / 121 participants
- Mentorship – 3 Specialty Clinics / participants unavailable

I would like to thank all the instructors who made the clinics a success this season:

Jack Hagen
Len Barrie Sr.
Brian Sugiyama
Steve Paul
Conrad Browne
Bob Gordon

If any of the MHAs know people who are interested in becoming course conductors please email me at <vidcc@bchockey.net>

We may hold a Developmental 1 clinic in July and I would request all MHAs to forward me a list of possible candidates so that a venue may be set as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Mowat
Coach Coordinator



BC Hockey Female Development Coordinator 2007/2008 Year End Report

Wow - the end of another busy hockey season for female hockey.

This season we managed to hold two female development meetings, one by conference call Sept 16, 2007 and the other a face-to-face meeting in Nanaimo on April 20, 2008. Both meetings were very well attended and lots of discussion took place on all the important issues we needed to deal with this year. Thanks Jim for helping to get these meetings happening and co-ordinating the finances for the conference call. We need to make sure we continue them.

Leagues were talked about during our conference call and Jim Humphrey asked Deb Turney and Barb Norton, the Mid and South Island Vice Presidents, to work on tiering an Island all-female midget league. Some bantams teams were included in the concept as well. Most of the reps felt the leagues that were set up this year, after some concerns around travel in the beginning for the midget recreational teams, were fairly successful and worked well for most of the teams. An atom league was set up as well and was successful, too.

Some issues regarding overage players arose going into playoffs and were worked out as best as possible. The challenges we face in female hockey, is many times, a lack of numbers, especially in areas that are spread out and not close enough to other associations to combine players who are in the same age category. We try our best to come up with solutions that allow girls to play on all female teams but sometimes it is a difficult job to do. Thanks to those who helped in trying to solve this situation this year. Ideally it would be great to increase our registration numbers in all levels so we could field teams that were all age-appropriate. Tiering did help in trying to put the right teams together to play each other.

We tried to get the zone midget team concept up and running for this season, but the presidents decided that they needed to review the Hockey Canada female development model more closely and that more information about the BC Hockey's zone midget idea, would help in making the decision on trying the zone midget for next year. We have had discussions about the zone midget throughout the year and Joe McDonald gave an updated BC Hockey presentation at our April 20th meeting. Trevor Proverbs came to the April 27th meeting and gave a presentation to the presidents about the South Island's parents's desire to card a zone midget team either for the whole Island or for the South only, if the North is interested in carding a team as well. The presidents will be discussing this further at a future meeting. As a side note - Vancouver Island is the district in the Championship rotation that is supposed to host the 2009 Zone Midget Provincials.

As the BC Hockey Female Development Rep for the Island, I was able to apply for two new initiatives this season and was awarded both events. Both were very successful. On Nov 4th, in Nanaimo, we held the first BC Hockey all-female referee clinic. As an instructor in the HCOP, I was able to instruct at this clinic, along with help from the South Island RCM Steve Marsh (Mike Fraser the North Island RCM was away on holidays or he would have been there, too) and a guest appearance from our new BC Hockey DFO (Development of Female Officials) from Vancouver, Teresa Anderson. We also had one of the BC Hockey Officers, Neil Hartley from Vancouver attend as well. Thanks goes to Nanaimo Minor Hockey for allowing us to use the minor hockey boardroom free of charge and to Deb Haggard and Port Alberni Minor Hockey, for providing the funds, obtained from their grant, to pay for the carding fees.

This clinic was very successful in terms of carding new female officials of various ages from all over the Island. I have been asked to make sure we put on another one of these clinics in the upcoming season which we will.



BC Hockey Female Development Coordinator 2007/2008 Year End Report

The second initiative I applied for and was awarded, was the Hockey Canada "We Are Coaches" program which was an all-female coaching clinic. With help from our district coach co-ordinator, Mike Mowat, the clinic was held Nov 17 and 18th in Victoria. Again, I want to thank Deb Haggard and Alberni Minor Hockey for helping to subsidize this event. We had 24 new coaches at the clinic and hopefully we will attract more this year as Mike and I have plans to host another coaching clinic on the Island early in the season or the last part of the summer. The BC Hockey officer who chairs the female hockey committee, Randy Henderson came down from Prince George to drop in to the clinic for the day and it was great to have him there to see how valuable these programs are to female hockey development.

The U18 camp was held in Saanich the weekend of Jan 5 and 6th and again attracted the Island's best athletes competing for the zone team that went to the BC Winter Games Feb 21 -24 in Kimberly /Cranbrook. Unfortunately the medals escaped our grasp this year. This was the last year for the U18's to compete at the BC Winter Games as the next BCWG will be for the U16 players. As my son got married that weekend, it was the first U18/BCWG /CWG camp I have missed since they started in 1989.

The U16 camp was held April 12/13 in Pt Alberni. Thanks to Ian Turner, our District Female High Performance Co-ordinator for co-ordinating this camp. The team selected went on to compete in Salmon Arm April 24-27 at the first ever BC Hockey U16 competition. Congratulations to our Island girls who took home the silver after playing hard in the Gold medal game against the Okanagan. The U14 Development camp will be held Aug 23/24 Campbell River. More details will follow.

I had the pleasure of being able to supervise the referees at the Midget A Provincials held in Nanaimo on March 16-19th. Due to work commitments I missed the first couple of games on Sunday and was unable to stay for the last two games on Wed so thanks to Spike (alias Mike Fraser NI RCM) for covering for me. Joe McDonald was the BC Hockey Rep supervising the event and it was an eye-opener for him to see the level of competition that was at the championship this year. Kamploops won the gold and the South Island Breakers took the silver. The Island playoff winner and host of the Provincials, the Mid-Island Extreme came fourth in the event and did a great job hosting and playing, despite many serious injuries they encountered both before the championship and during the Provincials.

Several Esso fun days were held on the Island this year and thank-you to all those associations and their reps for putting them on. I was asked by BC Hockey to help co-ordinate the Canucks Female Jamboree March 28-30 at the Juan de Fuca arena. We had about 120 girls register and we had two divisions with 4 teams in each group. Each player was given a ticket to watch Team Canada's National Women's team play their game on Sat night. The team was here in Victoria for their training camp and they played the two Island major midget boys teams. Two of the new referees who attended the all-female clinic in Nanaimo were able to help out with refing and it was great for me to be able to ref with them to see how they had progressed during the year.

And so we come to the end of our season, with lots more meetings and AGM's coming up and a high performance summer camp, but hopefully everyone can take a break and enjoy some time off. Maybe we'll even get some good weather soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Cotton
Female Hockey Development Rep, BC Hockey & VIAHA



Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association
2007/2008 Annual General Meeting

**VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

MARCH 31, 2008



Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association 2007/2008 Annual General Meeting

NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of the Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association as at March 31, 2008 and the statement of income and expenses for the year then ended. We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Nanaimo, BC
May 2, 2008

Chartered Accountants



Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association
2007/2008 Annual General Meeting

VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)
MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS

CURRENT

Cash	\$	22,535
Accounts receivable		<u>35,615</u>
		<u>58,150</u>

FIXED ASSETS (Note 1)

		<u>2,492</u>
	\$	<u><u>60,642</u></u>

LIABILITIES

CURRENT

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	<u>1,344</u>
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NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS , beginning		55,360
NET INCOME - Statement 2		<u>3,938</u>
NET ASSETS , ending		<u>59,298</u>
	\$	<u><u>60,642</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements



Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association
2007/2008 Annual General Meeting

VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
Unaudited - See Notice to Reader
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

REVENUE

Membership	\$	75,050
Fees		49,281
Playoff recovery		21,209
Fines		11,800
Gaming		5,287
Sponsorships		4,275
Other		2,836
		<u>169,738</u>

EXPENSES

Playoff costs		39,454
Wages and benefits		36,750
Executive expenses		18,313
Awards and presentations		18,233
Island League		9,779
Printing		8,444
Telephone		7,448
BC Hockey Fees		5,843
Office		4,805
Evaluations		4,312
Rent		3,612
Sundry		1,547
Advertising		1,475
Fundraising cost		1,359
Insurance and security		1,035
Commissioner expenses		794
Website		765
Professional fees		640
AGM		554
Amortization		386
Coach meetings		252
		<u>165,800</u>

NET INCOME - Statement 1

3,938

See accompanying notes to financial statements



Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association
2007/2008 Annual General Meeting

VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)
MARCH 31, 2008

1. FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amortization</u>	<u>Net book value</u>
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 2,318	\$ 232	\$ 2,086
Computer Equipment	<u>560</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>406</u>
	<u>\$ 2,878</u>	<u>\$ 386</u>	<u>\$ 2,492</u>



Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association
2007/2008 Annual General Meeting

**VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED 2008 – 2009 OPERATING BUDGET**

FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2009

REVENUE

Membership	\$	97,500
Fees		35,000
Playoff recovery		23,000
Fines		0
Gaming		20,000
Sponsorships		7,500
Other		2,100
		<u>185,100</u>

EXPENSES

Playoff costs		42,000
Wages and benefits		50,000
Executive expenses		22,000
Awards and presentations		8,000
Island League		8,000
Printing		5,500
Telephone		7,500
BC Hockey Fees		8,000
Office		8,500
Evaluations		10,000
Rent		6,500
Sundry		0
Advertising		0
Fundraising cost		50
Insurance and security		1,000
Commissioner expenses		1,000
Website		1,500
Professional fees		2,500
AGM		500
Coach meetings		1,000
		<u>183,550</u>

ESTIMATED NET INCOME -

1,550



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Resolutions For 2008-2009

The following resolutions are put forward from the VIAHA Officers and reviewed by the Executive Committee at the April 27, 2008 meeting. The resolutions were result of situations that occurred during the 2007/08 season and will hopefully alleviate future problems.

Constitution

Article 2

Add:

- (f) To administer and provide programs for the Society.
- (g) To provide avenues for the pursuit of excellence in hockey.
- (c) To increase the interest and involvement in amateur hockey, this brings an improved quality of life for both spectators and participants.

- (h) To be a viable method of promoting health and encouraging opportunities for youth.

Renumber as necessary

Rationale: We reviewed the Direct Access Guidelines and these are worded to their requirements and hopefully when we put our application in this year we will be successful.

Bylaws

1 g)

Add:

“Director” means the MHA Presidents whom are elected by their respective memberships and those Coordinators that are elected at the VIAHA AGM being members of the Executive Committee of the Society;

Make this 1 b and re-letter the other definitions

Rationale: At present there is no mention of who the Directors of the VIAHA are.



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6

Capitalize “Officers” and “Directors”

7

Combine # 7 & #10, and Change to Read:

Associations may apply to the **Officers of the Society through the VIAHA Executive Director for membership in the Society. The Officers shall review all such applications received and if conforming to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society shall present the application to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall then decide if the application should be presented at a General Meeting of the Society for acceptance or rejection.** ~~Executive Committee through the VIAHA Executive Director for membership in the Society. The Executive Committee shall review all such applications received and, only if conforming to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, shall present the application at a General Meeting of the Society for acceptance or rejection.~~ Upon acceptance at the General Meeting, and payment of such fee that is set from time to time by the Society, the applicant shall become a member of the Society.

Rationale: Duplicate bylaws

8

Change to Read:

Minor hockey teams, which are affiliated with Minor Hockey Associations, shall be composed only of players and team officials who are duly registered by Minor Hockey Associations in accordance with the rules and regulations of the VIAHA, BC Hockey and HC. Membership for such teams shall commence upon the MHAs registering the teams online with BC Hockey and who **then shall report them the number of teams** to the VIAHA Executive Director. Membership for such teams shall expire at the completion of the next VIAHA Annual General Meeting.

10

Remove, and incorporate into paragraph 7 above as noted above.

20

Change to read:

The member who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at ~~the~~ **a** General Meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote. The vote shall be by ballot.

Rationale: Grammar only

22, 29, 34 and in other instances where applicable:

Replace “Association” with “MHA”

Rationale: Only one or the other should be used, and MHA is already defined.



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Change to Read:

Member Association annual fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and shall be due and payable ~~at the call~~ **as determined by** the Executive Committee.

Rationale: Clarification

28

Change to Read:

Amendments to the Society's Constitution and By-Laws require a 75 % majority. All other decisions including changes to the Regulations shall be made on the basis of a simple majority.

Rationale: Simplification (no change in meaning)

29 & 33

Capitalize "General" and "Meeting"

Rationale: Grammar only

35 (j)

Change to read:

elections;

Rationale: Simplification

43

Change to Read:

Executive members and Associations may vote on all matters as per By Law 3.34. No delegate may carry more than one (1) proxy vote and proxy votes must be submitted to the Executive Director at least seven (7) days prior to the General Meeting. ~~Amateur~~ Hockey Leagues shall not have a vote.

Rationale: Clarifies – the word "Amateur" is not normally used with "Leagues".

47 (h)

Change to Read:

BC Hockey Vancouver Island District Director (non-voting)

Rationale: Consistent with 48 (g)



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Break into two separate items as follows:

The Officers will meet at the call of the President at a pre-determined place to dispatch business as they see fit. The Executive Committee will meet as required throughout the year but not less than four times during the year to conduct business as they see fit

Attendance for member MHAs at Executive Meetings shall be mandatory. Should a MHA President not be able to attend they must ensure that they send a representative. Failure to comply shall result in a fine being levied of \$250.00. The VIAHA Executive Director is to be informed of the name of the designate at least 24 hours prior to the meeting

Rationale: Housekeeping only.

69 (b)

Change to read:

The Female Development Committee;

Rationale: this is what we call it.

72. Change to Read:

MHAs shall report all teams Atom and above to the Executive Committee and shall indicate if the team(s) will be entered into inter-association leagues. With the use of game numbers the Society shall approve all exhibition, league, playoff and tournament games.

Rationale: Clarification and we needed to explain how the games are approved, mid and south all used game numbers this past year with a great deal of success.

75 (l)

Move to between (i) & (j) and renumber as necessary

Rationale: This sentence refers specifically to the actions in (i).

Footers (such as those on bottom of pages 26 & 27)

Remove

Rationale: Inconsistent and not needed.



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Change to Read:

Notice of General Meetings shall be given ~~at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting or such greater length of time as may be prescribed by the Society Act~~ **as defined in By-Law 3** or such greater length of time as may be prescribed by the Society Act.

Rationale: Already defined in bylaw 3 item 33.

Add new 92 and renumber

All invoices issued by the Society shall be due and payable upon receipt. Members will be considered not in good standing if they are not paid within 14 days of issue.

Rationale: Clearly sets the payment schedule for invoices.

111

Add final sentence:

The President will appoint a Panel of 3 members, including the Appeal Committee Chair, to determine within one week of receipt of the Appeal if one or more of the above conditions have been met. The decision of the panel will be final and not subject to appeal.

Rationale: Explains the process of how an Appeal of an Appeal is reviewed to decide if it meets the criteria.



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Regulations

1.01

Change to Read

These Rules and Regulations shall govern all:

- a) registered players and team personnel
- b) all teams that are registered on the HCR
- c) leagues in the divisions of Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget & Juvenile within the Vancouver Island District.
- d) member MHA Executives and Administrators.
- e) Game officials where applicable

Rationale:

- II Division age categories are already defined by BC Hockey Regulation 2.06
- II VIAHA also governs players and bench staff
- II Executive members who may not be bench staff and administrators are also responsible to adhere to the Rules and Regulations.

1.05

Add:

“Residential Waiver” shall refer to BC Hockey granting a player to play in another association other than their home association for one year only, make this consistent with BC Hockey Regulation 2.05.

Rationale: BC Hockey started this last year so we need to make note.

1.05, 2nd last bullet

Change to Read:

“Team Official” shall mean all or any persons involved in the management of a team. Team officials shall be designated as coach, **assistant coach**, manager, HCSP or trainer. Team officials shall:

Rationale: HCR differentiates head coaches & assistant coaches.

1.05 (k)

Remove from 1.05k and make it its own bullet:

“Manager” For all VIAHA teams registered with BC Hockey there shall only be one (1) carded and/or rostered Manager allowed per team.

Rationale: Housekeeping only, makes it stand out a bit better please perhaps more understandable.



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2.01 (f) and 2.02 (d)

Change the word “Milestones” to “Benchmarks”:

Rationale: Housekeeping, they are defined in appendix 4 so add “as per Appendix 4”.

3.08

Change to Read:

In all games played within VIAHA “Recreational Hockey” the Executive Committee shall determine if leagues/teams will be checking or non-body checking as declared by the MHAs. **No recreational team may participate in a body checking game unless approved by the VIAHA Executive.**

Rationale: Help ensure player safety by ensuring teams playing each other have both taken approved body checking clinics.

4.04

Remove 2nd sentence

Proposals to amend the geographical sub-divisions shall be submitted in writing to the VIAHA Executive Director not later than April 1st of each season and shall be dealt with according to By-Law 14. ~~However, no amendment shall be considered unless and until all directly affected Associations are in agreement with the proposed adjustment to a geographic sub-division.~~ Upon approval of the membership of the society the proposal will be forwarded to the BC Hockey Executive Committee for consideration.

Rationale: change will put into effect how all decisions are made, democratic society, and majority vote.

4.07

Add:

(d) Residential Waiver

4.11 New

Residential Waiver: indicates permission for a player to play in an MHA other than their home MHA for one year only as per BC Hockey regulations.

Rationale: indicates BC Hockey’s new procedure.



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Between 4.11 and Note 1

Add:

Player Movement Notes

Rationale: Clarifies that the notes apply to the entire Player Movement section, not only 4.10.

Note: 6

Add a final sentence:

The Officers, at the request of the MHA, may approve a second tryout.

Rationale: In case the first tryout was not undertaken properly or player moves to a new MHA.

Add Note: 8

If a player's parents move at any time during the playing season, the parents and current MHA are required to report the move to the VIAHA Executive Director, and depending on the date of the move, may be required to register with the new MHA.

Rationale: Explains what is required should a player move during the season and to ensure players are in compliance with BC Hockey residential requirements.

After 5.01

Add new regulation and renumber:

All teams requesting entry into the Island League must register a minimum of fifteen (15) Hockey Canada player registration certificates, one of which must be a goaltender, by the Wednesday following the Thanksgiving weekend. Minor Female and Pee Wee teams are not required to designate a goaltender. MHAs that cannot meet this criterion may request an extension/exemption to the VIAHA Officers.

Rationale: ensure teams have enough player to be competitive and allow recreational teams to meet their requirements to structure their leagues, it is not fair to the majority of players which are the recreational players to have their team selection up in the air until the end of October which has been what has been happening. They are required to also play tiering games and cannot do so if their teams have not been finalized.

5.07

Move to be after current 5.02 to replace what is currently listed as a note:

Rationale: Female players at the discretion of the local MHA may roster on two teams as long as it meets this criterion.



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5.05

At bottom remove “and Goaltender Exemption”

Rationale: 5.11 is removed as it is contrary to the HC Affiliation Regulation

5.11

Remove

Rationale: Contravenes Hockey Canada regulations all teams must follow the affiliation regulation.

5.19(c)

Change to Read:

Novice/Initiation players shall not be used as affiliate players **unless approved by the Officers.**

Rationale: more lenient and will help out those smaller MHAs that have only one or two Atom teams.

6.07

In first sentence change to read:

“All 90, 80 & **75** minute....”

Rationale: some games are 75 minutes long.

REGULATION #7

Change to read:

REGULATION #7

Game Sheets

Rationale: this section refers to Game Sheets only.

7.01

Add sentence:

Only VIAHA approved game sheets are to be used.

Rationale: VIAHA game sheets have been available for the past year; it is confusing now when there are different game sheets. MHAs have had enough time to use up any old stock they may have had. The New game sheets are easier for the volunteer scorekeeper to use because the abbreviations are there plus making all games sheets consistent.



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7.02

Change to Read:

All games for teams entered into the Island League shall be identified by a game number, as assigned by the **Commissioner**/Managing Director. **Failure to obtain a game number may result in a fine or disciplinary action.**

Rationale:

- Π *VIAHA game sheets now used for all teams in Vancouver Island District for consistency in penalty reporting.*
- Π *Commissioners now assign game numbers*
- Π *Moved from 8.03, more appropriate here.*

7.05

Change first sentence to read:

~~“Wherever possible, Game sheets...”~~

Rationale: All VIAHA game sheets have five copies.

7.09

Change to Read:

~~For teams participating in the Island League each~~ Teams shall email game reports to the **Commissioner**/Managing Director within 24 hours following the conclusion of all scheduled games using the online game report form; details are to include the score of the game, number of minutes in penalties received as well as any concerns/suggestions regarding the game. ~~Inter-Leagues are encouraged to adopt the use of game reports, however fines will not apply to “Recreational” leagues~~

Rationale: All teams playing in inter-leagues are now using VIAHA game reports, for those new commissioners they expressed that these really helped them in doing their job.



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7.10

Change to Read:

~~For teams participating in the Island League~~ The offending team's association will be fined \$100 ~~and that association shall be responsible to pay the fine within 14 days or further disciplinary action shall be taken.~~
\$50 for each and every game sheet and/or game report deadline missed. VIAHA will bill the offending team's home association.

Rationale:

- Π *Should refer to all teams using game sheets*
- Π *Lower fine amount is easier to swallow for offenders; suspensions for tardiness will also work.*
- Π *Invoice payment schedule defined in new paragraph 92*

8.03

Remove

Rationale: identified in 7.02

9.02

Change to Read:

Each team must play at least three (3) exhibition games against other teams within their division from other associations by the end of October. Game sheets must be submitted to the respective **VP or** League Commissioner by midnight of the ~~Sunday~~ Wednesday following the last **weekend of** in October. These games must take place prior to league scheduling and will be used to determine the appropriate playing level for a particular team. Failure to submit game sheets ~~by midnight Sunday Wednesday~~ **on time** may be subject to a ~~\$250 fine~~ **result in a team not being allowed to play in a league or league start date delayed.**

Rationale: Allows time for review and structure tiers, as well as the scheduling of leagues after the 3rd weekend of October.



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9.13

Change to read

Immediately following the VIAHA October Executive meeting an ice schedulers committee meeting will be convened. ~~The committee shall be made up of two representatives from each zone plus the Managing Directors and VP Competitive Hockey.~~ All Associations wishing to have their teams participate in the Island League shall, **be required to provide the requested amount of ice and suitable ice** prior to the meeting taking place, ~~have submitted the ice requirements as requested by the VP Competitive.~~ Failure to ~~NOT~~ submit the required amount **and/or suitable** ice will result in the Associations team(s) not being scheduled into the Island League play.

Rationale: Allows more latitude for Executive on how league will be scheduled plus ensures that sufficient and suitable ice to make up the schedules will be provided.

10.01 Delete second sentence:

In order for league play to start, tiering rounds must be completed. Tiering rounds will be completed and League play will start no later than the first weekend of November each year. Each league shall determine the number of games played so that league play continues up to the weekend prior to the commencement of playoffs. The ending of Island League play and the beginning of the playoffs will depend upon when Spring Break occurs each season. The ending of Recreational league play will be two weekends prior to Spring Break with play-offs occurring the weekend prior to Spring Break.

Rationale: Re-wording of first sentence allows for flexibility should tiering rounds not be completed on time plus the VPs and Managing Directors/Commissioners handle the number of league games.

10.02 Add:

In the spirit of fair play teams entering into inter-league play should where possible be tiered. Leagues shall be balanced according to skill level of the participants. All associations are required to have balanced teams if entering more than one team in the same inter-league. **The Officers may require MHAs to restructure teams if they are deemed to be unbalanced.**

Rationale: To ensure all teams are competitive and have a place to play

11.06

- Switch (c) and (d)
- Add sentence at end of (e):

The respective Vice President and/or Managing Director will do the coin toss. Teams will not be required to be present.

Rationale: Due to situations encountered this past year and time and distance does not allow for representatives to be present in all cases.



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13.05

The host **MHA** shall be responsible to assign the ~~off-ice officials~~ **linesmen**. The District RCMs will assign the ~~on-ice officials~~ **referees** with approval by the ~~Island League~~ **VIAHA Competitive Vice President**. The VIAHA will assist in covering travel costs if they are incurred during the play-offs in the attempt to have neutral referees at each game. Circumstances may predict that for a playoff game a neutral referee could not be assigned. Should this happen this decision is NOT subject to appeal. **The RCM will assign all referees/officials for semi-finals and finals.**

Rationale: better wording, & clarifies how it was done this year.

13.07

Change to Read:

No team will be allowed to participate in the Playoffs unless ~~they~~ **their MHA is a** ~~are~~ members in good standing and all outstanding fees and fines have been paid in full.

Rationale: clarifies current practice.



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New item 13.08

Add and re-number

Tie Breaking Procedure

In the event Teams are tied for a semi final playoff position after the Round Robin series is completed, the following procedure shall be utilized to determine the placing of the tied teams:

a) If two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the Round Robin game between those two (2) teams will receive the higher placing. If three (3) or more teams are tied, the team which has accumulated the most points in games against the tied teams will receive the highest placing, the team with the next most points in games against the tied teams will receive the next highest placing, and so on.

b) Any teams remain tied after (a) then the Team with the most wins in the round robin will receive the higher placing, and so on.

c) If any teams remain tied after (a) and (b) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average will receive the higher placing, and so on. The goal average of a team is to be determined by dividing the total number of goals for and against into the total number of goals for, with the Team having the highest percentage winning the higher position. (Example: Goals for 10, goals against 4; percentage is $10/14 = .714$). The goal ratio shall be for games amongst the tied teams only.

d) If any teams remain tied after (a), (b) and (c), the team that received the least minutes in penalties in the round robin games between the tied teams will receive the higher placing, and so on.

e) If teams are still tied after all previous methods have been applied, then the winner of the playoff position will be decided by the toss of the coin. The respective Vice President and/or Managing Director will do the coin toss. Teams will not be required to be present.

Rationale: Currently there is no tie breaking formula for Island League playoffs. This wording is the same as BC Hockey 5.22, and will alleviate problems that were encountered this past year. Having the tie breaker the same as BC Hockey is consistent with how other Districts operate plus allows our teams to be educated on how any pending ties at the BC Hockey Championships will be solved, thus better preparing our teams.



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13.08

Change to Read and renumber:

Upon completion of the semi-final series the following procedure will be used to determine which team receives home ice advantage for the playoff finals:

- (a) Home ice advantage will go to the higher seeded team in the round robin. If it is still a tie then; **(if both teams had the same standing in their respective round robin series)**
- (b) Home ice advantage will go to the team with the lowest accumulation of penalty minutes during round robin play (all round robin games count), if still tied then;
- (c) Home ice advantage will be decided by a toss of a coin. **The Competitive Vice President and/or the Managing Director will do the coin toss. Teams will not be required to be present.**

Rationale: Better clarifies how home ice advantage is decided for the final playoff series.

15.01

Remove heading immediately above 15.01

Rationale: all protests follow the same procedure.

15.01

Change to Read:

Any violations of the playing rules are to be submitted *in writing* by the *President or his/her designate* of the MHA making the protest within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game, to the attention of the respective Vice President who will **rule decide** on all matters pertaining to rules **and or regulations** not being followed. **Their decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.**

Rationale: There is no time to hear appeals especially during playoffs as at certain times there are only hours between games. How protests are handled and who is involved in the decision making process can be further explained in a policy.

New item after 15.02

The Association shall complete the Game Protest form and submit the completed form, including authorization from the MHA President, to the respective Vice President for consideration as in 15.01.

Rationale: New form to be implemented in 2008-9 season to standard protests and to ensure maximum information is provided so as it is easier to make a decision.

15.04 – 15.07

Remove

Rationale: all protests follow the same procedure.



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Add 18.06

Game officials shall be garbed in black helmets, black pants and referee jerseys.

Rationale: all should have consistent uniforms

19

Remove all items

Rationale: Hockey Canada now uses the Residential Waiver format for this purpose.

Replace with:

Tournament Sanctions

19.01 All Tournament Sanction forms must be submitted to the VIAHA office to have tournaments approved and game numbers assigned prior to being submitted to BC Hockey for sanctioning.

19.02 Tournaments must have the support of the RCM prior to being approved.

Rationale:

- II *ensure same division/category tournament dates do not conflict.*
- II *ensure there are enough referees and linesmen to work the games.*

20.06

Change to Read:

VIAHA special-suspension rules for player and team officials will not prevail in **may be waived for** BC Hockey championships or BC Winter Games.

Rationale: There may be times when the District feels their suspension should apply, this gives the latitude to the District to request enforcement or lift.

21.01

Change to Read:

Team assessments for the Hockey Canada Carded Teams wishing to participate in the Vancouver Island Hockey League shall be determined in August and shall be due and payable prior to **the VIAHA Executive meeting in** September 15 of that playing season.

Rationale: so that MHAs can either pay prior to or bring cheques to the VIAHA meeting, whatever the date.



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Appendices

Appendix #2: Change and Add:

Saanich Minor Hockey Association:

The Municipality of Saanich, which shall also be a shared draw zone between Saanich Minor Hockey Association and VRCMHA, and first time registration may be with either Association. Residents of this shared draw zone may transfer from Saanich Minor Hockey Association to VRCMHA up until the completion of the first year of Atom hockey. The decision to transfer must be made prior to March 31st of the current playing season. After that time, a player may transfer from Saanich Minor Hockey Association to VRCMHA with the written approval of both local association Presidents and the Vice President (South Island) and the Vancouver Island District President. **Should MHAs not agree on transfer requests, the VIAHA Officers shall make the decision, their decision is final and not subject to appeal.**

As long as VRCMHA retains its "Winter Club" status, players registered with VRCMHA may return to Saanich Minor Hockey Association at any time, subject to space availability.

~~A second transfer can be approved by the Society's Executive Committee only where exceptional and compelling circumstances apply. All statements apply to both recreational and carded players.~~



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Victoria Minor Hockey Association:

The City of Victoria, the Municipality of Oak Bay, the Municipality of Esquimalt.

Residents of the Township of View Royal shall be in a shared draw zone between Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey association and Victoria Minor Hockey association. The residents of this shared draw zone have a one-time choice of where to register starting in the 2005/2006 season, depending on available space. First time registrants shall be with either association.

Residents of the Municipality of Oak Bay or the City of Victoria east of the Inner Harbour and east of the Gorge Waterway up to Admirals Road shall be in a shared draw zone between Victoria Minor Hockey Association and Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association, and first time registrants may be with either Association.

Residents of this shared draw zone may transfer from Victoria Minor Hockey Association to Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association up until the completion of the first year in Atom Hockey. The decision to transfer must be made prior to March 31st of the current playing season. After that time, a player may transfer from Victoria Minor Hockey Association to Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association with the written approval of both local Association Presidents, the Vice President (South Island) and the ~~Vancouver Island~~ District President.

Should MHAs not agree on transfer requests, the VIAHA Officers shall make the decision, their decision is final and not subject to appeal.

As long as VRCMHA retains its "Winter Club" status, players registered with Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association may return to Victoria Minor Hockey Association at any time, depending on available space.

~~A second transfer can be approved by the Society's Executive Committee only where exceptional and compelling circumstances apply.~~



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Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association:

VRCMHA shall have a shared draw zone with Saanich Minor Hockey Association covering the Municipality of Saanich, and first time registrants may be with either association and residents may register with either association.

VRCMHA shall also have a shared draw zone with Victoria Minor Hockey Association covering the Municipality of Oak Bay, the City of Victoria east of the Inner Harbour and east of the Gorge waterway up to Admirals Road (by Craigflower School), and first time registration may be with either association.

Residents of these shared draw zones may transfer from Saanich or Victoria Minor Hockey Associations to VRCMHA up until the completion of the first year in Atom hockey. The decision to transfer must be made prior to March 31st of the current playing season. After that time, a player may transfer to VRCMHA with the written approval of both of the local Association Presidents involved, the Vice President (South Island) and the Vancouver Island District President. **Should MHAs not agree on transfer requests, the VIAHA Officers shall make the decision, their decision is final and not subject to appeal.**

As long as VRCMHA retains its "Winter Club" status players registered with VRCMHA may return to their municipal Associations at any time, depending on available space.

~~A second transfer can be approved by the Society's Executive Committee only where exceptional and compelling circumstances apply. All statements apply to both recreational and carded players.~~

Rationale: There needs to be a better way to solve player residency transfer issues other than make families sell their homes and re-locate as well as alleviate the trauma that some parents suffer when two MHAs cannot agree on a transfer request.

This Ends The VIAHA Officers Submissions



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The Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association hereby submits a resolution to request that the following changes be approved to Appendix #2 titled “Membership Boundaries” as printed in the 2007/2008 VIAHA Handbook:

Under the heading “Victoria Minor Hockey Association”, remove all wording following the “Victoria Minor Hockey Association and Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association, and” and replace with “may register with either association”.

For clarification, to look as follows, with the bolded and strike through area to represent the section to be deleted:

Victoria Minor Hockey Association:

The City of Victoria, the Municipality of Oak Bay, the Municipality of Esquimalt. Residents of the Township of View Royal shall be in a shared draw zone between Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey association and Victoria Minor Hockey association. The residents of this shared draw zone have a one-time choice of where to register starting in the 2005/2006 season, depending on available space. First time registrants shall be with either association. Residents of the Municipality of Oak Bay or the City of Victoria east of the Inner Harbour and east of the Gorge Waterway up to Admirals Road shall be in a shared draw zone between Victoria Minor Hockey Association and Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association, and ~~first time registrants may be with either Association. Residents of this shared draw zone may transfer from Victoria Minor Hockey Association to Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association up until the completion of the first year in Atom Hockey. The decision to transfer must be made prior to March 31st of the current playing season. After that time, a player may transfer from Victoria Minor Hockey Association to Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association with the written approval of both local Association Presidents, the Vice President (South Island) and the Vancouver Island District President. Players registered with Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association may return to Victoria Minor Hockey Association at any time, depending on available space. A second transfer can be approved by the Society’s Executive Committee only where exceptional and compelling circumstances apply.~~ may register with either association.



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Under the heading “Saanich Minor Hockey Association”, remove all wording following “The Municipality of Saanich, which shall also be a shared draw zone between Saanich Minor Hockey Association and VRCMHA, ” and replace with “and residents may register with either association”.

For clarification, to look as follows, with the bolded and strike though area to represent the section to be deleted:

Saanich Minor Hockey Association:

The Municipality of Saanich, which shall also be a shared draw zone between Saanich Minor Hockey Association and VRCMHA ~~[and first time registration may be with either Association. Residents of this shared draw zone may transfer from Saanich Minor Hockey Association to VRCMHA up until the completion of the first year of Atom hockey. The decision to transfer must be made prior to March 31st of the current playing season. After that time, a player may transfer from Saanich Minor Hockey Association to VRCMHA with the written approval of both local association Presidents and the Vice President (South Island) and the Vancouver Island District President. Players registered with VRCMHA may return to Saanich Minor Hockey Association at any time, subject to space availability. A second transfer can be approved by the Society’s Executive Committee only where exceptional and compelling circumstances apply. All statements apply to both recreational and carded players.]~~ and residents may register with either association.



Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association 2007/2008 Annual General Meeting

Under the heading "Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association", remove the words "and first time registrants may be with either association." following "VRCMHA shall have a shared draw zone with Saanich Minor Hockey Association covering the Municipality of Saanich" and replace with "and residents may register with either association". Remove all wording following "VRCMHA shall also have a shared draw zone with Victoria Minor Hockey Association covering the Municipality of Oak Bay, the City of Victoria east of the Inner Harbour and east of the Gorge waterway up to Admirals Road (by Craigflower School)" and replace with "and residents may register with either association".

For clarification, to look as follows, with the bolded and strike through area to represent the section to be deleted:

Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association:

VRCMHA shall have a shared draw zone with Saanich Minor Hockey Association covering the Municipality of Saanich, ~~**[and first time registrants may be with either association]**~~ and residents may register with either association.

VRCMHA shall also have a shared draw zone with Victoria Minor Hockey Association covering the Municipality of Oak Bay, the City of Victoria east of the Inner Harbour and east of the Gorge waterway up to Admirals Road (by Craigflower School), ~~**[and first time registration may be with either association. Residents of these shared draw zones may transfer from Saanich or Victoria Minor Hockey Associations to VRCMHA up until the completion of the first year in Atom hockey. The decision to transfer must be made prior to March 31st of the current playing season. After that time, a player may transfer to VRCMHA with the written approval of both of the local Association Presidents involved, the Vice President (South Island) and the Vancouver Island District President. Players registered with VRCMHA may return to their municipal Associations at any time, depending on available space. A second transfer can be approved by the Society's Executive Committee only where exceptional and compelling circumstances apply. All statements apply to both recreational and carded players.]**~~ and residents may register with either association