

May 12, 2009

To: Member Associations
Executive Committee

Annual General Meeting

As previously announced, the Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association's 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Sunday May 24, 2009

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. 2007/08 VIAHA AGM held Sunday May 25, 2008 – Nanaimo, BC
- 4) Annual Reports
- 5) Financial Report
 - i. 2008-2009 Notice To Reader Financial Statements
 - ii. Motion to wave requirement of an audit (By-Law 11 paragraph 93)
 - iii. 2009-2010 Proposed Operating Budget
- 6) Lunch/Awards
- 7) Guest Speakers
 - i. BC Hockey Branch Supervisor – Jeff Edgley
 - ii. BC Hockey Branch Coordinator RIC – Rob Fryer

Recess & Bid farewell to guests

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

There will be a delegate registration fee of \$22.00 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 17, 2009**.

Voting

According to VIAHA Bylaw #3 paragraph 33:

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 2009 VIAHA Annual General Meeting by each Association shall be as follows:

Association	Votes
Alberni Valley	4
Campbell River	5
Comox Valley	5
Cowichan Valley	4
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	4
Tri Port	3
Victoria	4
Victoria Racquet Club	3

Registration Form

VIAHA Annual General Meeting May 24, 2009

IMPORTANT: Please advise the VIAHA Office of the number of persons who will be attending from your association no later than May 17, 2009.

Please submit your registration by email to mherba@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 \$22 each.

The registration fee of \$22.00 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 17, 2009**.

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.

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN NANAIMO MAY 24, 2009

Present

President – Mark Kenny	Kerry Park – Bob Collins
Executive Director – Marg Herba	Kerry Park – Jan Collins
Executive Assistant – Robin Edwards	Lake Cowichan – Jodi Hieta
VP Competitive – Don Taylor	Lake Cowichan – Angie Fournier
VP Mid Island – Deb Turney	Nanaimo – James Mitchell
VP North Island – Roy Carter	Nanaimo – Vicky Long
BC Hockey District Director – Joe McDonald	Nanaimo – Roberta Bortolotto
BC Hockey Officer At Large – Jim Humphrey	Nanaimo – John Palmer
Female Dev Coordinator – Teri Cotton	Nanaimo – Myles Parsons
Coaching Coordinator – Mike Mowat	Oceanside – Dean Bruyckere
Safety/Risk Mgmt Coordinator – Carol Fergusson	Peninsula – Elisa Moes
RCM North Island – Mike Fraser	Peninsula – Jim Snowden
RCM South Island – Steve Marsh	Powell River – Leslie Perreault
Alberni Valley – Al McCulloch	Powell River – Patrick Devereau
Alberni Valley – Rob Gaudreault	Saanich – Glen McBride
Alberni Valley – Sharlene Check	Saanich – Colleen DeJong
Alberni Valley – Jan Lavertu	Saanich – Rob Maguire
Campbell River – Alan Barker	Sooke – Linda Senft
Campbell River – Tammy Walker	Sooke – Darren Scott
Campbell River – Stacy Rennie	Sooke – Susie Sherman
Comox Valley – Simon Morgan	Sooke – Yves Ouellet
Comox Valley – Tony Powell	TriPort – John Labatt
Comox Valley – Dale Stewart	TriPort – Marc Dumonceaux
Cowichan Valley – Mike Eddy	Victoria – Annalyn Richardson
Cowichan Valley – Kristen Arnold	Victoria – Duane Auringer
Cowichan Valley – Leslie Heinio	Victoria – Kathy Cloutier
Cowichan Valley – Kathy Irving	Victoria – Brad Hunter
Gold River – Ellena Gjesdal	Victoria RC – John Tinker
Juan de Fuca – Dave Horner	Victoria RC – Ron Walchuk
Juan de Fuca – Michael Hanson	

Guest Speakers: Jeff Edgley (Branch Supervisor, BC Hockey) – Unable to Attend; Rob Fryer (Branch Coordinator RIC, BC Hockey) – Unable to Attend

Guests: Sharon Cairns (PeeWee Managing Director), Anne Dumonceaux (Bantam Managing Director), Cora Hoover (Midget Managing Director), Kevin Roden (Whiteaker & Associates - Accountant), Bryce Flug (Oceanside), Dan Burgess (Oceanside), Ian Cartwright (Sooke), Doug Tyce (Nanaimo), Steve Paul (Nanaimo), Pat Labatt (TriPort), Laurie Wishart (IPFMA), Aaron Burgess, Crystal Burgess, Benjamin Burgess, Derek Flug

Call to Order: 11:08am by VIAHA President Mark Kenny

Number of Eligible Votes in Attendance: In accordance with VIAHA By-Law #3 paragraph 27, all decisions except for the amendment 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 74. Amendments to the Society's By-Laws require a vote of $.75 \times 74 = 56$ votes. All other votes require a simple majority of $50\% + 1$ of $74 = 57$ votes.

MOTION: To adopt the VIAHA AGM 2008-2009 Agenda with the following changes – Guest Speaker to be BCH Officer At Large, Mr. Jim Humphrey and that the order of items may vary depending on time.
M/S - Al McCulloch, Jan Lavertu
CARRIED

MOTION: To adopt the Minutes from VIAHA AGM held May 25, 2008 in Nanaimo
M/S – Bob Collins, Jim Snowden
CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORTS: The Year End Reports as received by the VIAHA office by May 21, 2009 were emailed to all MHAs with direction to print and bring a copy to the AGM.

VIAHA President	Mark welcomed all in attendance and no questions were asked of his report from the floor.
Past President	Jim Humphrey – no questions asked from the floor.
Executive Director	Marg Herba – no questions asked from the floor.
VP Mid Island	Deb Turney – no questions asked from the floor.
VP North Island	Roy Carter – no questions asked from the floor.
VP South Island	Barb Norton – Absent, no questions asked from the floor.
VP Competitive	Don Taylor – no questions asked from the floor.
Midget Managing Director	Cora Hoover – no questions asked from the floor.
Bantam Managing Director	Anne Dumonceaux – no questions asked from the floor.
Pee wee Managing Director	Sharon Cairns – no questions asked from the floor.
Atom Dev Commissioner	Leslie Heinio – no questions asked from the floor.
Female Mid Commissioner	No report available.
BCH District Director	Joe McDonald – no questions asked from the floor.
RCM North Island	Mike Fraser – no questions asked from the floor.
RCM South Island	Steve Marsh – Report to come. No questions asked from the floor.
HCSP Coordinator	Carol Fergusson – no questions asked from the floor.
Coaching Coordinator	Mike Mowat – no questions asked from the floor.
Female Dev Coordinator	Teri Cotton – no questions asked from the floor.

MOTION: To accept the Reports as presented
M/S – John Tinker, Elisa Moes
CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kevin Roden from Whiteaker & Associates presented the Year End financial statements (Notice to Reader) dated March 31, 2009. He explained the difference between the Notice and a full audit. There was a question from the floor inquiring if the Notice satisfied the Society Act reporting requirement. Kevin explained that it would if our motion to waive the Financial Audit was carried. It may also be possible to request an annual waiver from the Society's Act and we would need to change our By-Laws then. There was a comment from the floor

that the Society's Act no longer requires Financial Statements for Non-Profit Societies. Marg will check to see what our form says.

MOTION: To accept the 2008-2009 Financial Statements (Notice to Reader) for the year ending March 31, 2009

M/S – Jan Lavertu, Marc Dumonceaux
CARRIED

MOTION: To waive the 2008-2009 Financial Audit

M/S – Al McCulloch, Jan Lavertu
CARRIED

MOTION: To waive the Requirement for an Audit (By-Law 11 paragraph 93) of the 2008-2009 Financials (need 75% – 56 votes)

M/S – Jan Lavertu, Simon Morgan
CARRIED

2009-2010 Proposed Budget was presented for discussion. Question from the floor as to the projected \$15,000 deficit. President Kenny explained that we will likely come out ahead again next year and this amount does not take into account what we presently have in the bank.

MOTION: To accept the 2009–2010 Proposed Operating Budget as presented

M/S – Jan Lavertu, Simon Morgan
CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BC Hockey Clinics:

Carol Fergusson spoke to the new process of pre-booking dates and types of clinics assigned to various associations based on last year's clinics. Associations will need to pick and return dates to Joe. MHAs will also still need to apply with BCH once the clinics are set with Mike/Carol/Joe. This pre-planning and early posting on the VIAHA website for the entire clinic schedule will aid all members early in deciding when, where and what they need to have for the proper certifications by the deadline. Mike Mowat and Joe McDonald also spoke to this. The registration will be open right from the start instead of just 30 days prior. There is some flexibility with regards to venue and date movement and Joe, Carol and Mike must be notified early. Associations were encouraged to start the process as outlined in the handout as soon as possible. Development 1 clinics are not listed on the handout and will be set up as necessary. Apply for these clinics like last year and there will be 2 in the North and 2 in the South.

Endorse BC Hockey District Candidate:

MOTION: To endorse Joe McDonald as the BC Hockey District Director, Vancouver Island for 2009-2010

M/S – Dean Bruyckere, Bob Collins
CARRIED

Resolutions to VIAHA Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations:

Constitution: No changes

By-Laws: **MOTION:** To accept By-Law 7, NEW paragraph 81 (and renumber subsequent)

M/S – Mark Kenny, Jan Lavertu
CARRIED

Regulations: **MOTION:** To accept the proposed change(s) to Regulation 5.01

M/S – Mark Kenny, Bob Collins
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept the proposed change(s) to Regulation 5.06

M/S – Mark Kenny, Carol Fergusson
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept the proposed change(s) to Regulation 5.12

M/S – Mark Kenny, Jan Lavertu
CARRIED (this was submitted as a BCH Resolution and must wait pending passing there. It is not supported by the BCH Executive)

MOTION: To accept NEW Regulation 5.20 (and re-number subsequent)

M/S – Mark Kenny, NO Seconder
DEFEATED

MOTION: To accept NEW Regulation 6.05 (and re-number subsequent)

M/S – Mark Kenny, NO Seconder
DEFEATED

MOTION: To accept the proposed change(s) to Regulation 9.01

M/S – Mark Kenny, Al McCulloch
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept NEW Regulation 9.06 (and re-number subsequent)

M/S – Mark Kenny, Doug Tyce
DEFEATED

MOTION: To accept proposed change(s) to Regulation 9.13

M/S – Mark Kenny, Bob Collins
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept NEW Regulation 9.16 (and re-number subsequent)

M/S – Mark Kenny, Al McCulloch
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept proposed change(s) to Regulation 12.02

M/S – Mark Kenny, Jan Lavertu
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept proposed change(s) to Regulation 12.05

M/S – Mark Kenny, Mike Eddy
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept proposed change(s) to Regulation 13.05 with the Friendly Amendment "... Circumstances may ~~predict~~ dictate that for a playoff game, a neutral referee could not be assigned.

M/S – Mark Kenny, Al McCulloch
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept proposed change(s) to Regulation 13.08c with the following Housekeeping Item "(Team B plays four games and has a total of ~~72~~ 63 penalty minutes, average would be $63/5 = 15.750$, thus Team A would receive the higher placing)

M/S – Mark Kenny, Bob Collins
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept proposed change(s) to Regulation 19.01

M/S – Mark Kenny, Bob Collins
CARRIED

BREAK FOR LUNCH (12:00pm)

Resolutions to VIAHA Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations - Cont:

MOTION: To delete Resolution paragraph 19.02 if 19.01 passes, redundant.

M/S – Mark Kenny, Jan Lavertu

CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Coach of the Year was presented by Deb Turney, VP Mid Island to recipient DAN BURGESS, Oceanside.

Official of the Year was presented by Mike Fraser, RCM North to recipient BRYCE FLUG, Oceanside

MHA of the YEAR was presented by Roy Carter, VP North to recipient winner Gold River MHA.

President's Award was presented by Mark Kenny, President to recipient IAN CARTWRIGHT, Sooke.

NEW BUSINESS – CONT.

Review BC Hockey Resolutions:

The BC Hockey link was emailed to all MHAs with instructions to print out, review and bring to the meeting for discussion.

The following were the results of the BCH Resolutions Committee as explained by Joe:

01 – Carried	11 – Tabled	21 – Carried	31 – Carried	41 – Defeated
02 - Carried	12 – Carried	22 – Carried	32 - Carried	42 - Carried
03 – Carried	13 – Carried	23 – Tabled	33 – Defeated	43 - Defeated
04 – Tabled	14 – Carried	24 – Carried	34 – Carried	44 - Carried
05 – Carried as Amended	15 – Carried	25 – Carried	35 – Carried	45 - Carried
06 – Carried	16 – Carried	26 – Carried	36 – Carried	46 - Carried
07 – Carried	17 – Carried	27 – Defeated	37 – Defeated	47 - Carried
08 – Carried	18 – Carried as Amended	28 – Defeated	38 – Carried	48 - Carried
09 – Carried	19 – Carried	29 – Carried	39 – Carried	49 - Carried
10 – Tabled	20 - Carried	30 – Defeated	40 – Carried	50 - Carried

Special Explanations to some of the above decisions by the BCH Executive Committee:

Resolutions 4, 10, 11 (Tabled by BCH EC) – To determine if the applicable teams are in good standing and to determine if a recommendation will be made as to the amendment to utilize a more appropriate letter in keeping with Hockey Canada regulations;

Resolution 5 (Carried as amended) – Was originally included in one larger resolution that has since been separated into #5, #6 and #7;

Resolution 23 (Tabled by BCH EC) – Purpose of resolution must be clarified that the EC has simply taken the direction of the Registrar of Societies that no voting member may be restricted in the number of votes granted ***(has been recommended by VIAHA for the Island associations to vote against should it be raised. The outcome of its approval would provide the Pacific Coast Associations complete control over all voting matters in the future, which would thereby exclude the Interior and Island of any ability to make changes);***

Resolution 27, 28 (Defeated) – BCH Resolution Committee feels this would affect larger association for the most part and that current determinations as sufficient numbers have not proven to change drastically from year to year;

Resolution 30 (Defeated) – BCH Resolution Committee determined that these sort of requests could be dealt with on application to the EC on a one-off basis;

Resolution 33 (Defeated) – BCH pending a conference call (part of EC) to discuss methods of achieving the goals set out in this resolution by way of avenues that are available under current regulations;
Resolution 41 (Defeated) – The purpose of the current regulation is to ensure that AP's are not utilized as a method of extending tryouts at the beginning of the season. This resolution goes contrary to this purpose. Opens the door for potential abuse;
Resolution 43 (Defeated) – Too District specific.

Resolutions 45 and 46 pertain to Financial increases – please read.

VIAHA submitted 3 Resolutions (#27, #28 and #41) - MHAs are requested to review each of the resolutions prior to the BC Hockey AGM. There will be a short meeting the Friday night of the BCH AGM to discuss voting.

Hockey Canada has voted NO to open boundaries.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Jim Humphrey, BC Hockey Officer At Large, gave an update on Hockey Canada's AGM in Vancouver. There is approximately \$114,000 available at the branch stemming from the recent World Juniors held in Ottawa, and Hockey Canada is looking for ideas on how to use that money. The 2010 World Juniors will be held in Saskatoon and Regina. He also talked about BC Hockey's efforts to become more accessible, available and accountable to the membership. Jim also spoke on the growth of female hockey in BC and in particular, Vancouver Island, and how we all need to support the programs regardless if associations have members directly participating or not. BCH leads the country in female hockey and Vancouver Island leads the province. He also talked about the Male Major Midget League and what will be happening this coming season. The Canada Winter Games will be held 2011. There is a proposal to implement a 4-man system in officiating. Finally, some of the lower mainland school districts will be shutting down during the Olympics. He reminded everyone that the BC Hockey AGM is in Vancouver on June 19-21, 2009.

Elections of Officers and Directors for 2009 - 2010:

Officer Positions:

President	Barb Norton (Nominating Committee) Mark Kenny (Nominated by Al Barker, seconded by Dean Bruyckere)
VP North	Roy Carter (Nominated by Marc Dumonceaux, seconded by Leslie Perreault)
VP Mid Island	Deb Turney (Nominating Committee)
VP South	Ian Cartwright (Nominating Committee) - Declined
VP Competitive	Barb Norton (Nominated by Ian Cartwright, seconded by Sooke) Don Taylor (Nominating Committee)

Barb Norton was not present but had letters of intent present.

VIAHA Director Positions:

Coach Coordinator	Mike Mowat (Nominating Committee)
Female Dev Coordinator	Susie Sherman (Nominating Committee)
Safety/Risk Coordinator	Carol Fergusson (Nominating Committee)
RCM North	Mike Fraser (Nominating Committee)
RCM South	Steve Moir (pending selection by BCH) Neil Lundin (pending selection by BCH)

MOTION: To table the election of RCM South till after the BC Hockey AGM.

M/S – Al McCulloch, Bob Collins

CARRIED

Outcome:

President	Mark Kenny	Elected
VP North	Roy Carter	Acclamation
VP Mid Island	Deb Turney	Acclamation
VP South	Barb Norton	Acclamation
VP Competitive	Don Taylor	Acclamation
Coach Coordinator	Mike Mowat	Acclamation
Female Dev Coordinator	Susie Sherman	Acclamation
Safety/Risk Coordinator	Carol Fergusson	Acclamation
RCM North	Mike Fraser	Acclamation
RCM South	Pending	Tabled

MOTION: To destroy the ballots

M/S – Jan Lavertu, John Labatt

CARRIED

Mark thanked Steve Marsh and Teri Cotton for their past service. He also thanked the Officers, the Managing Directors, Leslie Heinio and past MHA Presidents for all the work they have done this past season.

Motion to Adjourn: 2:04pm M/S/C Mike Eddy, Bob Collins

Mark Kenny, President

Marg Herba, Executive Director



VIAHA President 2008/2009 Year End Report

As I reflect on the past season, I view it with mixed emotions. That being said I was truly happy and proud to serve as your President for the season.

As an Association, we were able to accomplish so many positive things – number one being able to help put kids on the ice to enjoy our game. If you ever lose your perspective on what we are trying to achieve, please go and watch a Novice house game. No yelling at the Referees, no major penalties – just a bunch of kids having fun. This year we had over 7400 players playing on over 425 different teams.

In my first year as President, it was a very steep learning curve. Throughout the season, I faced various issues and tried to help Associations or individuals through those issues fairly and to the best of my ability. Of course, we are not able to keep everyone happy but at the end of the day, I can say that we did our best. There were many times when other commitments like family and work came first and as we all know, it is a juggling act. I could not have done any of it without the assistance of my fellow Officers, Managing Directors, Associations and devoted volunteers – a sincere thank you to all. And thank you to those at BC Hockey that help us with all the programs and direction. Your tireless efforts are appreciated.

The VIAHA is very diverse and I still believe that one size does not fit all, which brings many challenges and discussions. One of the challenges that I failed on was the Atom Development coach issue in January. I still believe we could have done a better job on providing a resolve rather than removing Coaches from the bench. I apologize for that. Also, our stats on match, gross and Coach penalties has increased in the past year. I have to take some responsibility as President but we will need your help to correct this negative increase in the coming year.

Going forward, I think everyone will have to be conscious of the services we need and the cost of providing those services. Please think of what you want your league to look like and express that opinion.

In closing, again thank you to all involved and I hope I have served you well.

Yours truly,

Mark Kenny
President, VIAHA



VIAHA Past President 2008/2009 Year End Report

The 2008/2009 season has now been entered into the history books and the 2009/2010 season is just around the corner. The situation at the BC Hockey AGM in Penticton last year had me being nominated and elected as an Officer at Large for BC Hockey which necessitated in my having to resign as the VIAHA President. As the first Past President of the VIAHA I attempted to lend my expertise where needed, my main area of responsibility was working with Leslie Heinio the Atom Development Commissioner by being the contact person for the Atom Development League.

The Atom Development had 24 teams declared which were divided into four divisions with six teams in each. There seems always to be a few issues with determining how and who should be in each division, this past year was no exception, a few teams choose to enter into more tournaments rather than play exhibition tiering round games. There were also a few that choose to setup games with teams where they were not being challenged, both resulted in a shortfall of stats when it came time to setup the divisions. In the end however it was felt the season as a whole was successful. One additional challenge that we faced was the fact that for some the travel miles were of concern, the Atom Development league was initially setup to introduce the players and parents to what they would probably face in Pee Wee and playing in the Island Competitive League. At the time it was the desire of the member MHAs and their parent group to travel the Island however it would seem that today's parent group would rather not have to travel as far as in the past. VIAHA will be reviewing the league makeup over the off season in attempts to try and reduce the travel requirements.

Penalty minutes especially majors were a concern this year, there was pretty much one or two major penalties every weekend, this compared to past years when there were only a few in the whole season. Coach game misconducts were also all to frequent, not sure what it will take to get it through to some that those young game officials are doing the best they can and yes they will make a few mistakes along the way. None of us go through life without the occasional mistake, those overzealous coaches need to reflect on why they are involved and either control their emotions or look at taking up officiating so they can be part of the solution not to continue to be the problem.

The results of league play were as follows:

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
League Champion	Campbell River 1	Victoria 1	Kerry Park 1	Saanich 2
2 nd	Nanaimo 1	Victoria Racquet Club 1	Tri Port 1	Sooke 1
3 rd	Cowichan Valley 1	Peninsula 1	Juan de Fuca 1	Campbell River 2
4 th	Juan de Fuca 1	Oceanside 1	Alberni Valley 1	Victoria 2
5 th	Saanich 1	Nanaimo 2	Cowichan Valley 2	Victoria Racquet Club 2
6 th	Comox Valley 1	Powell River 1	Lake Cowichan 1	Comox Valley 2

The results of the playoffs were:

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Playoff Champion	Nanaimo 1	Victoria Racquet Club 1	Alberni Valley 1	Campbell River 2

In closing, I believe the Atom Development League was successful in accomplishing the goals set out by VIAHA, under Leslie's supervision as the Atom Development Commissioner it was administered objectively and with everyone's needs in mind. She truly is a remarkable volunteer and the success that the league has had over the years is due to the dedicated work she has done, it truly was a pleasure working with her again this past season. I would also like to thank all who volunteered their time last year especially those who were on the VIAHA Executive Committee, it was a pleasure working with everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Humphrey
Past President



VIAHA Executive Director 2008/2009 Year End Report

This past year has brought many changes in my life; notably coming aboard in August as your Executive Director. Despite my past service in various Minor Hockey Associations around the province and involvement at the District level in the East Kootenays, this job has been an eye-opener. I must say, there is nothing like jumping in full bore and paddling furiously. The position has many challenges and I appreciate everyone's patience with me as I learned (and continue to learn) the vast myriad task load. The leadership of Mark Kenny and the support of the Officers, Directors and Executive, the 'behind-the-scenes' worker bees such as Cora Hoover, Anne Dumonceaux, Sharon Cairns, Leslie Heinio and all the Commissioners, my co-worker Robin Edwards, Jim Humphrey, Joe McDonald and the staff at BC Hockey have been instrumental in guiding me through the year. I look upon my job as providing the best possible service to you, the membership, and I hope that I have been able to accomplish that to your satisfaction.

Vancouver Island as a District, provides for a variety of insights, issues, challenges and solutions. I've learned that each area, North, Mid Island, South have differing concerns and outlooks from each other. It has been extremely interesting to follow and learn from each area. Being new to VIAHA, I also see, however, that local issues are sometimes misunderstood by other areas. What is important to one area may not be so treated in another. We must not lose sight of regional uniqueness/concerns/differences and understand that some solutions may have to be a little inventive, within the confines of our rules/regulations and those of BC Hockey. However, it is encouraging to see a great cooperative spirit up and down the Island.

In addition to the main duties as named in the job description, we answered, resolved, referred, followed up on several issues, concerns, inquiries which you brought forth. New or revised processes were implemented to help streamline tracking and communication. My work with both Steve Marsh and Mike Fraser in tracking district tournaments was a key component of this. We were able to better assess our referee resources and although at times we were still strained at the limit, I like to think we were able to provide for qualified officials at all the tournaments. Overlapping similar category tournaments between neighboring associations on the same weekends will still be an issue but one that can be worked on with the cooperation of all.

An area of improvement to work on is the Over-Age and Under-Age exemption requests. Although we look at each application separately within each Association and its impact, many came to the office with reasons outside our regulations (and those of BC Hockey). It is not our intention to discourage players from wanting to play with their friends but decisions are much harder to make and keep consistent. Education and working more closely with the Associations should help ease the burden on the Officers.

The office was tasked this year with reviewing the recreational team officials and their certifications. It quickly became a contentious issue and generated vigorous debate. Much of the review resulted in having coaches contact BC Hockey to have their profiles updated. Much of the confusion was not having consistent information on the HCR inputted. There was a lack of understanding as to what each stream represented and what it was good for. A large portion was having coaches complete the final piece of their clinic (the post task) before the deadline. The decision to remove coaches from teams was not made lightly but with a great deal of internal agonizing. However, at the end of the day, I believe that we, as a District compared to others, are in pretty good shape after having BC Hockey bring the majority of profiles up to date. My thanks to Mike Mowat, District Coach Coordinator, on my education in this area.

Having almost 10 months behind me in this position now, I feel I have a better grasp on what you, the membership, requires from me in handling the administration of VIAHA. I must say I am thankful that



VIAHA Executive Director 2008/2009 Year End Report

Robin Edwards' bailiff is and will continue to be setting up the leagues. His expertise and knowledge regarding all matters of ice and scheduling is staggering. I believe we complement each other and work well together as a team.

I am happy to announce that your projected budget deficit for 2008-2009 of \$11,350 did not come to fruition. Through the continual review of VIAHA expenses, revisions of the budget, tightening up excesses, paring off non-essentials, we will show a net income of \$22,992. This speaks extremely well of the fiscal responsibility of this board, officers and staff to monitor the member funds to which they have been entrusted with. The main differences were that Wages and Benefits came in around \$13,000 lower than budgeted (due to only one staff member during the summer months and no benefit costs in place) and \$7,000 less was paid out towards Executive Expenses. Robin and I will continue to examine and advise on where we can save, what we can do without, innovative solutions and what is really necessary without harming the functioning of VIAHA.

In addition to the daily, weekly, monthly duties of each season, future projects to undertake will include the VIAHA Policy Manual and the continuation of streamlining our financial reporting. We are all responsible for the budget and how we manage our expenses. The fees ultimately come from our players and we are responsible to them. Fiscal restraint should and will remain a priority. We may not always be able to offer the bells and whistles all the time, nor should we continually look to emulate BC Hockey as it is fiscally irresponsible to do so when we have no external funding. However, you, the Executive have the final say in the direction you want your district Association to take, and my job is and continues to be to help you achieve that.

It has been my intention from day one to make myself available to you pretty much anytime, whether I am on location in the office or working from home, and I hope I have accomplished that. I am never very far away from access to email or the phone and endeavor to respond in a timely fashion back to you. I have talked to many of you either on the phone or by email, met you at our meetings or picked your brains along the way. I do not profess to know everything and will seek or refer you to someone who does. I believe work and life is a continual journey of learning and cooperation. Our sport is run largely by dedicated and unselfish volunteers and I see my job as providing support. If you have any comments or suggestions where I can improve my service to you, I would welcome them.

Respectfully yours,

Marg Herba
Executive Director



VIAHA Mid-Island Vice President 2008/2009 Year End Report

I have had the opportunity to be the Mid Island Vice-President of the Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association for the 2008-2009. Even though this is my second year in this position, it never amazes me of the issues that tend to arise. Before going into negatives I would first like to celebrate the positives. I would like to thank all the presidents of the mid island region - I thank-you for all your support and co operation. Secondly the commissioners – these recreational leagues would not happen without you. You put many volunteer hours towards making everything run so smoothly, answer all those questions and making sure that we are there for the players. --- I give you a huge THANK-YOU. For Robin and Marg ... thank-you for keeping me in line and all your extra work you have done for me. The current VIAHA officers - thank-you for your help and feedback on those tough decisions.

I would also like to congratulate all the teams that either won their divisional leagues or the playoff games. I know some leagues came right down to the last weekend of play to find out who made it into the play offs. I must say – very exciting. I not sure who was more stressed, the coaches or the players!

As you all know the Mid Island is made up of the hockey associations from Cowichan Valley to Port Alberni. Unfortunately this makes things hard for our area, we have great driving distances. We all know the economy is not the best, and we all want to keep kids in the game. Last July, the presidents of each association, met to make decisions on how we would like to see things this year. Through a lot of discussion, it was decided and voted on that we would split our region up in two, like we did last year. After several other meetings, it then comes that some associations no longer want to play each other. We then had associations ready to go and another wanting to pull out at the last minute. We worked through all this tension but I must say at the end of the year, there were lots of smiles on faces of the players – to me it looked like they were enjoying themselves. The feedback at the beginning of the year from some of the parents of one association was not good. Next year ... should we do something different? Maybe.... I would like to have more cross over games, so everyone gets to play each other. I know the players enjoy it It just us parents that don't always enjoy the long drive.

But I believe some of these problems would be solved if there was better communication. I find it amazing that the parents/coaches of associations have no idea of what VIAHA is or what makes up this association. They seem to believe that the officers make all the decision, that are not aware that their minor hockey president helps makes and votes on all issues that arise in minor hockey. There is a real communication link that is missing ... not sure if it just easier to blame someone else than take some ownership or explain the issues properly. I know that all minutes of our executive meetings get delivered to the presidents ... not sure if their executives or members actually get to see them. I have received many phone calls from parents/ coaches, after listening and talking with them, there seems to be a different outlook on how VIAHA is run.

I also looked after the bantam and midget female leagues this year. In discussion with the female league commissioners, it was in agreement that we need a female commissioner for the players on Vancouver Island. Someone that would help organizes the leagues, and be there for a voice for all the ages and levels. So I hope at the end of the AGM we have this person in place.



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I would also like to bring up the topic of Juvenile Hockey – both female and male. There are a few associations that have such a team and are hoping that others will follow. In some areas, especially the mainland, there is big number of these teams, they even have their own association. Not sure if we would go that big, but I hope more associations come on board and we organize something for these players. I am willing to help this league get set up.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Turney
VP Mid Island



VIAHA North-Island Vice President 2008/2009 Year End Report

It has been a great honor to serve on the VIAHA Executive with such a dedicated group of volunteers. As this was my first year on the Executive it has proven to be a challenge.

As you all know the North Island MHA's plays Recreational Hockey amongst their own MHA's and are part of the VIAHA Representative Leagues. There were a few challenges this year as the VIAHA implemented using Game Numbers for all Games and asking the VIAHA for permission to allow Under Age and Over Age Players to play on certain teams. I feel all of us in the North managed to get thru this Season with only a few problems. All of the North MHA's looked after their own Penalties and I only had to look into a few situations for all. I am very pleased with the North Island MHA's dedication to first and foremost put players on the ice to play the best sport in the world.

Sitting on the Executive requires several hats. This year we have 2 employees and with this we had to cut our proposed Budget as much as possible so we would not have to increase player fees. I feel we have accomplished this task. Also we had to make several tough decisions with regards to overage players and Team Officials which were not qualified or their qualifications did not show up with BC Hockey.

Being part of the Executive also requires making tough decisions with regards to MHA appeals, disputes, and any problems that arise during the season.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the VIAHA Executive and wish all the best of success in the future.

Sincerely

Roy Carter
VP North Island



VIAHA South-Island Vice President 2008/2009 Year End Report

Another season has come and gone for our young hockey players, each facing their own challenges in their own development. I hope that all our players have made some new friends at home and away at tournaments. During the playoffs, I witnessed some of the most exciting hockey I have seen in a long time and that includes the NHL. When a Pee wee team can come back from being down 5 or 6 goals and then score the winning goal with only 8 seconds left, I cheered with the rest.

This year we formed thirteen leagues, two of those being the Female Atom and Pee wee leagues. Janet Leahy was the Head Commissioner for the second year and we had nine returning commissioners. On behalf of the parents and players, I would like to extend a "Thank you." to these individuals for all their efforts through the season. Without their dedication to the running of the leagues, things would not run so smoothly.

At the end of the season, the Presidents and myself had an informal meeting and they brought forward some suggestions for the coming year. I will list the suggestions they had for the Competitive teams in this report.

1. They would like to know who is doing the scheduling for the leagues. This past season, they had no idea who was involved.
2. They felt the season was too short and that league play should begin the weekend following Thanksgiving which would give two more weekends.
3. The extra playoffs we had for our Tier 3 and Tier 4 teams be eliminated.

They also had some suggestions for the recreational leagues. It was felt that our recreational teams be given more TLC in getting them organized in the fall and throughout the playing season. A number of suggestions as to how this may be done were discussed and they will be implemented in the fall.

In closing, I want to extend thanks to all those who put so many hours into our sport for our young people in so many different ways. Thank you to the coaches, managers, parents and executive members from all the MHAs. Thank you to our on ice officials for being there at all the games to ensure that the game was fairly played. Everyone's time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Norton, VP South Island



VIAHA Competitive Vice President 2008/2009 Year End Report

The year as we all know started out with a new direction from BC Hockey, a new tiering system. This new system was supposed to ensure that all teams in all divisions would be competitive during the league and playoff championships. This on the most part was successful.

The year showed some excellent hockey games in all divisions in league play and this continued into the playoffs.

The year also had some down moments with more coaches and players having game misconducts, gross and match penalties were on the increase. We also had more spectator concerns with both verbal and physical abuse of both on-ice officials and players. There were numerous occasions that the referees had to stop the game and had unruly spectators removed from the arena. This is not acceptable. It is supposed to be a kids' game where fun and development are the priorities. There will be steps in place for next season to help rectify this situation.

I would like to congratulate the following teams who won the Island playoffs and represented the Island at the Provincials:

Juvenile	Oceanside
Midget Tier 1	Victoria Racquet Club
Midget Tier 2	Alberni Valley
Midget Tier 3	Sooke
Bantam Tier 1	Nanaimo
Bantam Tier 2	Juan de Fuca (also BCH Champions)
Bantam Tier 3	Juan de Fuca
PeeWee Tier 1	Victoria Racquet Club
PeeWee Tier 2	Juan de Fuca
PeeWee Tier 3	TriPort
Female Midget A	Campbell River
Female Bantam A	Nanaimo
Female PeeWee A	Sooke

Congratulations to our Provincial host sites for a job well done:

Midget	Juan de Fuca
Bantam	Powell River
PeeWee	Saanich

I would also like to thank our three Division Managers for an outstanding job they did all year in running their respective Divisions.

Yours in hockey,

Don Taylor



VIAHA Midget Managing Director 2008/2009 Year End Report

The 2008-2009 season in the Midget Division saw an increase, over the previous season of 54% in the number Major Penalties assessed and an increase of 62% in the number of Match/Gross penalties assessed to players. Currently there are 20 Midget players with carry over suspensions and 1 coach. This is a record and for the most part the suspensions were received during year end tournament play.

This season the Midget division had 24 teams in 3 divisions. Participating in 265 league scheduled games the teams also found time to schedule 89 exhibition games and participate in 298 tournaments games. This season 8 Midget tournaments were hosted by Vancouver Island associations.

Congratulations to Victoria Racquet Club T1, Alberni Valley T2 and Sooke T3 teams on representing Vancouver Island at Provincials as well as JDF T2 as a host team. Divisional winners were Victoria Racquet Club T1 for Division 1, Campbell River T2 for Division 2, Saanich T3 for Division 3 and Comox T2 for Division 4.

Thank you to all my coaches and managers for your support, cooperation and understanding. I would also like to thank Mark Kenny, Don Taylor, Marg Herba, Robin Edwards, Anne Dumonceaux, Sharon Cairns, Joe McDonald and all the association Presidents for your ongoing support & understanding.

And finally, I really want to give a **Thanks** to all of the **GAME OFFICIALS** that often are subjected to the frustration of the Midget players, coaches and fans. The verbal abuse (and on occasion physical abuse) of game officials has to stop or there will be no game officials willing to ref at the Midget level. No refs No games.....

Midget Division Synopsis 2008-2009

Games Played	#	Total PM	Average PM per game
Tournament	298		
Exhibition	89	3609	40
Placement	60	2636	44
League/Playoff	205	8224	40

Total Non Minor Penalty Minutes				4481
Total Non Minor		317		
Majors		157	50%	Percentage of non-minors
Match/Gross	34		22%	Percentage of majors
Coach GMC/GRMC		16	5%	Percentage of non-minors
Coach Gross	2		13%	Percentage of Coach GMC/GRMC

Respectfully submitted

Cora Hoover
VIAHA Midget Managing Director 2008/09



VIAHA Bantam Managing Director 2008/2009 Year End Report

This year the Bantam Division had 4 tiers and a total of 24 teams. Although there was some opposition to the uneven split, most teams met the challenge and had a good year

Coach's behavior still continues to be a concern. Although it is the lowest figure of the past 4 years, you should also note that the Bantam Division played almost 300 fewer games this year. Match and Gross misconducts were also down this year. Hopefully the message is getting through.

Congratulations to Nanaimo Tier 1, JDF Tier 2, Powell River Tier 2, and JDF Tier 3 for advancing to Provincial competition. We had a lot of ties during the playoffs which show us that the new structure was fairly successful on the Island with the Bantam Division. I imagine that it will come up for review and BC Hockey's AGM in June.

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. Thank you to Mark Kenny, Marg Herba, Robin Edwards, Don Taylor, Joe McDonald, Sharon Cairns, and Cora Hoover for all their support and never ending knowledge of rules and procedures.

A big thank you to all the managers and coaches that I worked with this year. For the most part, we managed to work through all the regulations and have 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.

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

Respectfully submitted



VIAHA Bantam Managing Director 2008/2009 Year End Report

<u>Bantam Division</u>	21 teams	22 teams	24 teams	24 teams
	<u>2005- 2006</u>	<u>2006- 2007</u>	<u>2007- 2008</u>	<u>2008- 2009</u>
Games played	857	892	1112	1021
Penalty Minutes	13,458	14,714	18,480	15860
Average PIM	15.7	16.5	16.6	15
Major	33	26	48	35
Fight Major	17	4	23	22
Minor CFB + Game	90	89	127	99
Minor HTH + Game	52	59	61	46
Minor with Misconduct	46	47	39	19
Misconduct	57	41	75	86
Stand alone Game	15	24	9	26
Match	4	5	8	4
Gross	6	3	3	2
Coach Game Misconducts	18	14	15	12



VIAHA PeeWee Managing Director 2008/2009 Year End Report

The 2008-2009 season in the PeeWee Division was another busy one. With a number of new coaches and managers, and a fairly high turnover during the season, there was a higher than usual amount of 'on the job' training that occurred. Communication and understanding are two areas that I continue to strive to improve upon.

The PeeWee Division overall continues to show improvements as far as checks from behind and high hits as well as incidences with coaches; however the occurrences of more serious penalties – major, gross and matches – almost doubled from the last few seasons. Hopefully that is an anomaly that will be rectified next season.

The new tiering structure also added a few learning curves for everyone this year. Although all were not happy with the final outcome, I think, overall we made the best of what we had to work with. We were ably represented at Provincials by Victoria Racquet Club 1, Juan de Fuca 2 and TriPort 3 and as well, we had two terrific divisional series won by Nanaimo 2 and Comox 2. Congratulations to all these teams.

Thank you to all my coaches and managers for your time and dedication to the kids. To those moving ahead to bantams, I wish you all success and hopefully many of you will return next season. PeeWees are a huge learning curve for all involved and I appreciate your support and cooperation.

Finally, I would like to thank Mark Kenny, Don Taylor, Marg Herba, Robin Edwards, Anne Dumonceaux, Cora Hoover and all the association Presidents for your ongoing support. Your many hours of dedicated service to the kids is very much appreciated. We, on Vancouver Island, continue to forge a great hockey program for all our players, team officials and fans.

PeeWee Division Synopsis	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Games Played	1033	1041	1097	1048
Penalty Minutes	13,599	15,825	14,402	14,229
Average PIM	13.2	15.2	13.1	13.6
Majors	23	39	35	53
Fight Majors	3	2	3	3
Minor CB + Game	128	146	132	129
Minor HTH + MC	50	74	78	65
Misconduct	31	29	38	22
Stand Alone Game	19	5	6	2
Match	3	2	3	6
Gross	1	0	0	3
Coach Game Misconduct	16	15	11	10

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Cairns



VIAHA Atom Development Commissioner 2008/2009 Year End Report

Report under Past President.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Heinio
Commissioner, Atom Development



VIAHA Island League Female Midget 2008/2009 Year End Report

No report available.



BC Hockey District Director 2008/2009 Year End Report

The competitive program within the District is running well with ~71 male carded teams and ~9 female carded teams. There is also a ~24 team Atom Development league along with another ~245 recreational teams on the Island amongst the various MHA's (declared to VIAHA in Sept'08). This past season was the inaugural year for the Female AAA team representing the Island District. A huge thank you goes out to all ice schedulers. It is a tough job – well done.

A Leadership meeting was held in early November with both BCH District Coordinators and VIAHA District representatives attending. Topics of discussion included: relationships, district challenges (coordinators), networking / communications, HP program, new clinic registration programming; new helmet policy; officiating and tournaments / sanctioning. A long term District Strategic Plan is still being worked on. The Island will be embarking upon a new "yellow card" program for next season in an attempt to heighten awareness of parents and spectators regarding verbal abuse towards players and officials.

For this playing season, 12 teams received approval to travel out of Province to attend tournaments in other Branches and the USA. Approximately 206 other inter district travel requests were approved for travel within other Districts inside the Branch. District tournament scheduling was hectic on the island with many tournaments taking place (inc. 2 International & 7 Jamborees). The sheer number of tournaments put a squeeze on officiating on several weekends where tournaments were tripled up and / or lack of officials due to various reasons over those same weekends.

On the penalty front, the total number of match and gross misconduct penalties are up in comparison to the previous years.

2006 – 2007 (season)		2007 – 2008 (season)		2008 – 2009 (season)	
Match	Gross	Match	Gross	Match	Gross
6.8 / month	4.2 / month	10.2 / month	6.2 / month	10.8 / month	8.5 / month
(41)	(25)	(61)	(37)	(65)	(51)

A challenge has been issued to the local MHA Presidents to take back the message that the increasing number of major penalties is not acceptable. They were asked to get the message down and work with the team officials and players that major penalties are not acceptable and that we need to curb this current trend.

Mandated clinic information is as follows:

- Speak Out – 16 clinics were held with approximately 729 people attending and getting certified;
 - HCSP – 15 clinics were held with approximately 311 people attending and getting certified;
 - Officiating – 21 clinics (includes 1 above minor, 1 MCC) were held with approximately 720 officials attending and getting certified;
 - Coaching: Development 1 - 4 clinics were held with approximately 145 people attending;
 - Coaching: Hybrid - 14 clinics were held with approximately 346 people attending;
- In addition to these there have been 6 Specialty Clinics on the island. Topics include "Shooting and Scoring", "Creating Offence", "Skating and Puck Control" x2, "Small Area Games" and



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"Checking". A few Chevy Safe and Fun, Esso Fun Days and "Lace'em up" programs were also held in the District this past season with good success.

I would like to thank each of the BC Hockey coordinators (Carol, Mike M., Mike F., Steve) within the District for their dedication and persistence to getting clinics organized and well run this past season. With the advent of the new on-line clinic system, these people have put in many hours of work to overcome unforeseen hurdles. Well done! I would also like to thank the following BC Hockey coordinators - Teri, Brent and Ian as well for their continued dedication and work that they continue to do on behalf of the District in regards to Female and High Performance programming. Well done!

The Island hosted three BCH Championships in March 2009. All of the Tier 2 Championships were a great success. I would like to thank each of the host MHA's (Juan de Fuca, Powell River, Saanich) and their Championship Committee members for a job well done.

The 2009 Hockey Canada World Under 17 Hockey Challenge was hosted by the Island District with Port Alberni taking the lead role. Port Alberni along with several other MHA's within the District pitched in to make this a very well run event. Job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe McDonald
V.I. District Director

VIDD Notes:

1. Member satisfaction survey results

- sent out to two groups to people – one associations – one to presidents leagues, teams, assoc
- main responses from minor MHA's; Presidents & other majority of responses from within
- refer to handout – slide presentation type

2. Vancouver Canucks

- refer to handout – slide presentation type

3. Hockey Canada Notices of Motion

- Hockey Canada committees tasked with the following: look at fighting in hockey; look at a national suspension guideline; look at bullying and harassment
- HC committees are bringing forward 5 motions to the May 2009 HC AGM; chair of committee presented to HC board rule changes to do with taking fighting out of hockey; however haven't talked to junior councils; Branch position wanted; HC wants to evoke bylaw 11 so that these changes can be put into effect for this coming playoff season and not have to wait for another full season being implementing as is the process
- refer to handout



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- motion#2 – playing rule 3.6c
- motion#3 – playing rule 4.6c
- motion#4 – playing rule 4.7c
- motion#5 – playing rule 6.7 plus min suspension chart – incremental
- suggestion that BCH not support invoking Bylaw 11 and allowing it to take effect under normal process's

4. Residential waivers discussion

- see handout
- two suggestions brought forward
- no new policy change recommended yet
- current deadline is Feb 10 which can affect tiering
- new Nov 15 deadline means cannot take player and card on a residential waiver after that date – re: affect carded and wait list transfers to play carded
- motion: to draft up policy for the June AGM meeting to review

5. Hockey Canada HCR –

- honeymoon over with HC
- we need HC assistance on projects to implement changes
- trying to get other Branches on board to make a push together
- on cusp of making changes for memberships but being stalled by HC as some stuff integrates with website
- On Line Clinic – struggling with HC staffing on support to address the BCH wish list of items
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- BCH taking heat from HC but BCH continues to supply info regularly to HC – encountering frustrations with HC

6. Hockey Canada Sports Schools

- some concern over what a sports school is
- approved by BCH board the operation of hockey academies
- evolved over last 11 years
- foreign students now being taken and becoming lucrative for schools
- some resistance surfacing now – ie: Okanagan
- policy adjustments may be needed --- BCH will only deal with applications at the semi annual meetings for following seasons
- fear – buying up MHA ice times in non school hours and slowly transition out of weekday ice times..... should not happen as the programs are part of their curriculum and should be carried out during operational school hours

7. Private Schools

- ie: player caught in residential requirements where player moved to a boarding school and wants to play recreational only – move was not motivated by hockey but by education
- rules say play where parents reside



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- area of concern that may need to be addressed thru policy change: move without parent for rec only under special circumstances in regards to Private Schools

8. Summer hockey policy

- committee working on drafting up a policy on how to register players for summer hockey
- goal to have wording ready to get out to EC for consideration at June meet for next spring summer of 2010
- HC Branch Presidents – have asked for BCH info on how BCH planning to address this issue
- Register players (provide insurance only) and sanction tournaments only – (will not be imposing rules on tournaments) etc....
- Tournament organizer(s) would handle their suspensions
- Spring hockey comprised of – practices, exhibition, tournaments only
- Question? – interlocking suspension system – will there be carryovers into spring hockey.....
- Question? – BCH officials to be used – will BCH officials expect BCH to back them up when calling major penalties

9. Certification programs

- clinic scheduling in lower mainland – BCH coordinators will be setting up the dates in advance for all clinics for all MHA's
- Clinics should become open registration again to all / anyone to register in any clinic in any location

10. Conflicts of Interest – Provincial Coordinators

- feeling out there, if not coordinator cannot get high end coaching positions
- want to see coordinators eliminated from top positions and not be in competition – if want the higher level coaching position delay your application for a coordinator position

11. BCH Resolutions for June 2009 AGM

- BCH opinions formed on the draft resolutions by the EC
- resolutions will be out shortly to the whole membership
- total of 48 resolutions submitted

12. Championship Rankings

- some concerns with the process on rankings – really difficult
- review done on how rankings panned out – generally, they are on or close
- best available info used – need to try to get info from as many sources as possible

13. MML Five Year Review

- refer to handout



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- some recommendations from the review for committee consideration for policy change

14. Male Senior info

- officiating a concern in some locations
- looking for a Coy cup site for next year in BC

15. Female Senior info

- Hosting Western Shield next year in BC

16. Adult Recreational Recruitment initiatives

- HC survey done
- HC want feedback on recruitment strategy
- BCH office will be investigating more; document being prepared by office for submission to HC; target goals for registrations; will be preparing an info fact finding package

17. Development 1 exam marking

- 6 people marking over weekend of May 9,10 to complete all
- got 650 exams to mark – more this year than normal due to people sending them in who took clinics say 2 or 3 years ago and now completing
- HCR updates will be done after marked – change Q to C
- Will also re-evaluate the exam questions for future
- Coach who does not pass on exam must start over again by taking clinic

18. BCH Awards

- scholarships list of winners will come out before end of May'09
- people will be identified before June of the recipients in the various districts

19. Minor Hockey Week awards

- 103 from OK; 3 from LM; none from the other Districts
- Question: Why are the MHA's not submitting / nominating people from their MHA's?
- BCH want to change to have one plaque per district rather than all go to one district as is the case this year; Want to acknowledge people within each District
- We (BCH) need to get message out better within Districts to get nominations – Minor Hockey week is January each year where presentations are to be made

20. Safety, Risk Management, Insurance

- changes coming to streamline committee
- draft completed of program safety guidelines; what responsibilities are of various officials and players



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- bullying is being included in team first updates – draft coming out shortly

21. BCH Policies

- updates should be completed for June AGM
- policies should be up on the BCH website

22. BCH AGM

- If Districts want a room for a District meeting on the Friday night, notify your District Director to apply for thru the office

Respectfully submitted,

Joe McDonald
V.I. District Director



BC Hockey RCM North

2008/2009 Year End Report

Busy year, had 11 Officiating clinics which included Armed Forces and MCC clinics earlier in the year. Approximately 425 Officials carded with a few problems with registrations through the on-line procedures. CRCs continue to be dealt with by BC Hockey.

There were many tournaments held during the year with most being successful and no real problems other than a shortage of qualified Officials at a number of events. I attended as many as possible to evaluate and supervise. We held a Development Camp for Officials early in the New Year and it was very well received and I hope this can continue in the future. We had a number of officials attend High Performance events at the end of the year and also the Bantam Provincials were held in Powell River. It went very well with minimal number of complaints.

Complaints regarding officials were few but the one dealt with in most cases were handled in an efficient manner. Our RICs have to be more active in recruiting, evaluating and supervising officials as I had a number of areas whom sent no evaluations to me during the year. Training people to supervise and evaluate is something else that has to be addressed.

As for the future, the possible addition of the 4-man system may have a positive effect in recruiting some of the past officials returning to Minor Hockey and the retention of the younger officials.

Continued abuse of officials from various outlets will hopefully be dealt with more effectively in the next year.

Above Minor has to work more closely with Minor Hockey in the Officiating Program in the future. It has to be addressed by BC Hockey as continued development of our young officials is crucial at the Minor Hockey level before being placed in Above Minor (without even working Bantam or Midget hockey). These officials have to mature more in order to make them better officials in the future and it also gives them the opportunity to gain a little confidence at this level before having their confidence destroyed at the AM level.

As RCMs, we need to have more input and help from all sources to be able to be to succeed in our goal in making this game safer and aid in the development of officials with positive feedback and less abuse by those out there who think they know more than most.

Finally, a big thank you to my partner in the South, Steve Marsh, whom has worked hard for the past 5 years to help in development, recruitment and retention of those dedicated and hardworking officials. Your work has been appreciated by myself and those peers you have worked with.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Fraser
Referee Committee Member, North Island



BC Hockey RCM South 2008/2009 Year End Report

This year started positively with the Kelowna August Referee Committee meeting in conjunction with the Upgrade following the Committee Richmond meeting earlier in 2008. We had a new RIC BC, Rob Fryer and a new Chair, BCH PP Al Berg. We also had a new Rule Book/Case Book all renumbered, a new on-line registration system and Criminal Record Checks (CRCs) for all officials over 18. The changes to the team grading from lettering to tiered had relatively little impact on hockey operations.

There was a new Executive Director, Marg Herba and a new functioning VIAHA office in Nanaimo. Dependable Joe McDonald remained DD. The familiar voice of Jim Humphrey, who had moved from DD to President of VIAHA, now re-entered the political world of BC Hockey as Officer at Large responsible for MML[F] which meant more responsibilities for myself but I have the pleasure to note, was a welcome task. I thoroughly enjoyed reffing, lining and assigning this division in 2008-09. Thanks to RIC VRC Steve Moir for assisting me throughout the year.

Clinics (HCOPs), Numbers, Instructors, On-line Registrations – In South Island, new Master Course Conductor Tim Renneberg, previous RIC of Prince George, replaced Tom Harwood who took a management position coincidentally with PG Parks & Rec. Tim was saddled with the task of overseeing the new on-line registration system with all its glitches. For decades, carding of officials (CHOPs & HCOPs) had proceeded manually, providing wide options for attendees and parents, with vetting of information, levels and lists performed by RCMs. On-line registration, payment and data input created huge challenges as well as narrowing options for attendees. The information input received cursory scanning by RCMs but many lists contained faulty information along with dubious accounts of completed CRCs. It is believed the number of officials dropped from the 352 last year with a shift to younger Level One refs (12-16yrs old). There were also over a dozen self-promoted Level Three referees which to this date have not been corrected by BCH. It is the writer's belief that there is a drop-off of a dozen to two dozen senior refs who for some reason or another, object to CRCs. This will have a significant detrimental impact on the officiating of Bantam and Midget hockey on the island, the divisions which have been negatively affected by the movement of core officials to Above Minor before the season started. Attrition rates increased again this year to somewhere near 50%. This created a burden on RICs to devote scarce resources to development. Many were stretched time-wise in any event and the quality of officiating was negatively impacted, especially at tournaments and Provincial Championships.

Tournaments – RCM NI Mike Fraser and myself worked with Marg Herba to polish a template of Vancouver Island tournaments with Marg completing the lion's share of the work. This enabled us to focus on where our sanction approvals required comment especially at the Bantam/Midget level on Remembrance Day weekend and the Christmas break. This was followed by VIAHA changes to tournament regulations. Thanks again to Marg for helping us achieve improvements in this area.

Rules, Reporting – the new Rule Book/Case Book combination was adopted willingly by the officials as it was better organized into new sections and renumbered. Reporting forms were altered accordingly. Rules emphasis remained Checking from Behind, Slashing and Checking to the Head, the last one continues to be mangled in interpretation at the Junior B level against my objections. There was some straying from Hockey Canada interpretation of application of the rules although the biggest challenge was face-off location which the referees embraced with ease once they had worked with it for a few games. Reporting continues to be an area of concern brought about by a tough learning curve not so much on how and what to report but the myriad of people receiving same. Also the method of transmission creates a lot of angst with refs. Many do not want to take the middle and stay as career linesmen because of the bother and further, we are sure the knowledge of the paper reporting jungle adjusts the refs calls to avoid reporting, especially in the last ten minutes wall-clock time. Referees in



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general continue to have a distain for reporting simple Misconducts in the last ten minutes and question its value.

Discipline – There were two LOWs (Letters of Warning) and one Suspension Letter sent from this office last season. Apparently others were sent but the RCMs are no longer on the mailing list for all suspensions. This created some confusion for some RICs who were not aware of the suspensions or their duration. I was unable to advise them in this regard.

Referee Game Fees and Remuneration – this reverted to a complex subject last season. The only comment I have is that Game Fees in SI had been standardized comprehensively over five of the six years I have been RCM with the hard work of past RICs Kidson, Robson, Moir, Morrison and more recently Levesque. Standardization is no longer the case and associations compete for a diminished number of qualified refs by way of enhanced remuneration. The split rate for 3-OS and 2-OS has been reintroduced and the “outside of normal” divisions have contracted. Of the nine associations within SI, the preferred method of payment is by cheque but two have used cash method and one is considering changing to cash.

Playoffs and Provincial Championships – three Provincials were held in SI this spring – Midget T2, Pee wee T2 and Senior Female A. I have reported on these to VIAHA and wish to reiterate my thanks for the help of working with Randy Henderson, Steve Moir, Teri Cotton, Robin Edwards and Laurie Wishart in my supervisory and assignment duties. There were many volunteers from the MHAs who worked hard to make these a success, especially at JDF where the venues kept changing because of JrA playoffs. I have supervised about a dozen island Provincials in my six-year stint as RCM, and each one was a pleasure and provides some pleasant memories. VIHL playoffs were completed this year with a few controversies, remarkable actually given the depleted numbers of officials.

The last part of the season wrapped up in Lake Cowichan at U17 tryouts. Thanks to Tom Day, Bob Day, Ryan Long, Kelly Bergstrom, Jordy Davis and Steve Moir for helping to officiate the two-day event with me and the 4-OS system practice. Thanks also for Jim Humphrey for putting me up overnight so I could get back on the ice early Sunday and avoid the long back-and-forth trip home to Sidney.

There are many challenges facing officiating right now and as I leave the position I wish to say thank you to all the volunteers and people I have worked with, who derive much satisfaction from dedicating their time to make sure the game is played. Whether you hold a stick, clipboard, whistle or noisemaker, you all contribute to the success of minor hockey. If I start naming people, I'll never stop.

Cheers.

Steve Marsh
Referee Committee Member, South Island



BC Hockey Safety and Risk Management Coordinator 2008/2009 Year End Report

The Island hosted 16 Speak Out clinics with an approximate total of 729 attendees. Fifteen HCSP clinics were hosted with an approximate total of 311 attendees. All requests for clinics were approved and instructors were provided.

This past season was one of many challenges as we all became familiar with the computer on-line booking process. All the glitches will hopefully be worked out before we start to register for next season.

The dates for next season's clinics will, for the most part, be pre-booked before the season starts. This will give associations plenty of time to find a venue. It is hoped that having all the dates ahead of time allows our attendees to find a date that works into their schedule.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my course conductors who make the clinics a positive and educational experience. Congratulations on a job well done. I would also like to thank Marg and Robin for all their assistance with clinic supplies.

Carol Fergusson
Risk Manager
Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association



BC Hockey Coach Coordinator 2008/2009 Year End Report

This year saw changes to the coaching program that presented difficulties in coaches completing their post tasks from previous years. Amazingly, a very high percentage of active coaches managed to complete and send in their post tasks. There seemed to be confusion regarding the policies for coaching courses regarding the two streams that are available to coaches. So, with this in mind, in simple terms, here is what coaches need to be certified at the respective levels.

Recreation Teams, including all non-carded teams and Atom Development, must have coaches who are Coach Stream certified by taking the Hybrid Clinic or Coach Stream Clinic from previous years.

Carded Teams, PeeWee and above, must have coaches who are certified at the Development 1 level or Intermediate level from previous years.

The two certification streams are not interchangeable, meaning if a coach has taken Development 1, he/she is not certified to coach recreational hockey. Nor is a coach who has taken the Hybrid Clinic certified to coach carded teams.

This coming year, we have pre-planned and scheduled clinics based on previous years. It is entirely possible to add clinics to accommodate remote areas or to change clinic venues due to an increase or decrease in demand in certain areas. Our policy has always been to work with all the MHAs in a fair and positive manner and we will continue to do so.

I am working on a package for all MHA Coach Coordinators so that there will be a better understanding of what their job entails and the appropriate resources to assist them in the certification process.

Regards,

Mike Mowat
BC Hockey
District Coach Coordinator
Vancouver Island



BC Hockey Coach Coordinator

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All courses listed below are entry-level courses, therefore do not require prerequisites. Entrance into the course is determined by the age of the coach (minimum of 16 yrs.) and competitive level of the athlete that the coach is currently coaching. Choices listed below need to be considered by each Minor Hockey Association, based on the needs of the community.

COURSE	Hybrid Clinic 12 hours	<u>Developmental 1</u> 16 hours
REGULATIONS AND CERTIFICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable to all coaches active with initiation and recreational (house league) athletes. • Qualifies delegates at Introduction to Coach and Coach Stream • Satisfies BC Hockey Regulation 2.27 and 2.28 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable ONLY to coaches active with carded (rep) athletes Pee Wee and above • Qualifies delegates at Developmental 1 • Satisfies BC Hockey Regulation 2.19 and 2.26
LEVEL OF ATHLETE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-novice and above • All recreational coaches (house coaches) • Combination course designed to better utilize volunteer time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pee Wee and above • HC / BC Hockey Carded players, Rep. Athletes • Does not include Atom level Athletes
AGE OF ATHLETE	5 + 6 and above	11 + 12 and above
COURSE CONTENT	<p>Course content from the Introduction to Coaching and the Coach Stream</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Communication • Skill Analysis • Teaching skills • Teaching checking • Lesson Organization • Risk Management • Practice planning • Role of the Coach • Teaching Progressions • Game Day Preparations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Communication • Drill Design • Introductory tactics • Drill Progression • Teaching Checking • Athletic Skills • Instructing goaltenders • Seasonal Planning
STANDARD AT COURSE COMPLETION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Coaching (IP) and Coach Stream (C.S.) "Qualified" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental 1 Stream "Qualified"



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Notes:

Completion of the Coach Hybrid Post Task workbook (Verification Form from MHA) is necessary to gain Coach Hybrid Certification. Completion of the Developmental 1 Post Task Workbook with a passing grade (submitted to BC Hockey) is necessary for Developmental 1 Certification and is considered a prerequisite for Developmental 2 seminars.

Recommended Extension(s): It is recommended that the BC Hockey Checking Clinic for Coaches (4 hours) be added to the afternoon of the second day of Hybrid clinics. Delegates attending the Coach Hybrid clinic (coach stream and Introduction to Coaching combined) must remain for the entire program as both courses are entwined during presentation. Delegates should also consult their local MHA and District regulations regarding additional requirements to coach.

[High Performance Stream](#) is offered every two years for advanced coaches.

All coaches regardless of their level of coaching must also complete a Speak Out! clinic.



BC Hockey Female Development Coordinator

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Well, another year has passed and female hockey continues to thrive and grow in most areas, but not in all. In some districts on the Island we have seen declining numbers in the higher age categories but growth in the novice and atom levels. Some associations have the numbers for all female teams in all divisions, while some can only offer a co-ed program within their associations, as there are not enough players to fill 'female' only teams. Hopefully in the next few years our younger girls will stay playing and we can once again field female teams at all levels.

The Midget AAA (aka Zone Midget) was slow to get off the ground this year as BC Hockey did not have their policy in place soon enough for our district to know what was required by associations interested in hosting the team. We worked on getting a team in the north and the south but due to the late notice regarding the program, the north was unable to supply enough ice for the program so decided they could not participate by hosting a team this year. This was disappointing since it limited the number of players from the north who ended up being able to travel to the team tryouts and who could commit, on short notice, to spend the year travelling to Victoria for the majority of the ice times. The south did have their own problems securing ice for the team, but, managed to scrape enough slots together to get through the year. Sincere appreciation to the associations who did put ice into the program for both the games and practices, including Nanaimo who hosted the mandatory 'game' weekend. Also thanks to Saanich who carded the team and to Laurie Wishart who took on the role of team liason /co-ordinator and worked with the Saanich executive to look after the team.

The leagues were successful again this year but it is generally agreed among those involved with female hockey, that the female teams would be better served if there was a Vice-President who was in charge of only the female leagues for the VIAHA. It is a huge job and it is a lot of work to add to another VP's plate, as they have so much to do already. There are situations unique to female teams and it may help to have someone familiar with female hockey to handle their leagues.

This past year, as your BC Hockey rep for the Island, I attended the BC Hockey U14 Camp in August in Campbell River which was well attended. Many of the players came to the U16 tryouts and made the U16 Island team. I attended the BC Hockey FHDC meetings in Vancouver in Nov, and the U16 Tryout camp, which was held at Panorama in Jan. I was the trainer for the U16 Island team that went to 100 Mile House in April for the U16 BC Cup. I was also able to instruct at one referee clinic this season. During the course of the year I went to many meetings for female hockey for VIAHA, but due to work commitments missed some of the regular VIAHA monthly meetings in Nanaimo.

Female hockey still has many challenges ahead and if we want to increase our numbers and opportunities for our female players, we need the continued support of the VIAHA executive and member associations. We need to look at the big picture and not just our little area of the Island, because the numbers we have in our program, are not enough to sustain all the levels needed for all age groups and abilities. We need to co-operate and help each other out with everyone working toward the goal of offering our players the same chance to play the game, at whatever calibre needed, to play for the love of the sport, life experiences or the scholastic opportunities that we know exist for our girls. We can be proud when we see Island players (both



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current and former) being invited to the Hockey Canada's Women's National U22 tryouts! Melinda Choy from Victoria played for the South Island Breakers and now plays for UBC and Rayna Cruickshank is a member of Comox Valley Minor Hockey. Both were invited to the camp this year.

Plans this year to host an all female coaching clinic in the north had to be cancelled at the last minute due to low numbers. Last year's clinic in Victoria was very successful so we hope to try again this coming season, as we know that there have been requests for clinics of this nature and it is just a matter of finding the right weekend. An all female ref clinic had been hoped for after the success of the last one, but again timing did not work well for attracting enough registrants. Again, we will try to find a suitable weekend for the next season.

Team Canada's Women's team is coming to Victoria October 5, 2009 to play at Save-On-Foods against the USA so hopefully some of you will be able to attend and enjoy female hockey at its finest!

Teri Cotton
Female Hockey Development Rep, BC Hockey & VIAHA



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**VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

MARCH 31, 2009



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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, 2009 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 7, 2009

Chartered Accountants



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VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION – Statement 1
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)
MARCH 31, 2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 73,598	\$ 22,535
Accounts receivable	3,569	35,615
Inventory	<u>4,192</u>	<u>0,000</u>
	<u>81,359</u>	<u>58,150</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 1)	<u>1,851</u>	<u>2,492</u>
	\$ <u>83,210</u>	\$ <u>60,642</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ <u>920</u>	\$ <u>1,344</u>
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS, beginning	59,298	55,360
NET INCOME - Statement 2	<u>22,992</u>	<u>3,938</u>
NET ASSETS, ending	<u>82,290</u>	<u>59,298</u>
	\$ <u>83,210</u>	\$ <u>60,642</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements



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VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION – Statement 2
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
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MARCH 31, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Actual
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2,009</u>	<u>2008</u>
REVENUE			
Membership	\$ 97,500	\$ 112,821	\$ 75,050
Fees	35,000	31,200	49,291
Playoff recovery	23,000	20,810	21,209
Fines	-----	8,150	11,800
Sales	7,000	6,665	-----
Other	5,100	5,619	2,836
Sponsorships	7,500	1,500	4,275
Gaming	-----	-----	5,287
	<u>175,100</u>	<u>186,765</u>	<u>169,738</u>
 EXPENSES			
Wages and benefits	67,800	54,431	36,750
Playoff costs	42,000	45,380	39,454
Executive expenses	22,000	14,022	18,313
Island League	8,000	10,728	9,779
Printing	8,500	7,183	8,444
Telephone	7,000	6,276	7,448
Rent	6,000	5,313	3,612
Awards and presentations	5,000	4,217	18,233
BC Hockey Fees	6,000	3,715	5,843
Website	1,000	3,149	765
Office	4,500	2,601	4,805
AGM	500	1,761	554
Commissioner expenses	1,000	1,090	794
Insurance and security	600	1,033	1,035
Professional fees	1,000	820	640
Sundry	-----	806	1,547
Amortization	40	641	386
Evaluations	5,000	607	4,312
Advertising	-----	-----	1,475
Fundraising cost	50	-----	1,359
Coach meetings	500	-----	252
	<u>186,450</u>	<u>163,773</u>	<u>165,800</u>
	<u>\$ (11,350)</u>	<u>\$ 22,992</u>	<u>\$ 3,938</u>



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VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
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CAPITAL
1. ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>	Accummulated <u>Amortization</u>	Net <u>2009</u>	Net <u>2008</u>
Furniture	\$ 2,318	\$ 649	1,669	\$ 2,086
Computers	<u>560</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>406</u>
	\$ <u>2,878</u>	\$ <u>1,027</u>	\$ <u>1,851</u>	\$ <u>2,492</u>



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**VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED 2009 – 2010 OPERATING BUDGET**

FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2010

REVENUE

Membership	\$	105,000
Fees		35,000
Playoff recovery		23,000
Fines		0
Sponsorships & Sales		11,000
Other		<u>2,000</u>
		<u>176,000</u>

EXPENSES

Playoff costs (banners, officials, ice)		47,000
Wages and benefits		76,000
Executive expenses		18,000
Awards, Presentations, Scholarships		5,000
Island League		7,000
Printing		3,600
Telephone		7,000
BC Hockey Fees		4,000
Office		3,000
Evaluations		3,000
Rent		6,000
Sundry		1,000
Advertising		0
Fundraising cost		0
Insurance and security		1,100
Commissioner expenses		1,000
Website		3,500
Professional fees		1,000
AGM		1,000
Coach meetings		<u>500</u>
		<u>191,700</u>

ESTIMATED NET INCOME -

-\$15,700



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VIAHA Handbook 2009-2010
Proposed Resolutions

Submitted by Resolutions Committee (Jim Humphrey, John Labatt/TriPort, Jan Lavertu/Alberni Valley, Ian Cartwright/Sooke)

By-Law Resolutions:

Add New Paragraph 81

81. Terms of Reference VIAHA Hockey Operations Director

- a. Shall be appointed by the VIAHA Executive Committee;
- b. Shall be responsible to the President;
- c. Shall be available to attend committees as directed by the President;
- d. Shall be part of investigation committees as directed by the President;
- e. Shall act as a resource person to the VIAHA Vice Presidents and assist them in administering the day to day operations of leagues;
- f. Shall act as a communications and resource person (liaison) for the Managing Directors/Commissioners for inter-leagues and recreational leagues. Circulate information (bulletins, rule interpretations, etc.) from VIAHA Vice Presidents;
- g. Shall assume the Executive Director duties in his/her absence;
- h. Shall assist in preparations of League Schedules as needed;
- i. Shall be responsible to ensure the Schedules are posted and kept updated on the website where necessary;
- j. Shall be responsible to ensure league and playoff banners are ordered and at the appropriate venue for presentation;
- k. Shall be familiar with the Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and VIAHA regulations;
- l. Shall receive, inventory and distribute training manuals as they are required for clinics throughout the District;
- m. Shall be responsible for the procurement of meeting facilities for VIAHA Directors/BC Hockey meetings as required;
- n. Shall monitor District tournament requests for conflicts and where necessary, recommend changes if necessary to the Executive;
- o. Shall assist the Vancouver Island BC Hockey District Director as required;
- p. Shall undertake other duties as assigned by the President;
- q. Shall not have a vote at any meetings of the Society or hold an executive position in any member MHA; and
- r. Shall attend a performance evaluation within six months of hiring and annually thereafter.

	Withdrawn	Amended	Passed	Defeated
Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	



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Regulation Resolutions:

5.01 (Submitted by Resolution Committee)

Current Wording:

MHAs shall register each team official and player electronically using the appropriate BC Hockey registration system and shall also notify the VIAHA Executive Director as applicable.

Change to read:

MHAs shall register each team official and player electronically using Hockey Canada's registration program (HCR) and shall also notify the VIAHA Executive Director of the number of teams in each division as well as the team name of each. MHAs are to ENSURE that all team officials are properly registered and confirm the certification they hold is appropriate for the team(s) they are registered to. (The MHA Registrar is to provide the applicable Managing Director/Commissioner with copies of the team rosters prior to the teams' first game and a revised copy thereafter each and every time a roster change is made.)

Rationale:

- To bring more attention to the importance of MHAs to confirm team official certification at the start of the season.
- No need to send the roster to the ED but they do need to send the number of teams and team names so the District can keep track of the teams registered in each MHA.
- To strengthen the requirement of updated rosters being sent each and every time, to hopefully decrease the number of fines being issued because the Managing Directors/Commissioners do not have a current roster.

	Withdrawn	Amended	Passed	Defeated
Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	



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5.06 (Submitted by Resolution Committee)

Current Wording:

All players must be rostered as per BC Hockey rules and regulations. There will be no movement of rostered players of the same division from one team to another in a MHA with the exception of affiliated players. Lateral movement between teams is NOT allowed.

Change to read:

All players *and team officials* must be *registered on the HCR* as per BC Hockey *and Hockey Canada* rules and regulations. There will be no movement of rostered players of the same division from one team to another *within* a MHA with the exception of affiliated players, *lateral player* movement between teams *of the same category* is NOT allowed.

Rationale:

- Team officials are part of the team makeup.
- Clarify that lateral 'player' movement is not allowed.

	Withdrawn	Amended	Passed	Defeated
Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	

5.12 (Submitted by Don Taylor, VP Competitive)

Current Wording:

Minor hockey players registered on a recreational team may not participate as an affiliate to a higher Division/Category team prior to the player participating in a league game with the recreational team as defined by the District.

Resolution Suggested Wording:

Change wording of VIAHA 5.12 to coincide with that of BCH 2.24 if the VIAHA resolution is passed at the BCH AGM.

Rationale:

- VIAHA has a resolution in to change the BCH regulations; thus we cannot go contrary to BCH. If the resolution passes at the BCH AGM, our regulation could be amended to change as well, thus the Resolution Committee suggests that a resolution be passed at the VIAHA AGM that states:

	Withdrawn	Amended	Passed	Defeated
Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	



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5.20 (Submitted by Powell River MHA)

NEW ADDITION:

The VIAHA Atom Development Recreational Hockey League are exempt from 5.19(a). Atom teams must register a minimum of fifteen (15) players before affiliates are put on the roster.

Rationale:

- So that more atom players are given the opportunity to develop and test their skills at this level.

The Resolution Committee did not support this amendment. Current policy for APs in BCH is that APs can only be used for suspensions, school or injury. Affiliation is not a development procedure recognized by HC. There should not be one level of recreational hockey that has different rules than the rest. It was felt that fourteen (14) skaters (which is equivalent to three full lines) allows for better development because the players get more ice time plus overzealous coaches can't bring players up and sit other players who may be a bit weaker, which has happened in the past. Why start creating a new brand of house hockey regulations? Part of the process is consistent rules so volunteers do not get so confused.

	Withdrawn	Amended	Passed	Defeated
Executive Committee				X
Membership				X

6.05 (Submitted by Alberni Valley MHA)

NEW ADDITION:

All Island League placement, league and round robin playoff games shall be 120 minutes of ice time with the timing of the periods being 15-20-20. The arena wall clock will take precedence if time remains on the score clock as per 6.01 and 6.03. For Island League semi-final and final playoff games, there MUST be a minimum of 150 minutes of ice time allocated, with the timing of the periods being 20-20-20. All games must end; therefore MHAs are to ensure that the time slot can be exceeded which could happen if overtime is needed to determine a winner.

Rationale:

- Standardizes ice and game times throughout the District.

Renumber remaining paragraphs.

	Withdrawn	Amended	Passed	Defeated
Executive Committee				X
Membership				X



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9.01 (Submitted by Resolution Committee)

Current Wording:

Each MHA wishing to participate in inter-league must declare their teams to VIAHA.

Change to read:

Each MHA wishing to participate in inter-association leagues must declare their teams to VIAHA.
Where there is an inter-association recreational league available in a zone or within the district, the MHA must declare all of their teams in leagues administered by VIAHA.

Rationale:

- This will allow for better planning of leagues as well as ensure that league structure is maintained from year to year.

	Withdrawn	Amended	Passed	Defeated
Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	

9.06 (Submitted by Don Taylor, VP Competitive)

NEW ADDITION:

A minor hockey association wishing to declare a second (2nd) team into the Island League must have a minimum of 45 players remaining registered in recreational hockey in that same division.

Rationale:

- This will ensure there are at least 3 recreational teams in that division which will also encourage better development as well as assist in ensuring recreational teams are competitive in their respective leagues.

	Withdrawn	Amended	Passed	Defeated
Executive Committee				X
Membership				X



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9.13 (Submitted by Dave Beatty, Nanaimo)

Current Wording:

Immediately following the VIAHA October Executive meeting, a Managing Directors' meeting will be convened where they will put together the league schedule and send out ice requirements to the MHAs. All MHAs wish to have their teams participate in the Island League shall be required to provide the requested amount of ice slots and ice times as requested by the VP Competitive. Failure to submit the required amount and/or suitable ice will result in the MHA team(s) not being scheduled into the Island League play.

Change to read:

Immediately following the VIAHA October Executive meeting, a Managing Directors' meeting will be convened where they will put together the league schedule and send out ice requirements to the MHAs. All MHAs wish to have their teams participate in the Island League shall be required to provide the requested amount of ice slots and ice times as requested by the VP Competitive. Failure to ~~not~~ submit the required amount and/or suitable ice will result in the MHA team(s) not being scheduled into the Island League play.

Rationale:

- Housekeeping

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Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	

9.16 (Submitted by Don Taylor, VP Competitive)

NEW ADDITION:

Home team is to supply warm-up pucks for both teams in all Island League games (exhibition, league and playoffs).

Rationale:

- Consideration for the visiting teams.
- Stops having to have players chase after pucks during the warm-up.

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Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	



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12.02 (Submitted by Resolution Committee)

Current Wording:

The playoff locations for each inter-league will be decided by the MHA Presidents. Playoffs must be completed prior to Spring Break of each year.

Change to read:

The playoff locations for each inter-league will be decided by the Executive Committee no later than January 31st of each year. Within reason, priority will be given to the commissioner's home association; however the association must be able to supply suitable ice times for all three playoff games. Playoffs must be completed prior to Spring Break of each year.

Rationale:

- The way we do it now.

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Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	

12.05 (Submitted by Resolution Committee)

Current wording:

Playoff games will be three (3) – 20 minute stop time periods with an ice clean between each period. If the game ends in a tie, overtime will be played in accordance with Hockey Canada Rule #84.

Change to read:

Playoff games will be three (3) – 20 minute stop time periods, in Atom and PeeWee, there will be one ice clean at the first whistle after the 10-minute mark of the second period. In Bantam, Midget and Juvenile, there will be an ice clean between each period. If the game ends in a tie, overtime will be played in accordance with Hockey Canada Rule #10.17. MHAs must ensure all games end including OT if required.

Rationale:

- This was done this past year with the Atom division including Atom Development and worked well.

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Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	



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13.05 (Submitted by Mike Fraser, RCM North)

Current Wording:

The host MHA shall be responsible to assign the linesmen. The District RCMs will assign the referees with approval by the VIAHA Competitive Vice-President. VIAHA will assist in covering travel costs if they are incurred during the playoffs 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 game officials for the semi-finals and finals.

Change to read:

The host MHA shall be responsible to assign the linesmen. The District RCMs will assign the referees with approval by the VIAHA Competitive Vice-President. VIAHA will assist in covering travel costs if they are incurred during the *semi-final and final* playoffs 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 for the semi-finals and finals. Linesmen will be assigned by the association in conjunction with approval from the RCM.*

Rationale:

- Not enough qualified officials and availability with numbers required to travel on given weekends.
- Using local linesmen with approval takes a large burden off RCMs.

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Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	



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13.08c (Submitted by Don Taylor, VP Competitive)

Current Wording:

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 series. If still tied 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 the toss of a coin. The Competitive Vice-President and/or Managing Director will do the coin toss. Teams will not be required to be present.

Change to read:

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 series (if both teams had the same standing in their respective round robin series). If still tied then;
- (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). NOTE: If the round robin play is split between two pools and each pool does not play the same number of games, then the team with the lowest average accumulation of penalty minutes will receive the higher placing. (Example: Team A plays three games and has a total of 47 penalty minutes, average would be $47/3 = 15.667$. Team B plays four games and has a total of 72 penalty minutes, average would be $72/4 = 18.000$, thus Team A would receive the higher placing). If still tied then;
- (c) Home ice advantage will be decided by the toss of a coin. The Competitive Vice-President and/or Managing Director will do the coin toss. Teams will not be required to be present.

Rationale:

- To allow for the difference in schedule and allowing for all round robin playoff games to count.

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Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	



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19.01 (Submitted by Mike Fraser, RCM North)

Current Wording:

All tournament sanction forms must be submitted to the VIAHA office to have tournaments approved and game numbers assigned prior to be submitted to BC Hockey for sanctioning.

Change to read:

Prior to an Association submitting a tournament sanction request to BC Hockey, they shall be required to complete the VIAHA Tournament Application form. The form must be submitted to the VIAHA office a minimum of 45 days prior to the tournament start date. Failure to submit the Tournament Application form will result in NO game officials being assigned. Game numbers will not be assigned until the RCM has approved the application.

Rationale:

- To give the RIC time to coordinate officials without being blindsided by too many games and not enough qualified officials.
- To allow RCMs time to assess the resources available in neighboring associations if required.
- To avoid overlapping of too many tournaments at one time in a specific geographical area causing a shortage of qualified officials which is unfair to the teams participating.
- Request for game numbers should be after RCM approval is granted and be between the association and Managing Directors/Commissioners.

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Executive Committee			X	
Membership			X	

19.02 (Submitted by Resolution Committee)

Delete paragraph 19.02 if 19.01 passes, redundant.

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Membership			X	



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