

SVI Breakers Hockey Meeting
27 March 2007

Chaired by: Laurie Wishart
Called to order at: 7:07pm

• **Introductions**

Meeting attended by Breakers coaches (Jim Holmes, Laurie Gowans, Bruce Tuck and Mike Corrigan) as well as parents of recreational and rep players from Sooke, Juan de Fuca, Saanich, Victoria and Peninsula Hockey Associations

• **Breakers' Team Reports**

- **Midget:** (given by Bruce Tuck and Mike Corrigan)
 - 11 new players this year.
 - 5 Midget A teams on the island this season
 - Placed 3rd at Provincial Championships in Kamloops

- **Bantam** (given by Laurie Gowans)
 - Finished 3rd at Provincial Championships in Castlegar.
 - Difficult to find competition on the Island
 - Did well In Burnaby tournament, competed well against Calgary AAA Teams

- **Peewee** (given by Jim Holmes)
 - 5-6 players under 10 years of age
 - Played Peewee C major league
 - Tournaments: Burnaby (Nov), Surrey (Feb)
 - Hosted Provincial Championships, finished 5th out of 8 teams and won
The Fairplay Award

• **South Island Female Hockey Association**

- Rationale for forming female hockey association (FHA) was discussed:
- Most complaints dealt with ice times: several house teams only get half ice practices, some teams only get schedule one week at a time, ice times too late on school nights, ice times always after figure skating (dangerous divots in ice surface)
- Laurie outlined how Calgary went about forming their own FHA in 2002
- Pros and cons of forming a FMA on the South Island were discussed at length.

Pros	Cons
Able to negotiate directly with rec centers and thereby control ice allocation (hopefully better ice times)	Rec Centres may give ice proportional to number of players from that municipality (which could vary

	considerably year to year)
Players could still play on recreational teams close to home, or could chose another team if more convenient (ie closer to school etc)	Families with both male and female players would then have to belong to two different MHA
Able to apply directly for gaming money	Will there be enough people willing to form FHA executive and devote the time necessary??
Should be able to negotiate ice proportional to the number of female teams	In spite of effort involved in forming FHA, may still have ice problems or even be given worse ice times
Better able to promote female hockey through development ice	May not be able to increase amount of ice until growth can be proven:- growth would be limited by amount of ice

- **Suggestions**

- Keep recreational teams with their home associations and form FHA for rep teams
- Form an administration team now to study and work towards forming a FHA in the future (Keep with status quo for now)
- This administration team could approach Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association (VIAHA) and work with them to pressure local MHA to give female players proportional, quality ice times.
- Hold meetings twice per year to discuss concerns of both rec and rep hockey players and development of female hockey,

- **Conclusions**

Committee to be formed to study and work towards the long term goal of forming a Female Hockey Association on South Vancouver Island.

Carding of Breakers Teams

Discussions were held regarding carding of the Breakers teams for the 2007/2008 season.

-Victoria Minor Hockey Association (represented by Annalynn and Rob Richardson) proposed carding the Peewee Breakers (Jim Holmes agrees to continue as head coach, so long as it remains part of the Breakers group of teams)

All ice would be provided by VMHA and the ice times would be the same time and place wherever possible. Specifically mentioned were a Tuesday

evening practice every week and a Thursday evening/Thursday AM practice alternating weekly along with game ice on weekends.

- Although carded in a different association, VMHA agreed that the Breakers policies (with regard to try-outs, coach selection etc) would still be adhered to and all monies would be collected and paid to the Breakers (just as with the other Breakers teams)
- Concerns were raised that carding in different associations would not allow for AP to play with older Breakers teams
- General consensus was that carding the Breakers teams through Saanich Minor Hockey Association had been positive and concerns raised that that splitting up the teams between various associations may damage relationship. (SMHA offered limited help to the PW Breakers in their *planning* of Provincial Championships, but they did *assume financial risk* should there be a shortfall of funds.)
- Laurie asked that VMHA put their proposal to card PWA into writing and include the specific ice being offered to the program along with their willingness to have the team remain as a Breakers team; i.e. the Breakers retain control of coach and player selection and players pay registration fees to the Breakers. Payment for ice and cards, etc would then come from the Breakers.

Conclusions

-It was decided to allow VMHA to card the PW Breakers pending receipt of their verbal proposal in writing (as outlined above) and keep the Bantam and Midget team with Saanich, (along with a second Midget team, if numbers allow)

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Meeting ended approximately 9:15pm

Minutes taken by Bev Kirtay

See next page for list of people that attended meeting. (did not include emails and phone numbers in case someone does not want that info shared.)

Sign In for Femc

Name	Assoc	
Wilma Johansen	VMHA	W.
Paul Jorgensen	VMHA	TR
Debra Young	VMHA	De
Nena Kelly	JDFMH	
Irene Nievenhuis	VMHA	
Ken Wortky	VMHA	
Kristy Hussner	VMHA	
Angie Macfarlane	SMHA	
Mike Macfarlane		✓
Bob Richards	VMHA	
DAVE SAUNDERS	JDF	
Vicci Andreas	JDF	
Marleen Michal	SOOK	
Kelly Michell	SOOK	
Deb Lewis	SMHA	
Brad Hunter	P.M.H.A	
TED LITTLE	SAANICH	
Niyazi Kirtay	JDF	
Jim Stacey	P.M.H.A	
Laurie Gowans	JDF	
Maureen Natarelli	JDF	
Robert Natarelli	JDF	
Elizabeth Brennan	VMHA	
Marissa Snauden	P.	
Jan Snauden		
Fan Turner (late)		
Laurie Wishart	Breaker	