



**West Colchester Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 6:30pm, West Colchester United Arena**  
1089 Masstown Road, Debert, NS B0M1G0

**Present:** *Taunya Pynn Crowe, Jennifer Porter, Erin Barclay, Tanya Bowers, Ed Bowers, Travis Jollimore, Heidi Landry, Leah Roy, Dalce Shipley, Jennifer Rodgers, Jaime Blaauwendraat, Alan Porter, Jennifer McKay*

**Regrets:** *Lisa Porteous*

**Call to Order** at 6:40pm

**Minutes** from 2020 Semi-Annual Meeting (available on WCMHA website: [www.goalline.cobras.ca](http://www.goalline.cobras.ca)).  
(Taunya Pynn Crowe, Jaime Blaauwendraat)

*A moment of silence was held in memory of those who lost their lives in the events on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The West Colchester Cobra Family extends their deepest sympathies to all of those affected by this tragic event.*

**Officer Reports:**

**President – Alan Porter** – thank you to everyone in attendance, we ended up not having a midget A team this past year, but Tata did so our players were able to join them and things worked out well. Hopefully we will be able to have this team in the upcoming year.

We only had a few minor issues this year with a couple of suspensions but all was dealt with through proper channels and resolved

Tournament and year end Atom C playoffs went well

Unfortunately, our season was cut short due to COVID and Bantam C missed out on playoffs. Most of our teams missed out on year end tournaments but there was not much we could do about it

West Colchester Cares was created after the events of April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Remaining team funds and donations were put toward registration for our 5 players most affected players to pay hockey where they chose for the next 3 years.

Hockey NS has a rebound plan put out for everyone to read. Nothing has changed too much at this point.

We are currently in first period and tryouts are not to be held until October 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a zoom meeting with the local associations as well to discuss tryouts.

Hockey NS is finally getting a new website soon which should be more user friendly.

Merit Awards were given by Hockey NS to both Jamie Blair and the West Colchester Hockey Association

Meeting was held with presidents of all the associations in our area – Brookfield is putting ice in on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Truro is looking for ice times and Deuilles is not putting in ice this year.

**Risk Management – Dodie Peters** – Coaching course only has to be done once, safety every 3 years and criminal record checks every 3.

This year most of the time and work went into CRC/CAR's and getting bench staff approved. CRC is only required now. For the most part it was a simple matter of seeing the HNS roster once it was submitted and seeing the bench staff's approval status. From there I use their hockey ID number to see why they are not approved, let the bench staff know and ask them to get the required clinics or checks done. Most bench staff did this in a timely manner. Unfortunately, with the IP group I struggled getting this done. Next season I will be at the rink for the some of the IP and Novice sessions. That way I can get DOB's, names and hockey ID number of anyone on the ice.

Referees over the age of 18 are required by HNS to have CRC done and attached to their Hockey ID. I will coordinate with the RIC when over season starts back up in the fall.

Kelly Dalrymple (HNS) and I spent a lot of time cleaning up/merging Hockey id numbers. we came across and number of coaches and managers that had two ID numbers. Some were because of a last name change or a Dave vs David situation. Dodie

**Treasurer – Jamie Blair/Jaime Blaauwendraat** – We are starting off the year fresh with only one cheque remaining unpaid as the cheque from a Truro Atom C was returned because the account was closed. We haven't got all the information from the Blair family but it is in the works as Jamie is in contact with the family and they are trying to gather everything for her. New West Colchester Cares account is created at Royal Bank and Jamie is in communication with families to pay their dues for upcoming season.

#### **Treasurer Report August 23, 2020**

Operating account balance as of August 23, 2020 is \$30,383.03.

West Colchester Cares cumulative balance \$6,756.48 CU & \$2,788.28 = \$9,534.76

Deposit Breakdown From April:

- May 12 – Tournament Registrations Cheques \$8550
- May 12 – Cash deposited \$2064.75
- June 25 – Ticket Sales Cash \$1080 (from Dalce)
- July 27 – Tournament Registrations Cash \$8950 (from Dodie)
- July 27 – PeeWee C Fundraiser (Sport NS) \$169.50
- July 27 – Atom C Playdowns \$150 (returned unpaid – NSF)
- E-Transfer totals \$500 – Atom C (needs to be resent)

Outstanding cheques total \$3,963 which includes:

- Sport NS – PeeWee C Cash for cheque \$169.50
- Registry of Joint Stocks \$155.75
- Tractor ticket sales to Rink \$3,637.75

Still have not received past financial information. I have started re-creating Income Statement from past bank statements and should have it completed soon.

Forms have been sent to Registry of Joint Stocks for re-instatement.

**Registrar – Lisa Porteous** - Online registration is in the process of getting set up. Will be available this week. I will also be able to meet with parents who do not want to do this. This will eliminate the rink from opening up for us to have a registration night.

- I am hoping to collect payments when teams are made - no refunds will be required this way. It will be much easier. Parents can pay of course but trying out players will not. As soon as we know when teams will be made we will set the date. I would aim for Nov 15th time frame.

- HNS suggested we try to retain membership the best we can.

*Motion: Dues will be collected in full on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 this year to avoid refunds for those trying out for rep teams. There will be no requirement to pay earlier. We will hold on line registration starting in September (payment may be made in September if desired and player is not trying out for a rep team).*

*(Jamie Blaauwendraat, Leah Roy)*

**Coach Coordinator – Robert McDonald/Alan Porter** – We had a hard time getting enough IP coaches with certification last year so we need to jump on that earlier this year.

**Equipment Manager – Jennifer Porter** – hockey year ended quickly which made things much more difficult this year but we managed to get things pretty much collected. We still have a few more coach kits to collect. Midget C's had a bit of miscommunication but things are getting worked out

Atom Mc jerseys, orange, have arrived.

Timbit Jerseys ordered – they were later getting that out this year

New first aid kits are here!

We may have to clean the novice goalie gear between uses but we are waiting to hear about this. We really need to limit any shared equipment with a big emphasis not sharing water bottles! Please limit the amount of touching, etc.

We want a memorial put on our Jerseys for the upcoming year. Poppy or ribbon with NS tartan? Can we create a committee to do this.

When we got our new jerseys, we did not get the Midget A team a set so we need to consider getting this team new jerseys.

*Action: Jennifer McKay to email Wes and Judy (Cobequid Signs and Promo) to create a memorial logo for jerseys.*

### **Tournament Committee – Dodie Peters, Leah Roy, Dalce Shipley.**

Had a great committee this year. Thank you.

Sponsorship with HH is NOT secured yet. Joanne MacGillivray was my contact there, but she no longer works at HH.

In the fall, an application needs to be sent to HNS regarding our Friendship Tournament. It provides HNS with information about our tournament and they list our tournament on their site. The required form is located on the HNS site.

Our association is required to get a Travel Permit for the tournament. (I found this out this year). I requested this from Danny St. John our Regional Director.

Having the division reps as part of the committee was a great idea.

The IP group needs more parent volunteers.

I think the changes in the hospitality were good, just might need to tweak them a little.

We need to address how to keep the tournament running on time, specifically the older groups.

All tournament information will be on a flash drive, once I am able to get one.

Dodie

Fundraising report submitted by Dalce and Leah:

We had a successful season bringing in extra funds for our organization with of course the help of everyone!

Lisa George is the winner of our lawn tractor that we sold 3344 tickets on (2500 with registration, 844 extra). Sales totaled \$16,720.00.

We will subtract the \$844 (\$1 per extra ticket sold goes toward 2020-2021 registration & we have the list of who saves what).

We will also subtract the 25% for the rink.

We also have promised the team that sells the most extra tickets a party, the winning team is the IP team!

The IP team decided to donate these funds to West Colchester Cares.

We were graciously allowed to run the auction for this summer's Onslow Rocks however that is a no go (understandably:)

We had planned to do the 2nd annual cobras golf fundraiser & beat our almost \$2300 profit first year; however, we unable to proceed due to COVID.

FUNDRAISER IDEA for this season:

A 1 day, 3 draws, cash draw: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$1800, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$1200, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$700

- \$105 per player (35 tickets), 3+ in a family would pay \$255 (85 tickets)
- We are going to give out tickets on November 15<sup>th</sup> when registration fees are due so kids making teams and paying dues with other associations will not have tickets to return.
- Draw will take place before Christmas break which would be incentive to sell quick & for people to buy! (exact date to be determined by fundraising committee)

- Cost will be \$3 per ticket. There's no fee for prizes totaling less than \$4k so we wouldn't lose funds that way and the tickets would HAVE to be paid in full with registration with GUARANTEE they will get them with registration!! 😊
- Players will have the option to either pay the \$105 (\$255 for families of 3 or more) upfront and not sell tickets. This would result in us getting tickets back quicker and easier at the time of registration.

**Website Coordinator – Taunya Pynn Crowe** – needs to change the names of each division to ages.

This is Taunya's last year as website person so we need to look for someone so they could overlap in the training. Heidi Landry offered to take on the role of learning this year and taking it over next year.

**Ice Scheduler – Robert McDonald** – nothing to report

**Referee in Chief – Matt Murray** – nothing to report

**Development Chair – Alex Peters** Development Report (May 31, 2020)

I will be honest that I have not put much effort into the "Year End Report" I mentioned in my last report. It's been a strange few months, to say the least, and my Development hat is in one of the closets at home. That being said, I would like to make the coach to player ratio smaller for the younger groups (specifically IP, Novice and Atom). Each team should get their own ice time and the team coaches should participate in the sessions. I may only get 3-4 sessions a year with each team, but the coaches are there every week. They will need to teach C-cuts, for example, at their practices. If they attend the development sessions they will know what the key points are to performing a C-cut correctly. Also, as an association, we need to believe in the value of skating. I know players want to be 50 goal scorers, but aside from their good shot and slick hands, 50 goal scorers have exceptional footwork. If you want to be successful in hockey, you have to skate a lot.

I still plan to have practice plans made up to help any coach that wants it. I still plan to use older players from our association to help (probably Bantam and up). The kids that helped out this year were great! I plan to lean on Michael Peters, if he's available, for goalie development. I think he did well this year, I hope the rest of the association does too. If any coaches want me to come to their regularly scheduled practices, I will do my best to get there. It all depends on Michael's schedule. That's all for now.

- We are planning on proceeding with the development hours next year as well.
- Consider using Novice practice time vs extra sessions as they already practice twice weekly.

**Female Coordinator – Lisa Porteous** - Fundy Highland Female has a survey on their website for Females who may be interested - looking to get an idea for numbers.

### **Division Reports:**

**IP – Rep Jennifer Rodgers, Manager Jamie Blaauwendraat:** IP had a great season with lots of kids participating. They had their year-end party with a trophy for each kid (paid for by the parents) while the coach and manager supplied the team with pizza.

We had 27 skaters on the ice this year which were divided into 2 groups. Mainly 1<sup>st</sup> year in one and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the other with the exception of a couple of skaters due to ability.

We had a lot of fun and were able to certify some extra coaches. Skill level improved quickly throughout the year and we finished off with the Timbits Jamboree hosted at the RECC.

**Novice – Rep Jamie Blaauwendraat, Manager Jennifer Rodgers:**

2019-2020 Novice Int. Summary

The Novice Intermediate Team had a great year. With a mixture of first, second- and third-year players, the team decided to try the Intermediate level rather than Development. Although there will be some defeats in the beginning of the season, the team quickly grew together and accomplished many victories and ended the season as a strong, well-developed team.

Novice participated in three tournaments; Phil Sears Memorial, Western Valley Novice Tournament, and our Friendship tournament. Overall, the team accomplished growth both for individual players and also as a team due to our strong dedicated coaches.

### **Atom – Rep Greg Roy, Manager Leah Roy**

Atom Year End Report: Had an amazing year! Finished with less than a handful of losses, brought home two first place banners & finished second in playdowns. All with first time coaches too! They were due to head to Amherst friendship tournament when everything was cancelled. Quickly chose as a team to donate their year-end party funds as well as final tournament funds of \$1310.00 to their awesome forward Markie, their speedy defence Jack and they will be getting something for their amazing forward Liam.

Manager & fam had a #Cobrastrong decal made (all donated by Cool T's business) & were selling them for \$10 each, that's raised an additional \$2000+ for them. Thankfully the highs of the season, the laughter, smiles & cherished moments will be remembered during the lows of how quickly it ended & the sorrow that has followed.

Thanks for allowing me to be their rep, Greg Roy 🍷

### **Peewee – Rep Jennifer McKay:**

#### **Peewee C – Manager Christine Cook**

Peewee C was composed of a great bunch of kids who worked hard in practice and put forth a good effort on the ice. We did not post a lot of wins but the players dealt with a lot of the adversity in an admirable way. Unfortunately, there was a big imbalance in the league this year which resulted in a lot of one-sided play.

We represented the Cobras well in the friendship tournament and participated in the playoffs. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend our last tournament in the valley due to COVID 19 but ended the season with our head coaches delivering shirts to each player with a player award. Our remaining funds are donated to West Colchester Cares. Thank you, Lauchie and Tom

#### **Peewee A – Manager Sara Murphy**

The West Colchester Peewee A Cobras enjoyed a very successful season. The team finished first in the regular season in the five-team league.

They attended three tournaments: Cumberland Early Bird, Riverview NB, and Summerside PEI. The team made it to the semifinals in two of the three tournaments.

In the league playdown tournament the team went undefeated in the four-game round robin. We won the semi-final versus Truro. In the championship final we lost by one goal versus Truro.

We were scheduled to play in a March Break tournament in Windsor but it was cancelled due to the growing concern of Covid-19.

The team of 17 energetic players were comprised of great representation from both South Colchester and West Colchester associations. They played well as a team and everyone enjoyed being together which made for a lot of fun.

The coaching staff was head coach Al Macmillan, assistant coaches Robert McDonald, Cory Murphy and Brookes Vantassell. Managers Sara Murphy and Jennifer McDonald and treasurer Shelley Vandenburg.

We hope to have the opportunity to gather once again as restrictions allow, to celebrate together one last time. Go Cobras!!

**Bantam – Rep Ed Bowers, Manager Jennifer McDonald:** The Bantam team had a great season both on and off the ice. The Bantam Cobras brought home the banner at the Home Hardware Friendship Tournament and a silver medal in the Noah Llewellyn Memorial Tournament in Bedford in December. We were scheduled to play in the Birthplace of Hockey Tournament in March, which was cancelled due to Covid-19. Playdowns for the Bantam division were also cancelled due to the pandemic. The team had a lot of laughs at our Christmas party and also attended a Mooseheads game. The Bantam team plans to celebrate our success this season with a year-end party, once public health restrictions allow.

**Midget – *Action item: Alan will be getting midget information.***

### **Old Business:**

**Agreement with South Colchester** – if we have rep teams, our agreement is still in place as we work well together.

**New Business:**

**Election of officers:**

President – Alan Porter

Secretary – Jennifer McKay

Risk Management – Dodie Peters

Treasurer – Jamie Blaauwendraat

Registrar – Lisa Porteous

Coach Coordinator – Alan Porter with Dodie Peters doing the certification portion.

Equipment Manager – Jennifer Porter

Fundraising/Tournament Committee – Dodie Peters, Leah Roy, Dalce Shipley.

Website Coordinator – Taunya Pynn-Crowe and Heidi

Ice Scheduler – Taunya Pynn-Crowe

Referee in Chief – Matt Murray/Thomas Peters

Female Coordinator – Lisa Porteous

Safety Person – Tanya Bowers

**Division Representatives:**

U7 (IP) – Jennifer Rodgers

U9 (Novice) – Leah Roy

U11 (Atom) –Darcy Dobson

U13 (Peewee) – Jennifer McKay

U15 (Bantam) – Leanne Alexander

U18 (Midget) – Ed Bowers

*Motion: To elect each of the above individuals to the associated positions*

*(Taunya Pynn-Crowe, Jamie Blaauwendraat)*

**Upcoming Year** – start date October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**HNS Rebound Plan - complete plan available on our website**

- We need to work with facility to determine rules around cleaning between practices, etc.
- We need to change mentality about “toughing it out when sick” to “stay home if sick”

Can we discuss getting a key to the rink to our president – *Action Item: Alan to request key from rink*

**Adjournment – 8:10pm**

*(Jennifer Rodgers, Jaime Blaauwendraat)*