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PLENARY #1

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RICK BOEKESTYN (7:15 P.M.)

INTRODUCTION – WELCOME - RICK BOEKESTYN

Good evening, delegates, special guests, ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to call this 91st Annual General Meeting of BC Hockey to order. Everyone turn off your cell phone.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone in attendance, and trust you'll enjoy a busy and productive weekend.

I'd like to start off by introducing the Life Members. It is always a pleasure to introduce our Life Members in attendance. May I introduce to you Don Schmaltz, Ray Peebles, Don Freer, and Bob Mullock. On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank these gentlemen for their continued love of our game. We greatly appreciate your contributes, both past and present.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to introduce a couple of our special guests. We are pleased to have a number of them joining us this weekend. I'll ask that you please hold your applause until the introductions are completed. So, firstly, we have Mr. Steve Lacoste of BF Lorenzetti, our Hockey Canada Insurance Program; where are you Steve? Secondly, we have Murray Wiseman, BC Hockey's Chartered Accountant and Auditor, Pamela Thompson, our Recording Secretary, and I would ask at this time if you come to the microphone just to make sure that you state your name, your first and last name and the Association that you're from, and make sure you do it clearly because she told me she's going to start throwing pencils if you're not. And lastly, Nick Moskey, our BC Hockey's Legal Counsel. Have a round of applause for those people?

There are a number of other committees within our organization that work hard to administer the various development programs.



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- The Coaching and High Performance Committee Chaired by Robin Douville
- The Officiating Committee Chaired by Al Berg
- The Female Development Committee Chaired by Jim Humphrey
- The Safety and Risk Management Committee Chaired by Al Berg
- The Minor Committee Chaired by Shannon Bell

Also involved with these committees are our numerous instructors, High Performance Evaluators, Officiating supervisors that continue to serve us well.

We also have with us tonight our program leaders.

- Provincial Coaching Coordinator – Jim Weicker
- Provincial Safety Coordinator – Anne Deitch
- Referee in Chief – Rob Fryer

We thank them all for their time and effort.

In addition, there is the Mutual Aid Reserve Fund Committee and the Appeal Committee. I would like to extend our appreciation to those individuals for their efforts on our behalf. The Mutual Aid Reserve Committee consisted of:

- Ray Peebles as Chair
- Bill Colburn as Vice-Chair
- Barry Petrachenko as the Secretary

The Appeal Committee consisted of:

- Richard Margetts as Chair
- Frank Lento, Don Freer, Wendy Steadman, Mark Bakken, and Lawrence Kinch

A big thank you goes out to those individuals also.

Our Nominating Committee this year is comprised of Al Berg, Past President and Chair of the Committee, along with Dave Biggar, West Kootenay District Director, and Joe McDonald, Vancouver Island District Director.



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I would like to call Al up to give the committee report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – AL BERG

Thanks, Rick. The Nominating Committee circulated their report and I think there was another that went out just last week. The only change on the report that you have there is that the name, Sherry Wakelin, has been removed as she has accepted a position with the District, and so that leaves one vacant spot for Okanagan, and the rest are as circulated.

Thank you.

RICK BOEKESTYN

That was quick. Last but by no means last, our Executive Committee. These individuals are your representatives of BC Hockey in the various districts and divisions.

These people have worked very hard on your behalf and I'm pleased to be associated with them, and proud to call them my friends. I'm not going to introduce each one of them, but feel free to introduce yourselves to them later on.

We'll get into adoption of reports. We'll move forward with the adoption of the various reports that have been circulated. My President's Report and Barry's Executive Director's Report is in the binder and I ask that you read them at your leisure. If you have any questions during the week, please don't hesitate to give myself or Barry a shout.

Financial Reports, I would like to continue with the Financial Reports. It's something that I know you all wait for every year, is to get up – have Barry come up here and give you the financials, so I won't – without further ado, I'll let Barry come up and speak to that.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – BARRY PETRACHENKO

Thank you, Rick. Welcome to Prince George everyone, and the BC Hockey Annual General Meeting. It's always great to be here in Northern B.C., and we certainly thank the City of Prince George and Prince George Minor Hockey for having us in for the weekend here. It's been a fantastic year for hockey in B.C., and as a result we have a lot to celebrate this weekend. Hopefully, we can keep those successes in mind as we wade through the weekend festivities. We have a lot to be proud of in BC Hockey, on the ice and off.



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Moving onto to the Financial Report, first off, I'd like to thank a couple of people, our accounting staff of Carla Soares; I don't know if Carla is in yet, but she was out at the desk helping this afternoon and certainly has done a great job in managing our finances, along with Katie Valikoski, who joined our staff this year.

I'm pleased to tell you that our auditors are very happy with the progress we've made with our accounting team as far as the preparation for their audit and our processes that lead up to it, and mentioning – I know Murray was mentioned earlier. I don't know if he's arrived yet, but Murray Wiseman of Mantell, Dickson, Blades and Wiseman in Victoria has been a great help in working through the development of those processes and the streamlining of our operation.

Our financial summary tonight will be one that will review several aspects of the financial report that's been circulated. The audited statements were distributed on June 11th. They contain an overview of our operation and provide you, the membership, with various assurances relative to our reporting. We'll also do the Variance Report, which provides insights into any area where actual operations deviated from our budget estimates.

The budget for the coming season will be reviewed. It was distributed to the membership this year on three occasions, back April 9th, May 10th, and June 21st. This budget gets approved on an interim basis each year by the Executive Committee in January. We do that so that we can cover the time between the fiscal year end of March 31st and this AGM which takes place in June. It is just a plan, like all budgets, and this year between our interim approval and our May meetings, changes were required on the budget document, so that was re-approved by the Executive Committee at those meetings in the spring and distributed to the membership again. The third distribution, we weren't trying to overkill it, it was just a reminder to keep all the information together.

The fourth aspect of our report is the Operation Summary. It's a newer report. We did it for the first time at last year's AGM. It will outline the same information as contained in the proposed budget, but it integrates the operating costs such as staff and administrative expenses into the particular programs, to give you a better idea of the program costs. It's really just intended to give you a better snapshot of our budget and hopefully helps to make things a little bit more clearer for everyone.

So the Financial Statements, the first component of our report, they are contained in the proceedings booklet, as always. On the balance sheet of that report I'd like to note that we remain in a solid



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financial position, always a key concern for a membership of our size, and I'll point out to you that we have a safe amount in the reserve, but certainly not an exorbitant amount. Items noteworthy on the balance sheet include the fact that Accounts Receivable is down from last year. Really have a simple explanation for this, we just have less outstanding fees at the year-end, so I guess a thank you is in order to the membership for actually paying their bills this year by the year-end, and we were able to reduce that number.

Our Payables are up this year, which isn't the greatest thing, but it's again, just a simple item. We did receive some Hockey Canada invoices late in the year for clinic materials and it caused a bit of a deviation in our balance sheet.

Deferred revenues are down this season. They were high last year, due to the fact that we hosted the Hockey Canada AGM in B.C. in May of 2009. As hosts of that event we started collecting delegate fees back in January of 2009, therefore, we had cash for the next fiscal on hand by the year-end. The remaining difference this year is as a result of the timing of our High Performance Events; it's a B.C. Winter Games year, and therefore, our camps have to take place earlier in the spring before the year-end.

There is no major issues or changes to point out on our Net Assets, other than to summarize that our Net Assets actually include the value of our capital assets, our office and equipment, a fund that's an indicator of our running total of past income and loss, and our excess of revenue over expense this year certainly brings that into line, almost break even over the years for our organization.

The third component is the Mutual Aid Fund back account. It's not used as much as it once was, obviously because the fund used to be active for all Minor and Female injuries and is no longer that way; we utilized the Hockey Canada insurance for that, and it also lists our reserve funds.

Moving into the Income Statement, the expense and income summaries in the audited statements are actually listed separately in those audit documents. That's just the way the presentation goes with our financial statements. You may be used to seeing those one on top and below, but I'll defer my review of those particular items until a bit later when we look at the Variance Report.

So I'll have you flip over to the Statement of Operations Internally Restricted Funds and note a couple of items here. The Junior "B" Championship Tournament in April 2009 is reflected here. Due to the



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timing of our Junior “B” Championship, it happens after year-end, so the last year’s championship is actually what’s reflected. Our host in 2009 experienced a net loss, so there was – that’s shown there, and we had no interest income achieved on the funds in this fiscal because of the interest rates and the fact that the bank has minimums for paying interest on those funds.

Hopefully, you’ve had an opportunity to review the rest of that document. I can certainly address any questions on the audited statements at the conclusion of this report.

The Variance Report, the Budget Variance Report, this is, as I noted, it focuses on the revenue expense portions of our statements with explanations provided there for you for all significant variances. The rationale for these variances is already provided in detail in that report, so I’ll only highlight a few areas that require some clarification. Hopefully, the detail that we give you is sufficient for you to understand the reasons behind any of those variances that are listed, but again, questions are welcome.

So on membership fees, I just want to note that the revenue there is understated in the budget because of a couple of quirks in our budget process. We budget for this in the fee section but mentorship is actually posted to the Mentorship Program, so we budget to bring it under membership fees but we post it to membership. The variance in those two lines really should match exactly, the 55 and the 88, but they don’t line up perfectly. They would in a perfect world, but we budget for 54,000 members. Our actuals this year were just over 59,000. We tend to budget 54, ‘cause it’s a number that has worked over the years, and it is in keeping with our goal to not overstate income in our budget to give a false sense of more money coming in than potentially could come in, so it causes those numbers to be a bit off in the two lines, but basically, that’s the reason for that.

We processed more transfers this year in BC Hockey; I’m not sure why, whether it was the Olympics causing people to come to B.C. or other reasons, but this chart on the screen shows where the changes took place over the last year. Inter-branch transfers were up significantly this season, and I also just want to note that the Appeals line refers to Hockey Canada appeals, not appeals to our Appeal Committee, those cover registration appeals.

The result was that revenue for transfers was up \$40,000 and the corresponding expense was up 30,000 in the fees that we have to pay out for those transfers and the processing of them.



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Grants and Awards are grouped together with gaming in our budget. This can be a bit confusing because of the grouping, so I just want to highlight a little bit of it due to the timing of the approval for our budget. It's difficult for us to anticipate the amounts that will be carried over to the next fiscal and can lead to some of the variances that we showed here. Examples of those in/out items include Athlete Assistance Program monies that we get from the government, amounts that we received that wasn't budgeted for because we never really know what the government is going to give us, and we also had a little bit of carry forward from the previous year. That's an in/out that gets paid out to the athletes and we just filter that money through from the government.

The 2009 World Junior Championship endowment came in at \$115,000. The Finance Committee approved a portion of that to be used to offset development of the Hockey Canada Skills Academy Program and Adult Rec Development, and so the net out of that was brought forward, and we had some Sportsfunder program funding from the government from previous fiscals that we hadn't expensed yet in the previous year so it got included in this year.

Our Safety Risk Management Program showed a significant variance in both income and expense and that resulted from the fact that we did not run any Speak-out clinics, due to the implementation of the Respect in Sport program which was adapted by the membership last year at the AGM. The Finance Committee worked hard over the past year to find a solution for this shortfall in our budget, and as I mentioned in the previous memos that I sent around on the financial information, that solution we were avert and additional fee increase that was original thought to be necessary, but adjustments were made elsewhere and we were able to overcome that, so that was a bit of a positive in the last season.

Overall, our operation, as I mentioned earlier, reflected a positive amount of revenue over expense for the past year. There were a few contributing factors, but the main reason for it was the following areas.

First, in committee travel and meetings cost came under budget by 55,000, due to arrangements we were able to make with facilities and the streamlining of our meeting operations. We also had a windfall of found money again this year from the World Junior Championship, as I mentioned, and that was a net change of 65,000. The total of those two were offset by the fact that we got less money from the Hockey Canada Legacy Trust Fund in the amount of about \$20,000. It was lower than what we budgeted for because of the drop in interest rates, and therefore, our payout under that program was not as high as normal.



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On the proposed budget itself for the coming year, the 2010/2011 budget, as I said, it was distributed a few times in the past few months. I need to point out that the budget document does include a fee increase of \$.25 per member, and that's set out as a part of resolutions, and those resolutions will be considered by you tomorrow afternoon, and it is a fairly small amount, right around \$13,000, so not an overly significant amount in the budget, and certainly would be the prerogative of the membership not to defer the approval of the budget until after that resolution session, however, I already got tipped off by somebody that they intend to bring forward a motion to table the approval of the budget later this evening till Saturday after the resolutions are dealt with, so again, that will be your decision to make as to how you wish to proceed once we get to that part of the program.

Deferred contributions were mentioned earlier but what they are is money that we receive in the previous year but not really set out to be spent until the following year. We usually have pretty strict guidelines for anything that ends up being a deferred contribution, and they were not included in the budget last year because we had a certain amount of uncertainty as year ago as to what funding was going to be available. We have a bit more certainty on some funding areas this year and we were able to include Game Plan, Mentorship and the World Under 17 monies that reaped from the Legacy Plan of the hosting of that event by Port Alberni. Those are included in the budget this year and it wasn't last year.

We also have included a new program in the budget. The Education Committee has also proposed under resolutions this year, 2010-13, and you'll consider that again tomorrow afternoon. This program is one where revenues actually exceed expense projections but it's not really a profit. We've always brought in the amount of that profit in the budget, as registration income from the Hockey Canada Skills Academy programs that are run in various schools throughout the province. As with the membership fee increase, the overall affect of the resolution is pretty minor in the budget, and certainly you can consider the approval of this budget prior to that resolution session. If we do accept the budget in advance, if that's the wishes of the membership, the Finance Committee can certainly make adjustments if the resolutions are not passed.

Finally, the Operations Summary, this is the second year, as I mentioned, that we're using this format to present to you here at the annual meeting. It was not previously distributed with the finance report, just because of the timing of the audit and getting the final numbers in, but it displays the same information from the proposed budget, except that administrative costs, such as office supplies and wages are not reflected to separate accounts.



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I'll give a brief overview then of it, and hopefully, that's big enough to see. We've divided it into three sections, the first of which is administration. Our government core grant is applied here to assist in offsetting costs as our portions of our membership fees. I also want to note that we have embarked on some marketing initiatives in recent months and it's been something that we've been building on for the last few years under our strategic plan goal of reducing the reliance on membership fees as a funding source, and they've not been included in this year's budget; they will be treated as found money just until we can get a better understanding of what is really reasonable. Again, we don't like to overstate our income on our budget because we feel that it's best, if anything, understate to the membership what we anticipate will be coming in so that we don't, in turn, give a false sense of security when we perhaps overstate some achievable expense lines.

I can report, though, that in this area of administration that small deficiency has more than been exceeded already in the first few months of this fiscal year with the marketing initiatives that we already have put in place, so we're excited about that and things are turning out even better than we expected, or at least coming in a little bit more quickly than we even had hoped for.

Moving into the Membership Services section, it obviously does more than just cover its costs, it actually generates funds to help offset shortfalls in programs and a little one in administration. I just wanted to point out, because it's on this list and the fact that the cost of the AGM has become a bit of question point or a trigger point lately, I will point out that those meetings are, or this meeting is run at a break-even budget. We've been dealing with important factors affecting this area of budgeting with the Finance Committee. A couple of major affects have come into play on this meeting. We voted to go to a June meeting several years ago and the net result of that has been higher facility costs and higher overall costs throughout the province for staging this meeting in the month, and the Finance Committee has always maintained that the value for the delegate fee is the main concern for them at this meeting. As I said, the Finance Committee has been assessing this and the tough part, of the tough decisions they have to make is that the only way to reducing meeting fees is to reduce the events or sessions that are currently offered, so they are looking at that and will continue that work through the next year.

We're also looking at ways to partner with host communities, and not necessarily just the Minor Hockey Associations, but the communities who benefit from the economic impact that's generated from all of you coming into a community and buying dinners and other things, to have fund when the meetings



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aren't in session, and so we're hopeful that we can enter into some partnerships in the future where that will, you know have a positive affect on the cost of staging the event.

Also in the Operations Summary, I just want to note that the profit in the area of insurance is not from insurance monies collected from the members, that's an in/out that we pay on to Hockey Canada. That profit is due to the Legacy Trust Fund payments which result from that C.H.A. self insured program that I had talked about a little earlier.

Finally, into the Programs area and probably the most useful or interesting part of this report. I think a lot of the programs have been misunderstood, at least the financial parts of the programs have been misunderstood in past finance reports because they either reflected a bigger profit or a bigger loss than maybe – or a smaller loss than what was actual there when you factor in all the administrative costs, and that's just because of the audited statements, the layout of the accounts can really skew the view of those P/L lines, but this summary shows the true costs of each program, and I can tell you that the Finance Committee has been working hard over the past three to four years trying to get each of those programs down to a break-even. Nobody really gets a free ride in our programs. The participants in everything, right from high performance down to coaching, kind of pay the freight through the program, and you know, we try to strike the proper balance between what we charge members and our desire to get to that break-even point in those budgets.

So that concludes the financial report for this evening. I can certainly attempt to address any questions if there are any at this point on any of the material covered or distributed in the packages.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

MARK KENNY (VANCOUVER ISLAND)

Barry, considering the economic situation in British Columbia, the hardship on players and parents, the reduction of revenues, i.e., gaming, can you tell me what you're doing as Executive Director, besides the obvious of renegotiating photocopier costs, what you're doing at the office to reduce costs and staff costs?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Certainly, I think that's a great question. I think it has a couple of aspects to it. First off, with the gaming, we're working hard through our government contacts and Sport B.C. to try to get some



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movement and lobby the government to realize the effect that the loss of gaming revenue to sports, in particular, hockey, which we care about, is having on our communities and our programming, and we've been working pretty hard with Sport B.C.; they've been a good partner in trying to lobby the government in that respect.

Specific to our office, we run a pretty tight ship already, but that doesn't mean we don't try to streamline wherever possible. We don't have a lot of fluff in our program and our offerings, and so costs within this Association are always at the forefront. Our management staff is constantly looking at ways to reduce costs, whether that be through office operation or the operation of meetings, the operation of the Executive Committee, those sorts of things, so it's a constant day-to-day. I don't have any initiatives that I can point to, to say, oh well, we're doing this or that, because really, to be honest with you, the amount of excess, or the – we're not like a lot of companies that make profits, right, we're not for profit, just like every Minor Hockey Association, we do run on a shoestring. Our shoestring is longer than local Minor Hockey Associations would be, but certainly at the branch level we do not have a lot of extras, or you know, additional costs that aren't necessities.

MARK KENNY

Okay, and thank you for that, and just two things. It's a given that we would appeal any process for gaming money, thank you, but as Executive Director, there are no plans to reduce costs in the office at this point? You're a fee for service, right, basically? Basically, fee for service, you have costs and that's what it is, and there is no plans to reduce those costs at this time?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Well, there's plans to reduce if we can. I would actually feel quite badly if I stood up here and was able to say to you, we can offer you the services that we provide more cheaply, because I wouldn't actually have been doing my job in the past if I was able to do it right now, that's the bottom line of our operation. One of the things, though, that we are doing, it's not a reduction in cost, but our salary line, for example, is not increased this year, in fact, we were under budget on it in the past year. And, you know, that's not easy to do, that's not an easy thing to ask your staff to continue to work and not increase in those areas, and we realize that a lot of people are in that same situation, so we're not any different than anybody else, but that's one way where it may not show as a decrease but we are holding steady there.



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MARK KENNY

I can appreciate that as a worker in the forest industry, and my salary has been reduce by 10% over the last 16 months. That's what drives my questioning of how our BC Hockey office could address reducing staff and costs. Thanks.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

You're welcome.

ANDREW JAKUBEIT (PENTICTON MINOR HOCKEY)

I brought this up, I think, maybe two years ago, it was with respect to the Officiating Program, essentially, what are we doing for the officiating program, and interesting, you're talking about revenue neutral programs, but if you look at '09 and '10 figures, '09 had almost a \$30,000 profit; 2010 had just over \$21,000 profit. Years previous have always had excesses of money coming towards the program. I know last year the Junior A program got virtually no supervision or development. The other above Minor programs, Minor hockey, the Minor Hockey officials as well, we still haven't done enough to promote, recruit, or development young and up and coming officials at all levels, and you see now the four man system is becoming more and more prominent but we can't field that at various levels because we don't have those officials. So I guess my question more is, what new programs are being introduced to improve the officiating programs to develop, to recruit, and to promote these young and up and coming officials?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

A couple of things, Andrew, kind of stemming off of, or further to the points under Mark's questions there, all of our programming is under stress. I mean, we want to do more, we want to do more every year, but we also don't have the ability to just at the drop of a hat increase the funding to programs. I believe that the Officiating Committee and the Officiating Program is one that's an example that's been very manoeuvrable and very aggressive in trying to develop their programming. I can certainly let Rob Fryer or Al Berg speak specifically to programming issues, but on the financial side, I think they've done a lot within their budget to try and advance things. There's a lot of constraints on programming within our organization and those financial constraints really hamper the ability to develop new programming. I think Officiating has actually worked very hard and been very good at moving in that direction. I do have to point out one thing, and I did this a couple of years ago when you brought it up too, and I just put it back on the screen here under the Operations Summary. If you look at Officiating there, the actual cost when you factor in the office supplies, the wages that go into that program, it's a break-



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even budget, it actually makes \$784, but on a \$500,000 budget line, \$784 is a break-even. And so it's been that way, it hasn't been a profit centre, and I respectfully suggest that it's not a case of the Officiating Program having money that it's bringing in for the organization and not being spent in officiating, we're spending literally every dollar of our officiating income on the Officiating Program and the officiating group has done their very best to find ways to maximize the output from that. It's the reality of a not for profit organization, we don't get the Cadillac, we strive for the Cadillac, and we're pretty happy driving a pretty fancy Honda every once and awhile, so that's the best answer I can give, unless you really want to get into programming aspects, and I would certainly turn it over to people more expert than I in those specific areas.

ANDREW JAKUBEIT (PENTICTON MINOR HOCKEY)

Okay, thank you. It's just the way it was listed on the Revenue Expenses was different than the Operation Summary, so that's all, thank you.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Yes, and again, that's why we do that summary because it's important to show it that way just because of the way groupings are in the financial statements.

RICK ALDER (PACIFIC COAST)

Could you give us a little detail on the Minor Recreation line item that has the 36,000 loss on it?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Yes. The Minor Recreational Program are offerings that we make that are general participation offerings, a lot of them through the Canuck Centre for BC Hockey where we actually pay for programming and try to keep the costs down as much as possible, subsidize it obviously to a certain extent, because those programs have been deemed as beneficial and important for our members who are not at the Rep or High Performance level and it really is a certain amount of BC Hockey giving back to the members who access those programs at that level of hockey. I should probably note too, one of the really neat things that we did this year in the Minor Rec program is, as I mentioned under gaming, Sportsfunder funds that we had utilized, that was a lot of travel funding that used to go to people going to championships or high performance events, and you know, we had to cut a bunch of \$17 cheques and that sort of thing, and we were actually able to direct some of those funds this year to increase the spread of our Minor Rec programming. It focuses a bit on the lower mainland because the Canucks are involved and they run programs that come about rather quickly and we try to get them together, so



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we were actually able to fund some programs, or some teams who won contests in Minor Rec, so if you were in Fort St. John and you won a contest, we were actually able to fund their trip down to take part in that program. So Minor Rec, like I said, is something that we try to give back to that level and we try to maximize our outreach into the program; those have been our two major focuses there.

Okay, Rick, seeing no more questions, did you want me to move into the Voting Procedures Report?

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

Perhaps it would be in order to propose a motion to approve the financial statements as circulated?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

We actually do that later in the program, we do all the approval of reports at one time.

Okay, so my job now is to review Bylaw 11 with respect to voting procedures. We made a bunch of changes to Bylaw 11 last year so it is a little bit shorter job than normal, but I just want to point out that I hope that everybody has found the registration desk, and if you haven't and need to do so, please see our volunteers and staff out there and they'll get you set up for the weekend.

I want to note that all our voting cards this year are green and because of the changes that we have made to the bylaw, they're eligible in all sessions.

Our Credentials Committee, the information on that committee was circulated. For the record, the Credentials Committee for the AGM consists of Cathy Mason, out of the North Central District, Darryl Lerum, from Northwest, and Neil McNabb out of the Lower Mainland. This committee will report to you on Saturday afternoon.

The Rules of Order Committee will consist of the Life Members who are present. Our Scrutineers will be our Life Members, along with any guests that we might have to press into service on their behalf, pending our travel schedules.

And I have one additional duty that normally doesn't come my way here in this section, but there was a clarification necessary this year and I have it here for you. It pertains to the elections of officers positions on Sunday. An interpretation was made by the Executive Committee earlier today on this issue under their powers in Bylaw 915 which sets out that the Executive Committee may settle all



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questions not provided for in the bylaw's regulations. Bylaw 1106 was deemed to be less than clear regarding procedures for the situation we find ourselves in with the officers election this year. We have five candidates running for three positions, and under recommendation from our Life Members/Credentials Committee members/Governance Committee member, Bob Mullock, a recommendation was brought forward to the Executive Committee and the result of that recommendation was that I need to inform you that a separate election will be held for each of the three officers' positions that are up for election this year. Bylaw 1106 sets out that the winner of election must obtain 51% of the total votes cast, and because of some of the wording in Bylaw 1106, it was felt that the three separate elections would be the best way to go and would leave us in the best position to be able to answer any issues or questions that came up. Just of note on this issue, the Executive Committee has also tasked our Governance Committee with addressing this issue over the coming year so that it can be corrected by way of resolution at next year's AGM, so you can expect that in the resolutions package next year for the annual meeting.

Any questions on the Voting Procedures Report?

DAVE BEATTY (NANAIMO)

Does this mean we're going to have to have a runoff for three separate elections, rather than a runoff for one election for three officers?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

That's right, we'll have an election for one officer.

DAVE BEATTY (NANAIMO)

We'll be here – we could be here all day.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

The Executive Committee considered the timing of it. We have scheduled appropriate timing and we don't believe that the timing will be an issue with proceeding in this manner.

DAVE BEATTY (NANAIMO)

Well, I see people leaving before the elections are concluded at every other AGM. Considering the distance a lot of us have travelled to come up here, I think some of us will be leaving before – before we get halfway through the voting.



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BARRY PETRACHENKO

Yes, that's a good point, Dave, and it certainly was brought up in the discussion, I can pass that on, the Executive Committee did consider that. It's a big year, election-wise, and there was desire for everything to go as smoothly and as well as possible. The requirements of 1106 may have left us in a situation, quite frankly, would have left us most likely in a situation where we would have had multiple elections anyway to get those three candidates in one election, because you need 51%, and it's unlikely that all three candidates would have gotten 51% in the first election. Plus, 1106, the wording left us in a position where it didn't back us up or give us a clear direction on how to actually do the elections if we went five for three in one vote. So we're going to implement some things to make sure that these elections go as quickly as possible. It does have the potential to add a couple of extra ballots, and we're going to do our best. With the timing of the entire meeting, the schedule allows for Resolutions on Saturday afternoon, hopefully, those go well, and that Sunday morning is open for just elections which should allow ample time for us to get our business done, give everybody the best and fairest chance at seeking office and keep us within our bylaw guidelines.

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

This is not the first time that BC Hockey has had five candidates for three positions, this has happened in the past. In the past we always managed to get by with a single election. What's changed – I agree with the previous comment, that our experience has been that people have left during the balloting when we've had multiple ballots, and although one multiple ballot might have been necessary, the second ballot might have been necessary under the old procedure, this way we're likely to have perhaps as many as four ballots just to resolve the first position, without going onto the second one. It's going to be an immense amount of additional time. What changed things to require this?



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BARRY PETRACHENKO

There were a couple of “**fairness issues**” that were raised by the review of this bylaw by Mr. Mullock. The fairness issues included the fact that in an election of three people from five or more candidates, there’s no requirement to list three candidates on any ballot, so you could list only one, you could list two, or you could list three, and the fairness of that was a concern. Also, we may have operated that way in the past, and we did consider that and we knew that when the Executive Committee considered this question, however, just because you did things a certain way isn’t always the best way to do it, and Bylaw 1106 does have some holes in it. It is set up specifically for three or more candidates for one position, and there are a number of variables that Mr. Mullock identified that were, and the Executive Committee agreed with, that were potentially problematic, and again, fairness is the issue. We hope that we don’t run into situations where people are leaving, are bored, are confused, and because we want to get the most fair election. This is important, we’re putting people into office to oversee the operation of this organization. So that’s our goal, that’s what we’re trying to do. It’s not a fast one, it’s trying to prevent problems and concerns. So those were among the things included in the debate today on that issue.

Okay, thank you for your attention.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Thanks, Barry. At this time I’d ask the Officers to give their reports. I’ll start with Shannon Bell.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

SHANNON BELL

My report is as submitted in the Annual Report. I will be speaking to most of you tomorrow morning at Minor Committee so I’ll cover anything that isn’t covered in the report then.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Thanks, Shannon. Al Berg.

AL BERG

My reports are in the binder. The only thing I would like to add is that this year I had the opportunity to attend a couple of very high profile Senior Hockey events, the Coy Cup and the Allan Cup, and I know that we as hockey people always look at the advancement and how the young players have made out



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after they have finished Minor and possibly Junior, but I think if you really want to see the success of your efforts, you should just take a trip down to your arena and watch some Senior Hockey, whether it be recreational or competitive. The kind of hockey that they display is awesome, and I think that if you go down and watch them play you'll really be proud and know that your job has been successfully done, because that's what it's all about, it is a game for life, so thank you.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Robin Douville.

ROBIN DOUVILLE

Just a quick update, I guess, on a couple of things. My reports are in the binder but an update on our High Performance teams that are currently under construction, if you will, our Female Under 18 Team BC are going to be undertaking almost a week long boot camp at the Naden Base in Esquimalt next week. They will be – once the team is finally selected they will be attending a U. of A. tournament at Christmastime, or just before Christmas, and then that final team will compete at the Canada Winter Games next February in Halifax. Likewise, our Male Under 16 team will be attending – will be selected at provincial camp starting July 10th. They will also undertake a Christmas camp and attend the Canada Winter Games in Halifax as well next February.

The Male Under 17 group, which will form Team Pacific, their provincial camp will come around the end of July. Again, they'll be short listed and down to about 18, and final selection of 11 players that will join 11 from Alberta to be part of Team Pacific will compete at the World Under 17 Challenge in Winnipeg starting on December 26th.

Onto Coaching, the buzz word in the coaching community over the past season has been post tasked. While this has been an integral part of the Hybrid and Development clinics, some delegates have had difficulties with it, but I'm happy to say that we've made great strides on our committee to rectify this over the last year. One area of coaching that we are working hard to develop is the mentorship. If your MHA has not booked a specialty clinic in the past, we urge you to take part or pop in and see part of the demo this weekend, tomorrow, and then follow that up by booking one or two special clinics in your MHA this season. Thank you, and have a great weekend.



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RICK BOEKESTYN

Jim Humphrey.

JIM HUMPHREY

Just a couple of things. In my original report is the Senior, or the Female Development Seminar tomorrow, and hopefully, we'll get a huge attendance, and anybody else who has nothing to do tomorrow morning, go in and learn about Female Hockey. The other thing that I chaired last year was the Female Midget League, and again, it's great to have all six teams approved as of the few weeks back, as well as we have all of the coaches approved, the Head Coaches. We've just had a Head Coach conference call this past Tuesday and there will be some changes into the league structure of next year. We're going to move off somewhat from the league by weekend. We're not going to do every league game by a weekend, we're going to do some heads to heads, similar to what happened in the Major Midget League, but we're also going to keep a couple of the league weekends in place as well, and the biggest issue that came forward last year that affected this change, was that playing the games by weekend, we only had six weekends out of 21, so that meant that there was 15 weekends for our top Midget female players in the province to go find something else to do, and the coaches and many of the parents wanted to play more league games, and so we're moving from 18 league games that we've played in the last two years to next year with very little more travel, it counts two more travel weekends that what they've had in the last two years, they'll go from 18 league games to 33 league games. So it's going to be a much better season next year, and as well, we'll be changing the championship structure somewhat so that we can try to stay and keep the girls into competitive mode right up until the weekend prior to the Pacific Regionals where our winner will travel to Alberta, and that's about all that I have.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Thanks, Jim, thanks, all. I would be remiss – I'd like to acknowledge Randy Henderson, he's sitting out in the crowd. Randy looks great. Randy had to step down for personal reasons this year and it's great to see him back. Because of that vacancy, I took over the Major Midget League on an interim basis; that report is in the binder. Just a couple of updates. Everything is on schedule for this year, all the coaches are picked. We're in the process of picking the assistant coaches and hopefully have them approved in the next little while. We're working on the schedule. I guess one of the major moves that we're making is we've decided to move into Chase this year. So we're really excited about moving into Chase and have to acknowledge those people in the crowd from Chase. So, like I said, everything is on schedule and we're hoping to have a great year again.



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I guess we have to adopt the minutes, so the next part of the program is a little bit formal, we'll get into the business. So the first thing that I have to do, is the Minutes of the 90th AGM have been circulated. I'll take a motion to adopt the 90th Annual General Meeting of BC Hockey held in Vancouver in June of 2009, could I get a mover and a seconder, and come to the microphone. Al Berg, BC Hockey and Sherry Wakelin, BC Hockey. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. Thank you.

MOTION – ADOPT MINUTES OF 90TH AGM HELD IN VANCOUVER IN JUNE 2009

MOVER – AL BERG

SECONDER – SHERRY WAKELIN

MOTION CARRIED

RICK BOEKESTYN

Do I have a mover and a seconder for the following reports:

The Executive Committee

The President's Report

The Executive Director's Report

Don Freer, BC Hockey, Dave Buck, Pacific Coast. Any discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? That is also carried.

MOTION – ADOPTION OF REPORTS – EXECUTIVE REPORT, PRESIDENT'S AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR' REPORT

MOVER – DON FREER

SECONDER – DAVE BUCK

MOTION CARRIED

RICK BOEKESTYN

I would ask for a motion to approve the 2009/2010 Audited Statements. Do I have a mover and seconder for that? Chuck Campbell, Shannon Bell. Any discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.



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MOTION – TO APPROVE 2009/2010 AUDITED STATEMENTS

MOVER – CHUCK CAMPBELL

SECONDER – SHANNON BELL

MOTION CARRIED

RICK BOEKESTYN

And I would like to move the adoption of the BC Hockey Budget for 2010/2011 as circulated and proposed by the Finance Committee. Do I have a mover and a seconder? Sherry Wakelin, again, Rick Kupchuk. Any discussion?

CHUCK CAMPBELL

I move to table until after consideration of the fee increase.

RICK BOEKESTYN

And do I have a seconder? State your name?

MARK KENNY

Mark Kenny.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Mark Kenny, sorry, Mark. Any discussion – oh, no discussion on a tabled motion. All those in favour? Opposed? That motion is tabled until Sunday morning.

MOTION – ADOPTION OF 2010/2011 BC HOCKEY BUDGET

MOVER – SHERRY WAKELIN

SECONDER – RICK KUPCHUK

MOTION TABLED

RICK BOEKESTYN

And for our final Executive resolution under the requirements of the Society Act, I would move that the Executive Committee activities for 2009/2010 be ratified, including the following items that fall under Bylaw 920. The following items that will be dealt with under Resolution are:



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Resolution #2010-15, Regulation 105

Resolution #2010-20, Regulation 210

As well, there is a one time exception request that was approved by the Executive Committee under Bylaw 920. The request will allow the North Peace Eagle Senior Female A team to affiliate, not roster, three under age players. Those players were Emma Farrell, Linda Jensen, and Lindsay Jeffrey, currently rostered with the Northern Rockies Midget A team for the balance of the 2009/2010 season as an exemption under 920, 208 and 210. Do I have a mover and a seconder for that?

John Gillen, Rick Kupchuk. Any discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? That is also carried.

MOTION – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FOR 2009/2010 BE RATIFIED (SEE ABOVE)

MOVER – JOHN GILLEN

SECONDER – RICK KUPCHUK

MOTION CARRIED

RICK BOEKESTYN

That is the end of the business that we have for the first plenary. Before we adjourn, I would ask that our seminar instructors for tomorrow see Bill before you go, so you can set up a little bit of a meeting.

So I want to thank you guys for your patience this evening after your long travels. Yes, go ahead.

TROY THEODORE (ALDERGROVE MINOR HOCKEY)

I have one request, actually. We talked about this down at the Coast, because a lot of people are leaving on earlier flights than some of the other people, so we're quite worried about the timing of the election. So what was proposed down there is that we make an agenda change so that the elections take place on Saturday afternoon instead of Sunday morning. That means that everybody can be here, and if you take an extra half an hour, an hour with your three votes for your three different officers, then there is time then. So I'd like to propose an agenda change for the votes to be moved to Saturday afternoon. Troy Theodore, Aldergrove Minor Hockey.



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DAVE SOLTY (CHILLIWACK)

I second the motion. Dave Solty from Chilliwack.

RICK BOEKESTYN

I'd have to – I don't know if we can do that.

TROY THEODORE

It was discussed down there whether or not you could do it or not.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Discussed down where?

TROY THEODORE

Down at the Coast, we – we went over it. That's why it was kind of left to the last minute. They said, "Hmm, they'll be scratching their heads whether they can do this or not", so....

CHUCK CAMPBELL

A motion from the floor to amend the agenda is always in order.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Do I have seconder? Any other discussion on that? I don't – I have to confer to our Roberts Rules Guide there to see if we can do that. There's issues that happen after lunch that involve the current executive, so that would be my only concern. We have committee's with Chairs that are chairing committees in the afternoon. Yes, go ahead, Mr. Peebles? Can you go to the microphone?

RAY PEEBLES

I don't think the newly elected people would take an office until actually next year. You would still finish off this season with the present executive. So having the election a few hours earlier than normally, I don't see where that's any harm being done.

CHUCK CAMPBELL

I think formally they probably take office at the end of the annual general meeting.

RICK BOEKESTYN



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They would probably? I guess you could make a motion that those elections come into effect as of whatever, adjournment of this annual general meeting.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE FROM BODY OF ROOM – NOT AT MICROPHONE

I think there is a motion on the floor that we...

RICK BOEKESTYN

Well, I'm asking if there's going to be an amendment, 'cause I'm not sure if they take effect immediately or they take effect....

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE FROM BODY OF ROOM – NOT AT MICROPHONE

(Inaudible)

RICK BOEKESTYN

Is that okay with the movers and the shakers? Jim?

JIM HUMPHREY

So just to clarify then, would the Resolutions then move till Sunday morning, is that the idea, to switch those two, or just start with elections and then go into Resolutions and then finish Resolutions on Sunday morning?

CHUCK CAMPBELL

We can start with the elections. When the elections are completed we can begin with the Resolutions until the time runs out, and whatever is left over, if any, can go to Sunday morning. There actually is some possibility that we could be finished on Saturday.

DAWN BURSEY (PRINCE GEORGE MINOR)

I would just like to know if we are going to do this every year, because all the people from the north got to go down south, and you know, we'd like to get on planes early too, but I don't think we've ever done this, so it's just a comment.

RICK BOEKESTYN



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That is a good comment. And just to that comment, in all the times I've come, I think this is probably my 14th or 15th AGM, and we've never done that, we've stayed close to our agenda and made that the last thing. I mean, the people that are leaving early had an opportunity to book flights later.

CHUCK CAMPBELL

First off, the people who are leaving early did not know that you were going to change the voting procedures and prolong the voting, okay, so that is an unfair comment from you. However, the situation in future years might well change, because if the Governance Committee, in their wisdom, chooses to revert to a voting system closer to what we had in the past, there's no reason why the voting could not be done on Sundays in the future.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Any other discussion?

BRIAN JOHNSON (VAN. MINOR)

The bylaws may dictate the order of the agenda for the AGM and that would be the only prohibition that I could foresee, and in my experience, I don't know what the bylaws say to this but – so the order with respect to the resolutions preceding or following the elections, they may have some bearing, but the timing of them, whether it be Saturday or Sunday is not likely in the bylaws.

MING (PACIFIC COAST)

I'd like to respectfully remind the audience that the previous BC Hockey Executive stated that just because we've done something in the past is no reason to always do it in the future.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Just for that, we're not going to adjourn tonight. We're going to start with resolutions right now. Is there any other comments? I'm just worried that whatever the result of the election here, we might have a mass exodus tomorrow and we won't have any Committee Chairs to do the rest of the work. Go ahead.



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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE

There was a proposal put on here. If we get a seconder on that, then we can kind of get to the next one. I believe you proposed it, did you not, a friendly amendment, so if we could have a seconder there, and was it passed?

RICK BOEKESTYN

Yeah, we're still dealing with your motion. The friendly amendment, I think, was passed and we're still having discussion on the motion. We haven't voted yet, no. Is there any further discussion? Okay then, I'll call the question. Just to keep it clear, the motion is to move the elections till after the luncheon tomorrow and then resume with the resolutions to continue after that until we're done. All those in favour? All those opposed? I think we're going to have to have a count. Could I ask the Life Members to – okay, I will call the question again. All those in favour? Keep your hands up until the Scrutineers tell you to lower them.

(NOTE: A pause while the votes are counted, duly recorded)

RICK BOEKESTYN

Okay, the motion is carried. So that's what we'll do is we'll adjust the agenda and tomorrow we will continue on with the luncheon, and then elections and then resolutions.

<p>MOTION – TO MOVE ELECTIONS TO SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010 P.M. MOVER - TROY THEODORE SECONDER – DAVE SOLTY MOTION CARRIED</p>
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Okay now, I want to thank you for your patience tonight after travelling such a long way. I'd like for you guys to join us for a drink. If you look in your package, I think I bought you two beers, I want to take them back now, so I'll be out there by the bar. Can I get a motion to adjourn the first plenary, please. Dave Beatty, Nanaimo; Dave Buck, Pacific Coast. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Thank you very much.



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MOTION – TO ADJOURN PLENARY #1

MOVER – DAVE BEATTY

SECONDER – DAVE BUCK

MOTION CARRIED

***** MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:30 P.M. ******



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Can I have a motion to adopt the Credentials Committee Report? Freer, Buck. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – TO ADOPT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
MOVED BY DON FREER
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION CARRIED

Before we move into the elections, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the retiring Executive Committee members, we only have one this year, and I'd like to call Sherry Wakelin to the stage, thanking Sherry for her years of services to BC Hockey and wishing her luck in the future in her endeavours with OMAHA.

Okay, now I'll call Al Berg to the stage for a report on the Nominating Committee, Al.

AL BERG – REPORT ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Okay, as I indicated in my report yesterday, there's one vacancy at this time and that's in the Okanagan, which has two positions with only one at this time. We'll start the election now. What I'm going to do is, as you become elected, we will not come up onto the stage today, we'll ask you all to come on the stage tomorrow after the Resolutions are completed for your introductions and taking your positions at that time.

So we'll start off with President. We have two nominees, Rick Boekestyn and Shannon Bell, and is there any further nominations from the floor? For the second time, any further nominations from the floor? For the third and final time, any further nominations from the floor? Okay, seeing none, I will now invite Rick Boekestyn to the podium to give his speech.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Thanks, Al, it's Boekestyn.

You know, it seems that the AGM's in Prince George have been eventful during my time as a member of BC Hockey. As a new District Director, I got into a little mischief with my old friend, Claude Skerry, and spent many a time in his Winnebago out back behind the hotel talking hockey with new friends that seem a little older today. In this room 6 years ago, I was first elected as an officer, and looked forward



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to the challenges that lay ahead. And it was here in 2001 that I watched as another President from the Kootenays, Bob Woodward, was unceremoniously voted out of office because the Vice President of the day convinced the membership that he was out of touch and not doing a good job as President. Ironically, within three years, half of the officers quit, and we are still recovering from that decision today. This all happened because one person put his personal agenda before that of the Branch.

So here we are today, the first election for President since then, and ironically, here we are in the same room with another Vice President that can't wait another year. What's different from this election than the one in 2001? Well let me start by saying, giving you the reasons why I'm running for re-election. I believe that with the possibility of having three new officers and a new Vice President, BC Hockey will be lacking in experienced leadership. I believe that I can provide that leadership for another year, and I don't believe my opponent can. This election should not be about where you come from or the length of term.

I am not afraid of the election process, and I do feel that it is a healthy exercise to give an organization the ability to choose their leadership group. I am disappointed, however, that members of our current executive believe that you can run for an officer's position with less than a year's experience as an executive member, and become Vice President without becoming an officer. This shows a lack of respect for our organization, and frankly, you deserve better. There are BC Hockey Executive Board members carrying proxies for this election. That should be alarming to you as a membership, because they were elected to represent BC Hockey, not MHA. Hard to figure out where their loyalties are.

My opponent will have you believe that BC Hockey is in dire straights, and that you need a leadership change to right the ship. She contends that she has the experience to lead. She feels she has the expertise to be President. She believes that there is no communication. I strongly believe that in order to lead this organization one has to have a strong hockey background. When you look at the HCR and compare my hockey background to my opponents', there's no comparison. Hers simply states that she was a Speak Out instructor. I have been playing this game since I was five years old. I have coached since I have been 18 years old in all divisions of Minor Hockey from Novice right up to Midget. I have officiated for the past 18 years at all levels of hockey from Novice to Junior, holding Level 5 certification, and proud to say that I was this branches Official of the Year in 1996. I have been an instructor in the Coaching program, the CHOP program, Speak out program, and Team First. I spent five years on the Cranbrook Minor Hockey Board before coming to BC Hockey. I know what it feels like to tell a player he didn't make the team. I know what it's like to stand behind the bench. I know what it's like to win,



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and I also know what it's like to lose. I have been on the ice for many provincial finals. I've done game sevens in playoff series. I have officiated an exhibition game between The Women's National Team and Team Sweden. I have had to suspend many players and coaches in my time as President and know what the repercussions of those decisions are. I don't take this responsibility lightly, and I believe that those hockey experiences have allowed me to make decisions based on that knowledge. I have never run away from those situations.

My opponent's reluctance to travel outside of the Lower Mainland has also hindered her ability to foster relationships regionally and at the National Level. When asked to attend these events to foster these relationships, she declines saying that she is a quick study. For your sake, I hope so. I am proud to say that during my Presidency, and time as an officer, I have visited every district. I have attended many district meetings and attended many National and Regional events on behalf of our Branch. I have represented the Branch at 19 out of 20 National and Regional meetings, while my opponent has gone to six.

Through the building of such relationships I have helped strengthen our position at the Hockey Canada level. BC Hockey remains one of the most influential branches nationally. During my tenure with BC Hockey, I am proud to have established the new agreement with the Western Hockey League that has increased financial support for our High Performance and MML from 35,000 to \$75,000. I was instrumental in establishing the tiering system in Minor Hockey. We have established marketing initiatives that will help to generate revenue that should offset some of our programming costs in the future. I am also proud to have supported our BC Hockey League Members in establishing a national pilot project that will reduce bullying and unnecessary violence in Junior A hockey. Along with those I am committed to promoting hockey in the schools, Adult Rec, and the restructure of our Board.

On several occasions when my opponent was asked what she thought her chances of winning this election were, she commented, "Pacific Coast has circled the wagons, it's a no brainer." This is alarming on two fronts. One, if true, why would Pacific Coast feel the need to circle the wagons? Can you give me a reason? Two, it shows a lack of respect for the opinions of the other districts around the Branch; only Pacific Coast's opinion counts? I have heard this week that communication is an issue. This year we have tried to schedule weekly calls with Pacific Coast, much the same as we did last year with our E.D. and their E.D., to no avail. In fact, in a conference call last month with Dave Buck and Andrew Mustard, we agreed to re-establish those calls for next year.



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So here you are, having to choose between an established track record based on true hockey experience, or a promise; on experience from someone who is the President, or someone who wants to be the President, and can't wait to be the President; on someone who has obtained his passion for the game from playing, coaching, officiating, and administrating the game, or someone who can't tell you where her passion is acquired.

But to see true leadership, one only has to look back to the AGM in Penticton two years ago, while Wilf Liefke fled in the middle of the night removing his name from the officers' ballot with no explanation, my opponent sat up here after being re-elected as Vice President at the front crying. Is that the kind of leadership you want? The choice is yours. I am confident that what happened in 2001 won't happen here.

I appreciate your support in the past, and I look forward to serving you in the future. Thanks.

AL BERG

And now I'll call Shannon Bell to the mike, please.

SHANNON BELL

Well, where do I begin? I am not going to do what just happened. I was totally unprepared for an attack on who I am as an officer, comments made that I didn't make that have been attributed to me. What I will do is speak to you on my own merits. I certainly could have – I think all of you have had some experience with me at some point. If not, I'll tell you a little bit about myself.

I began volunteering in the Lower Mainland 18 years ago when the first of my three sons started playing the game. I started out as a team manager at the Tyke level and continued on for the next 10 years with both House and Rep teams as my sons moved through their respective divisions. As an MHA Executive member, I held the positions of Tournament Director, Secretary, Risk Manager, and by default, a Referee- in-chief. After three years I moved on to Association President, which position I held for an additional three years.

In 2002 I was elected to the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Executive Committee as Managing Director. This position had a steep learning curve, but one that ultimately taught me well, the administration of the game. Along with the District and Governance matters, I learned how to administer Leagues,



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prepare schedules, Chair appeals, and handle disciplinary matters for approximately 65 Rec teams each year.

In 2004, I was elected a BC Hockey Lower Mainland District Director where I embarked on a new level of hockey administration, one that once again a new challenge, this time with a provincial perspective.

In 2006, this body elected me as BC Hockey Officer at Large. As such, I oversaw the Scholarship Committee, International tours and Journey Committee matters. I was appointed Chair of our High Performance Committee, and also Chair of our Referee Development Committee. As officer responsible for the above Minor Officiating Program, I learned about game management, supervision, evaluations of officials from our top supervisors. I was fortunate enough to be able to participate in a committee with the Referees-in-chief from the Western branches, Hockey Canada, and the Western Hockey League Officiating programs, which was tasked with sharing ideas on development, recruitment and retention, and consistency in standards of play.

In 2008, I was elected BC Hockey Vice President. During the past two years I served as Chair of Minor and Governance Committees. During this time I attended two Not for Profit Governance workshops, one presented by the Executive Development Institute in cooperation with Sport BC, where topics such as roles and responsibilities of Boards, governance, leadership, and risk management were reviewed. The second workshop was hosted by Sport BC and focused on downsizing due to government funding cuts, something we can all relate to today.

As a Hockey Canada Minor Council representative these past two years I shared ideas and concepts with my counterparts from across Canada, and yes, outside of B.C. One of my most rewarding hockey experiences has been with the Major Midget League. The evolution and success of this league was the result of the combined efforts of many District and Branch people. I was with the League from the beginning and held the positions of Managing Director and Major Midget League Chair for its first four years of operation.

In March 2006, I was honoured to receive a Sport BC President's award in recognition of my contributions to the league, an award that could easily have been shared with the many of you who were integral and necessary part of the League's success today.



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Every step of my hockey journey has led me to new and challenging opportunities that have taught me well. As I have opened each new door along the way I was fortunate to learn more about this game than I could ever have imagined from some of the very, very best hockey minds this province has to offer. As Chair of Minor I've listened well to your comments and concerns, whether they came directly from you or through your District and Divisional Directors. I believe I have the hockey administrative experience and knowledge necessary to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of President of BC Hockey. I look forward to the challenge, if elected, and I respectfully ask for your support. Thank you.

AL BERG

Okay. We'll have the Life Members who will be the Scrutineers and they'll hand out the ballots, so hold up your cards really high so that they can see you. While you're doing that, I was asked to remind you to shut down your cell phones and Blackberries because they do affect the sound system.

(NOTE: Ballots are distributed, collected, and the voting process continues, duly recorded.)

AL BERG

Okay, has everybody gotten a ballot? Have we missed anybody who is picking them up now? As you were.

Okay, the ballots have been tallied, and your new President is **SHANNON BELL**.

Okay, moving onto Vice President, the Nominating Committee brings forth the names of Robin Douville and Wilf Liefke. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Hearing none, we will distribute the ballots – oh, just a minute, we'd better have them come up and talk, so Robin first. I thought maybe you'd just want to listen to me.

ROBIN DOUVILLE

Thanks, Al. I was going to say good morning, but I guess it's good afternoon. Thank you all for taking the time and effort to attend our 2010 AGM. I hope it has been a worthwhile experience and I hope you take back something besides good stories about the election.

My name is Robin Douville, and I would like to be your next Vice President. Just a bit about my hockey history, I started out in Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association in the East Kootenays, where I



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volunteered as Referee, Coach, and eventually served as Association President. I then served as District President for the East Kootenay for four years and moved on to become East Kootenay District Director for BC Hockey for four years.

For the past two years I've been fortunate enough to serve as an Officer at Large for BC Hockey. In fact, two years ago I was invited and encouraged to run for the Officer position by the then President, Past President and Vice President. During my two years as Officer, I have served as Chair of the High Performance Committee and Chair of the Coach Committee. In both of these roles I've had the privilege of meeting and working with some great hockey people in our branch. These volunteers and staff who run our programs in every corner of the province are working hard still to provide opportunities for all your players and coaches. I've learned a lot from these people over the last two years and I have the utmost respect for them. They are a very dedicated group, and like me, they are in love with the game of hockey.

As an Officer, I also sat on the Finance Committee, making recommendations and approvals of our budget. I have a good deal of experience in dealing with budgets and finance in my position, my day job, as an Operations Manager for the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

The last two years has been a huge learning experience for me and I would say that it has been invaluable in preparing me for the position of Vice President. I truly believe that throughout my years of volunteering for BC Hockey I have built a great deal of trust and respect with virtually everyone I have worked with. This respect is essential, I believe, to serve effectively as an officer in our branch.

If you believe I have done a good job thus far, then please support my bid for election as your Vice President. And in closing, I must say a few words of thanks. First and foremost, I'd like to thank my wife, who could not be here this weekend as she is volunteering at a grand opening of the new aquatic centre in Creston. Next, I'd like to thank all of you in this room and all of the many volunteers that, like you, that make hockey happen in your communities. I would also like to thank all of my fellow executive members for your countless hours, providing leadership in your Districts and support in the Branch. And finally, a special thanks to our hard working office staff, they have all been a delight to work with. It has truly been a rewarding experience so far, and I hope to continue serving the BC Hockey membership as your Vice President. Thank you.



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AL BERG

Wilf Liefke.

WILF LIEFKE

I, too, will not lower myself to respond to the disparaging remarks made to me earlier by our now Past President.

Good afternoon. Some of you already know me. There's probably some of you out there that wish you didn't know me. For those of you that don't know me, my name is Wilf Liefke, and I've been a BC Hockey District Director in OMAHA for the past six seasons.

A brief overview of my involvement in hockey includes time spent as a Coach, On ice Official, Hockey Canada Officiating Program Course Conductor, Master Course Conductor, BC Hockey Referee Committee member, and a couple of weeks ago I was bestowed the honour of Life Membership in Okanagan Mainland.

While serving as a District President and BC Hockey District Director, I've been fortunate to serve on several BC Hockey ad hoc committees. As well, I served as the assistant to the Chair of High Performance Program and to the Chair of the Major Midget League, all of which have given me invaluable insight into the committee process and the BC Hockey programming.

As a BC Hockey Executive member, I've been an active participant in this committee's discussion and have taken a keen interest in the budgetary review process.

OMAHA is comprised of 22 member Minor Hockey Associations, with two of the largest associations in the Branch, as well as some of the smallest associations. The ice shortages and the wait lists in the large urban associations, contrasted by the geographical isolation and declining registrations in the small associations have helped me to understand some of the challenges and issues in other districts. OMAHA is also home to two major Midget league teams, a Female AAA team, an intercollegiate team, a Female Senior team, two Hockey Canada Sports schools, eight Kootenay International Junior Hockey League Junior B team, four BC Hockey Junior A teams, and two Western Hockey League Major Junior teams. I've said it many times before, I believe OMAHA to be a microcosm of BC Hockey, and as such, has pride perspective in understanding the challenges faced throughout this Branch at many different levels.



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As a hockey administrator, I've strived to ensure that the members rights and the memberships wishes were first and foremost in any decision-making process, regardless of the issue, the district, or the league involved. I believe my hockey administrator internship has provided me with the necessary experience and skills to effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Vice President of BC Hockey.

In closing, I'd like to thank you for your efforts as advocates in hockey in this province and for your consideration on my behalf. Thank you, once again.

AL BERG

Okay, distribution of the ballots. Hold your cards up high so they all can be seen.

(NOTE: Ballots are distributed, collected, and the voting process continues, duly recorded.)

The ballots have been counted, and congratulations to **WILF LIEFKE**, the new Vice President.

Okay, moving onto the Officers, the Nominating Committee is bring forth the names of Dave Biggar, Randy Henderson, Jim Humphrey, Joe McDonald, and Neil McNabb, and we'll start with any further nominations from the floor. See how quick I recovered. Any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Seeing none, we'll now ask Dave Biggar to come up and do his speech.

DAVE BIGGAR

Nothing like being the leadoff hitter here. I don't have a long speech prepared, in deference to all you folks who have been sitting here for a long time, I'll make it short and sweet. My name is Dave Biggar. I'm from the West Kootenay District, and for the past nine years I have been District Director for the West Kootenays, and a member of the Executive Committee.

I believe that I have the time and I have the energy, and most importantly, I believe I have the experience to take the next step, and I would ask for your support here today. If I'm not successful here today this will mark the end of my tenure with BC Hockey, and I'd just like to say it's been indeed an honour and a pleasure to have served for the past nine years. I'm here for one reason, and that's our kids. Thank you.



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AL BERG

The second speaker will be Randy Henderson, a familiar old face.

RANDY HENDERSON

Thank you, Al. Life Members, honoured guests, Executive Members and membership delegates, it is with great enthusiasm and an unwavering commitment to serving you that I'm asking for your support for another term as BC Hockey Officer at Large. I'm confident that over the past years as an officer, I've demonstrated that I've possessed the qualities and skills necessary to be an effective officer in the Branch.

BC Hockey has many things to be proud of and celebrate. The one item which I find critical to celebrate is the dedication that you, the nuts and bolts of the delivery of superb hockey programs in the province, the job that you do on a daily basis is great.

Although we have plenty to celebrate, we have some issues to address. A couple of these items surfaced last night and I will address them before I close.

Your officers have critical roles in making the Branch a successful branch and in achieving our objectives. The Officers Chair ad hoc and program committees, they represent you at Hockey Canada tables, assist and develop your constitution bylaws and policies and their enforcement. They are tasked with developing and approving your budget, and finally, they are key members in securing the trust and respect of the membership and creating a Branch we all want to be part of.

As a past Chair of ad hoc committees, like the Female Development Model and Hockey in our Schools committees, I believe I have demonstrated how the Chair must ensure the best and well researched ideas get included into the final product. This is a task which demands the Chair have well refined communication and interpersonal skills to work with these groups.

I've also been honoured to Chair most of our program committees and I am confident I have left them in a bit better state than when I was assigned to them. These committees are loaded with strong personalities and members, and being able to channel that incredible enthusiasm and passion for the game is a very exciting but at yet times a challenging job. Continuing the positive – or capturing the positive and weeding out the non productive is a key role for your Chairs.



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I am very proud to have represented BC Hockey at the Hockey Canada meetings, Hockey Canada councils, hear the voice of the Branches, primarily through your Chairs and the President and Vice President. Representing B.C. at the Female Development Council, Hockey Development Council, and Safety and Risk Management tables has made me know in no uncertain terms how many of the best of our programs are among the best in the country, if not the best.

An offshoot of the committee work is bringing to this meeting recommendations for the bylaws, constitutions, and policies. These resolutions come to you through necessity and program changes, or initiatives from Hockey Canada, and how those impact on our service delivery, such as in coaching, or officiating, safety and risk management. The final two items I want to touch on are budget and securing your trust. I find those to be absolutely paramount in my mind. I know the Executive members already elected are dedicate to financial management of the Branch, and I pledge this to you myself. On the issue of trust and respect, trust and respect are earned and it saddens me greatly to hear memberships lack of confidence in the Executive at times. The example from last night, the members did not feel or believe there was sufficient time to run elections before noon tomorrow, points to this lack of trust. Again, I commit to earning more of your trust and respect in the future.

Finally, I pledge my continued dedication to the Branch, Coaches, Officials, parents, you, the Associations, and our players. I know we are all working really hard, and believe we must keep looking at working a little bit smarter. Thank you all very much.

AL BERG

Thanks, Randy. And the next in line is Jim Humphrey.

JIM HUMPHREY

These bright lights. Anyway, good afternoon. My name is Jim Humphrey and I stand before you today to request your support in allowing me to continue serving you, the member of BC Hockey by re-electing me as an Officer at Large.

You have several individuals vying for your support today, five for three positions of Officer at Large. Four of them, I can call my friends, one I'm not too sure of, but that's myself. All of them – all of us, I believe will serve you well, but you're left with some tough choices, who will serve you the best. I believe that with my experience, my enthusiasm, makes me someone that you can trust and that someone that can help move the Branch forward.



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Who is Jim Humphrey? For those that know me, I would hope that they would say that he is an individual that you can depend on, someone who puts the volunteers and the players in our game first. Some may also say that he's a person that listens, and not afraid to admit that he is wrong, or changes his mind when broached with a better idea than his own. I would also hope that those who know me would say that I have the passion for the game like no other, that hockey is what keeps him going. There will also be those that perhaps disagree with these statements, but the one thing that I believe that no one can disagree in is that I can be trusted to do the job.

I quote from the great Willy Mays. "It's hard to be good from time to time in sports", or "it isn't hard", sorry, "to be good from time to time in sports, what's tough is being good every day. We can find fault in anyone." I'm still sitting back here from the first one, but life is full of challenges. What is important is that we learn from these and strive to do better the next time.

I believe I bring to the table the experience and leadership to move BC Hockey forward into the future. Providing leadership is something that I do not take lightly. A good leader inspires others with confidence. A great leader inspires them with confidence in themselves.

I served my country for nearly 30 years, retiring from the Canadian Navy in 2000 to pursue my family's dream of developing and owning a campground/cabin resort. Due to my leadership skills in the business community within the Cowichan Lake area, I was elected this past six years as the President of the Cowichan Lake District Chamber of Commerce. I've also been a board member of the B.C. Lodging and Campgrounds Association for the past eight years, holding the position of Treasurer for four, and the past year as their President.

To be able to lead I feel that one must be prepared to do, and in many cases have done. Experience is ever so important. I believe the experience needed to serve you, hockey, has been in my life for nearly 50 years. I say that, 'cause I'm only 49.

I enjoyed playing the game in my youth and into my adult years. I have been a game official, and much lighter back then, a referee, pretty much in all other positions within our game. I have been a coach for more than 25 years, and perhaps my most successful accomplishment in my coaching capacity is that in 1995 when as the Head Coach of then the Sooke Thunderbirds Senior Female AA team, we won the Western Shield that was hosted just up the road in Fort St. John.



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Within a Minor Hockey Association I have assumed the role as Ice Allocator, Head Coach, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Vice President, and President. Within a District I have been Vice President and District President. I have held the position as the South Vancouver Island Minor Hockey Association District President for six years. When the North Vancouver Island Minor Hockey Association and the South Vancouver Island Minor Hockey Association amalgamated four years ago into what is now Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association, I was fortunate to be elected to be their first District President of that new Association, and held that position up until two years ago when, in Penticton, the membership first elected me as an Officer at Large.

Within BC Hockey I have held a position of District Director for nine years, and an Officer at Large for two years. As a District Director I gained the skill sets or – yeah, gained the skill sets to know and understand the many rules and regulations that govern our game, as well as the experience in the operation of BC Hockey. As an Officer at Large, I have gained even more experience. I have had the privilege to Chair the Female Hockey Development for the past two years. I have represented BC Hockey at a national level sitting on the Hockey Canada Female Council. I have Chaired the Major Midget League and the Female Midget League. I have been the Vice Chair of the Minor Committee. When I was first elected, the FML had no operational policy. My first challenge was to establish a policy and have it approved by the Executive Committee. In 2008, the Female Midget League grew from four teams to seven teams, which added more challenges. I believe I met these challenges and worked with the teams in the league, established what has become in my view a flagship for female hockey within BC Hockey.

As an Officer at Large I have gained the experience as being a member of the Finance Committee, as well as Chairing various other committees over the past two years. I have readily made myself available to the membership and tried to be there for them when called upon. I enjoy assisting others and their success brings me the satisfaction and inspiration to continue serving you, the membership, in this great game.

Another quote here from Martin Luther King, “The ultimate measure of man is not where he stands in the moments of comfort, but where he stands at the times of challenge and controversy. Like some of my predecessors have said before me, the Branch, we have challenges, we have successes, we have a lot to do, but we also have done a lot. We aren’t able to do anything without you, the volunteers



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within this room, and those that are behind in your Associations and in your communities, again, that do one thing, and that's to put the game for the kids.

I stand before you today seeking your trust and your vote to allow me to be re-elected, to continue to serve the membership as an Officer at Large. I believe I have the experience and I certainly have the desire to serve you. My name is Jim Humphrey and I respectfully request your support. Thank you.

AL BERG

Next would be Joe McDonald.

JOE McDONALD

Thank you, Al. Welcome to everyone that's here today. President, Executive Committee, and BC Hockey members, Life Members, and guests, my name is Joe McDonald. Today I'm seeking the position of Officer at Large with BC Hockey.

I'd like to start giving you a brief history of myself. I played Minor Rec hockey as a youth, up until and including Midgets. When my children became of age to start playing Minor hockey themselves, I got back into hockey with him starting as a Minor Hockey Coach, coaching both my son and my daughter. I coached both recreational and competitive levels. During this time I also volunteered for positions within local MHA Executive Board. I was an Ice Scheduler, a Referee, a Rep Hockey Coordinator, just to name a few.

During this time I became active in assisting three small MHA's to amalgamate into one larger MHA, of which I became the first inaugural MHA President.

After several years I moved up the ladder to the District level to take a Vice President position with the North Island District. After a year there I once again became part of a group to amalgamate the two Island Districts into one, now known as the AHA. With this freshly under our belts, I took up one of the Vice President positions for this newly amalgamated District.

During my tenure as VP for the District a different opportunity presented itself at the BC Hockey level, that being District Director. I applied for the position. I was supported by the District, which led to my appointment as District Director for Vancouver Island. For the past four years I've held this position with BC Hockey and sat on the Executive Committee.



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I hope I have served the membership well, not on the Island but throughout the whole province. So why am I running for an Officer at Large today? I'm interested in continuing volunteering in BC Hockey at a higher level, at a higher capacity. My passion to serve you, the membership, is as strong today as it was when I came aboard four years ago. I feel that over the past four years I have learned a lot about BC Hockey. I've had the opportunity to sit on the Governance Committee and also on the Credentials Committee and Nominations Committee. These learning's, I believe, have helped to teach me, shape me, and prepare me to take on this new challenge. I am excited about the prospect of becoming an Officer at Large and I look forward to the challenge of serving you, the membership, and I ask you for your support, and thank you in this endeavour. Thank you.

AL BERG

And Neil McNabb.

NEIL McNABB

Hello, I'm Neil McNabb, and I'll tell you a little bit about myself, is – actually, I'm a little surprised to be up here, 'cause 18 years ago when I first started coming to these AGM's, is I didn't have a lot of understanding of this organization. Over the last 18 years, I've learned a little bit.

I started my Minor Hockey in Saskatchewan playing on the outdoor rinks, so I'm one of the few guys that could actually say he played on those outdoor rinks, you know, the ones with the boards out in the fields, that's where I started my hockey.

A little bit later I discovered I was a goalie, and that sort of ended my hockey career, 'cause I had more enthusiasm than I actually had ability. So I sort of stayed dormant with that, well, as dormant as you can be when your father is a referee, and referees for 30 or 40 years and is heavily involved with Senior Hockey, so I've been in it since I've been that big.

I then got involved with hockey again right here in Prince George when my son was younger, and this is where he started hockey, so this is like coming home for me back to Prince George. Didn't do an awful lot with the Association at that time, I was mostly a gate opener.

I then moved down to Cloverdale in the early '90's, and I guess I've done just about every job in Cloverdale Minor Hockey at one time for another. I guess the only thing I hadn't done is I never did



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become that referee, but every other job I've done in that Association, and I'm currently a Life Member of Cloverdale Minor.

After working with Cloverdale for about 10 years, I then moved on to Pacific Coast, and started as a Managing Director and worked my way through the Chairs and did all the committees and ended up – and was President for two years. While I was President of Pacific Coast, I guess some of the major things that we got involved with was to reorganize the Rep hockey from the A and B, into the flights and tiers, I helped with that, part of that committee that did that, which eventually BC Hockey, a number of years later, basically copied a very similar thing, so that's actually worked out well.

The other thing that I got involved was with the District Presidents and got a chance to meet a lot of you when I was a District President, and I got a chance to understand how the rest of the province works, especially since I'm a small town kid myself, even though I'm living in a bigger city now, it gives me a little bit better understanding.

I also was a member of the Ice Allocation Committee for the City of Surrey for six years, so I got an understanding of how users use ice and how it's given around. Okay, part of the organizing committee for the Surrey Summit on Sports, and all those different pieces for that.

I've been a District Director and an enthusiastic volunteer. I know that we've got lots of elections possibly today, so I'm not going to say an awful lot, but I would ask for your support, 'cause I'm going to be an enthusiastic volunteer. I believe I've definitely got the experience to be an officer, and would like to demonstrate that to you this year. Once again, Neil McNabb, and I ask for your support.

AL BERG

Okay, two things. First of all, you're voting for one officer at this time, so you'll have five names for one position, so you put down one name, okay, all clear?

Secondly, Nanaimo Minor Hockey, would you like to have your voting cards back? Hard to vote without them! Okay, so hold up your cards high.

(NOTE: Ballots are distributed, collected, and the voting process continues, duly recorded.)

Okay, okay. So the first person that's elected as an Officer is **NEIL McNABB**.



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So your next four people that you're going to pick a name from is Biggar, Henderson, Humphrey and McDonald. And so again, you're voting for one person out of the four. Now can we get you – people, that if you're in and out, if you stay inside and sit down so that they can get a hold of you, get all the votes that you deserve, instead of in and out of the door and around, they can't find you and they're not going to chase you. Maybe we can pick it up that. So we're just about over the hump, people, we've got one more here and then the rest of them are pretty well straightforward. I hope you're having fun.

(NOTE: Ballots are distributed, collected, and the voting process continues, duly recorded.)

AL BERG

Okay, the second Officer at Large that's elected is **RANDY HENDERSON**.

So your three last choices – Dave Biggar, Jim Humphrey, Joe McDonald, one name out of those three that I've just named.

(NOTE: Ballots are distributed, collected, and the voting process continues, duly recorded.)

AL BERG

And the last Officer elected is **JOE McDONALD**.

Okay, moving on, Junior A Divisional Director, the Nominating Committee puts forth the name of John Grisdale, and are there any nominations from the floor? For the second time, any nominations from the floor? For the third time, any nominations from the floor.

I declare, **JOHN GRISDALE**, the Junior A Director.

Junior B Division Director, the Nominating Committee puts forth the name of Brian Harrison. Any nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? For the third time, any nominations from the floor?

Hearing none, we declare, **BRIAN HARRISON**, Junior B Director.

Male Senior/Recreational Senior Divisional Director, the Nomination Committee brings forth the name of Mike Fraser and Mike Whelan. Any nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the



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floor? For the third time, any nominations from the floor? Hearing none, we'll ask Mike Fraser to come forth.

MIKE FRASER

Oh boy, I've got a loud voice. My name is Mike Fraser. Anybody that was at the luncheon today, Al made the speech for me, thank you. It pretty well covers what I'm about.

I have been involved in Minor Hockey, and hockey in general for over 47 years. My – I'm seeking the position as Senior Male Director. As far as the Minor program has gone, I've done it all. That's why I've kind of – I wanted to try something different. It's not different in a way that – I have been involved in Senior Hockey. I've been on two Coy Cup championships. I played Senior Hockey for 18 years. I've worked with Bob James many years at many provincial tournaments. I applaud Bob James for the work he's done and he's done a tremendous job in Senior Hockey.

My hope is to continue in Bob James place in the Senior program by making it a better program as far as Senior Hockey goes. Senior Hockey has kind of dropped back a bit over the last few years and our goal, of course, is to bring Senior Hockey back into the picture.

The last month or two, I've been working with others on the Vancouver Island and we're forming a league what is the West Coast Senior Hockey League. So far we have three teams committed. Hopefully, we will get one or two more and then that will make that area viable for Senior Hockey. My wish is to get more Senior Hockey involved in different communities, such as Trail, from the Pass, the Okanagan. Senior is entertaining and exciting hockey. It's something that ex-Juniors who no longer have a place to play would get the opportunity to join into a Senior Hockey team, whether it be Senior C, Intermediate Coy Cup type levels, or AAA Senior Hockey, which is Allan Cup, and that is the most exciting hockey you'll ever want to see outside of professional hockey.

The Allan Cup this year in Fort St. John was just tremendous. We had a good time there. I was able to go to the Fort St. John as the BC Hockey Rep, along with Al Berg, who has been kind of my right-hand man and helped me out in that respect, and I really appreciate it.

I love Senior Hockey. I'm enthusiastic. There is a challenge there to be had. I'm up for the challenge and I'm very enthusiastic, and I look forward to doing it in the future. Thank you.



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AL BERG

And Mike Whelan; I don't believe Mike was here. If I remember correctly, I think he told me he wouldn't be able to attend, so we'll distribute the ballots again. For the last time we get to vote, so enjoy it because it is just about the end of your fun. You have to put a last name down on this one.

(NOTE: Ballots are distributed, collected, and the voting process continues, duly recorded.)

AL BERG

Okay, so the new Senior/Recreational Director is **MIKE FRASER**.

Okay, Female Senior/Recreational Divisional Director, the Nominating Committee puts forward the name of Rick Kupchuk. Any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Hearing none, I declare, **RICK KUPCHUK**, the Female Senior/Recreational Director.

Lower Mainland District Directors, there's three positions, and the Nominating Committee puts forth the names of **BONNIE CAMERON, LOCHIE BELL, AND RICHARD ALDER**. Any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? Third time, any further nominations from the floor? Hearing none, we declare those three as the Lower Mainland Divisional Directors.

North Central District Director, the Nominating Committee puts forth the name of Cathy Mason. Any nominations from the floor? For the second time, any nominations from the floor? For the third time, any nominations from the floor? Hearing none, we declare, **CATHY MASON**, as the North Central District Director.

Northeast/Yukon District Director, the Nomination Committee puts forth the name of Trudy Alexander. Any nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor? For the third time, any further nominations from the floor? Hearing none, we declare, **TRUDY ALEXANDER**, the Northeast/Yukon District Director.

Northwest District Director, the Nominating Committee puts forth the name of Darryl Lerum. Any nominations from the floor? For the second time, any nominations from the floor? Third and final time, any nominations from the floor? We declare, **DARRYL LERUM**, the Northwest District Director.



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Okanagan Mainline, we have two positions, and the Nominating Committee puts forth the name of Jason Perris. Any nominations from the floor?

LARRY JEEVES

Larry Jeeves from Okanagan Mainline. I'm pleased to nominate Andrew Jakubeit.

AL BERG

Okay, do we have a seconder?

BILL GREENE

Bill Greene.

AL BERG

Bill Greene. Andrew, are you fine?

ANDREW JAKUBEIT Yeah.

AL BERG

Okay, any further nominations from the floor? For the third time, any further nominations from the floor? Hearing none, I declare, **ANDREW JAKUBEIT AND JASON PERRIS**, as District Directors for the Okanagan.

Vancouver Island District Director, Deborah Turney. Any nominations from the floor? Second time, any nominations from the floor? For the third time, any nominations from the floor? Hearing none, we declare, **DEBORAH TURNEY**, Vancouver Island District Director.

East Kootenay District Director, the Nominating Committee puts forth the name of John Gillen. Any nominations from the floor? Second, any nominations from the floor? For the time, any nominations from the floor? Hearing none, we declare, **JOHN GILLEN**, as the District Director for the East Kootenay.

West Kootenay District Director, we put forth the name of June McKenzie. Any further nominations from the floor? For the second time, any nominations from the floor? For the third time, any nominations from the floor? What, do you guys want to get out of here or something? Hearing none, we declare, **JUNE MCKENZIE**, the District Director for the West Kootenay.



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That concludes the election. We now ask for a motion to destroy the ballots.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE

(Note: Inaudible – did not come to a microphone.)

AL BERG

Secunder, Bob – all in favour? Okay, that's passed.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE

(Note: Inaudible – did not come to microphone.)

<p>MOTION - TO DESTROY BALLOTS MOVED BY – UNIDENTIFIED SECONDED BY – UNIDENTIFIED MOTION CARRIED</p>
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AL BERG

Okay, so that brings this portion of the AGM to a close. We'll enjoy our banquet here, and awards banquet and stuff starting, I believe the happy hour is at 6:00. See, so you got lots of time, and dinner is at 7:00, so thank you.

***** MEETING ADJOURNED – 5:30 P.M. *****



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**BC AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010
PRINCE GEORGE CIVIC CENTRE
PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.**

PLENARY #3

CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT RICK BOEKESTYN – 9:00 A.M.

If you would just take your seats, we'll get going here. I know a lot of people have some flights to catch later on.

So I hope everybody enjoyed the banquet last night, I know I certainly did. I'll call the 3rd Plenary to open here. We'll have to go through the motions, and I'd like to call Al Berg to the front to start with the motions; well, he's going to do it from his table.

RESOLUTIONS - AL BERG

Okay, hopefully it will be a shorter process than what we had yesterday afternoon. Starting with the **Resolution 2010-01**, basically, a housekeeping resolution changing the name of the Omineca and the Skeena Valley to North West District Minor Hockey Association. I'll move then, and can I have someone as seconder?

DAVE BUCK

I can do that.

AL BERG

Dave Buck, so we'll be the mover and seconder on all of them to help expedite the movement. So it is moved and seconded, any questions? All in favour? Opposed? Carried

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-01

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED



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AL BERG

Can everybody turn off your Blackberries, please, as again we're having feedback through the system, and speak loudly and clearly if you want to have any discussion so the Recording Secretary can hear it.

So **2010-02**, this is in relation to **2010-03**, which we should probably pass first and then we'll come back to this one. So **2010-03** is adjusting the word "**dues**" to "**assessment**". So we've moved and seconded, any discussion? Seeing none, all in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-03

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

Now going back to **2010-02**, any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-02

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-04 - Any discussion? Approved? Oh, okay, all in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-4

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-05 - It's amending the assessment – oh, it's changing the word again to "**assessment**". Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.



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MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-05
MOVED BY AL BERG
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-06 - Increasing the fee from \$11.00 to \$11.25. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-06
MOVED BY AL BERG
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-07 - It's adjusting some wording to reflect the bylaw that sets the membership and removing the word, "**carding**". Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-07
MOVED BY AL BERG
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-08 – Oh, it's the final step in the dissolution of the Mutual Aid Reserve Fund. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-08
MOVED BY AL BERG
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-09 – This is a housekeeping. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.



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MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-09

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-10 – It's adding the word, "**Policies**". Any discussion?

DAVE BUCK (PACIFIC COAST)

Our feeling is that if the policies are important enough, or the subject of the policies are important enough, that it should be part of the Regulations, then be voted on by the membership here.

AL BERG

Can you tell me that again, Dave, I didn't catch what you were saying? Is that mike on?

DAVE BUCK

We're opposed to this motion. Our feeling here is if the changes that are required in the policy are important enough, they should be voted on by the membership.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Maybe just to clarify here, this is only – the change here is only to allow the President to have the power to suspend someone if a policy is broken. This was recommended by legal counsel in situations that had arisen where we went to appeal after a policy had been broken and the claim was made that the President didn't have the power to suspend if somebody didn't follow a policy. It's a pretty standard wording that they felt should have been in there and more of a housekeeping. It doesn't have anything to do with resolutions or changes to policy, or implementation of policy. It's simply the ability to suspend if a policy is not followed.

DAVE BUCK

I accept that.

AL BERG

Okay. Any other discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.



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MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-10

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-11 – The change is reducing the amount of time the Executive Committee has to report an exemption made under 920. Yes.

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

Just a point of information, which isn't really germane to this amendment – motion, but it seems to me that it would be contrary to the Society's Act for the Executive Committee to have the power to grant exemptions to the constitution. My understanding is that granting exemptions to the bylaws and regulations can be done in accordance with the Society's Act, but my understanding is that there is no provision in the Society's Act which would allow exemptions to the constitution to be made by the Executive.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Unfortunately, our legal counsel is no longer here. We can certainly gain that clarification. This is an old bylaw that was put in probably nine, 10 years ago. At that time I believe that was checked with legal counsel for the wording, but we can certainly check that, and obviously, I would think it would be a housekeeping item if we were contravening the Society's Act, that we would have remove the wording constitution.

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

Yeah, I'm not speaking against the resolution because....

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Understood.



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CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

Yeah. What would happen is that if the Executive granted a – an exemption to the constitution and that was contrary to the Society's Act, the exemption granted by the Executive would fail anyway, but I do think it would be appropriate to check with legal counsel and see if this should be amended in future.

CINDY SECORD (PACIFIC COAST)

We put this resolution in and are looking for support on this resolution. We feel that if something comes up that's important enough to be overturned, that the membership should be informed of it in a very timely manner.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Just of note, the Resolutions Committee passed this and the Executive is in support of it. It's our current practice anyway, so we have no problem supporting the Resolution.

AL BERG

Any further discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

<p>MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-11 MOVED BY AL BERG SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK MOTION - CARRIED</p>
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AL BERG

2010-12 – Submitted by Pacific Coast, the Committee to be called – a meeting – or the meetings shall be called at least three times a year for the Governance Committee.

Oh, this was amended by the Resolutions Committee, “**Any meeting of the Governance Committee shall be at the pleasure of the Chairperson and shall be approved by the Society's President**”, which falls in line with all the rest of the Committees.

DAVE BUCK (PACIFIC COAST)

Again, we put in the fact that this – we should have a minimum of three times a year that we meet, 'cause of the important of this Committee. I realize that the current standard is that – it is the call of the



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Chairman, but we felt that this is a very important meeting and the Committee should meet at least three times a year.

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

I think that for clarification it should be made clear. My understanding of this is that this does not require that the people physically get together, that such a meeting could be held by teleconference, so it does not impose additional costs to the Association.

RICK BOEKESTYN

I guess that when we looked at it, our stance was that we don't have any other Committees that have standard times to meet. For instance, the Executive Committee basically in our book says it meets twice a year. So to have the Governance Committee meet more, officially more times than the Executive Committee, that's why we put in, like every other Committee, that it would be at the whim of the Chair with the approval of the President, so it keeps in line with what the rest of the book says about when Committees should meet.

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

A point of information, what is on the floor, the proposed amendment or the....

AL BERG

Yeah, the amendment right now.

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

So the amendment is on the floor.

AL BERG

Yeah. Any further discussion on the amendment? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – TO AMEND RESOLUION 2010-12

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED



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AL BERG

Okay. Any discussion on the amended motion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-12 (AS AMENDED)

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

Okay, **2010-13**, any discussion?

GORD SLEEVERT (SOOKE MINOR HOCKEY)

Just a point of clarification. The Post Secondary School Representative, is that accurate, Post Secondary, as in a university or college representative, or should it be a secondary school representative?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

That's accurate, it's post secondary.

GORD SLEEVERT (SOOKE MINOR HOCKEY)

Okay, and what's the rationale for that?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

It's school programming, so they're just trying to have representation from every level of education.

GORD SLEEVERT (SOOKE MINOR HOCKEY)

Is there – there's no representation from Secondary Schools, middle schools? There's no representation from, I guess what I can see is just Secondary Schools where the Sports Schools are actually located, or is that the Sports School Representative, is that – is that from the educational system?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

I believe the membership in the committee is representative of the levels that we have members, so we have members at Post Secondary, Hockey Canada Sports Schools, and the Hockey Canada Skills Academies.



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AL BERG

Any further discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-13

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-14 from Kamloops.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Al, I spoke with the Mover just previous to the session, I don't know if Jason is still here, but Jason, do you wish to withdraw this motion?

JASON PERRIS

Correct.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-14

MOTION – WITHDRAWN BY JASON PERRIS

AL BERG

Okay, **2010-15**, any discussion? All in favour? Opposed?

Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-15

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-16 – Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.



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MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-16

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-17, Mr. Greene.

BILL GREENE (NORTH OKANAGAN MINOR)

Just to let the membership know our feelings on this is, first of all, it's been supported by the Okanagan, and what we see is, it gives us an opportunity to field teams in many cases and an opportunity to plan properly by knowing that our three year average would only be impacted by the number of players that we would receive. Conversely, the other way, if we release players to play in another Association, that number would be reduced from our three year average, so it's just a thing to in an attempt to try to keep more kids playing.

AL BERG

Any further discussion?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Just a comment on the Resolutions Committee and the reason why the Executive defeated this resolution, it doesn't really speak to the concept of player movement, the reasoning for the defeating of it. It speaks to the concept of tiering, and we've had this discussion before at this meeting, with apologies to Mr. Greene, he and I have had this discussion before this meeting, but basically, you tier your teams based on your draw of players, and the only way to keep that system intact, unfortunately, is that – and I say, unfortunately, because anybody trying to address the issue of movement of players is somewhat handcuffed by the tiering regulation. But the regulations are set up that if you have a hundred players to draw from, you want to play against teams for the championships who draw from a hundred players. And if you take the best one or two, or the third and fourth best one or two out of an Association of 50, technically you're not just drawing two additional players, you're potentially drawing from 50 additional players. So getting the concept of player movement to jive with the tiering system is the challenge, and the Resolutions Committee felt that this resolution did not meet that challenge and actually changes the tiering system whereby teams could be incorrectly tiered, or placed in a tier that is not really representative of their potential draw zone from an Association who just draws players within



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their Association. So that was the rationale as to why the Resolutions Committee defeated this resolution.

BILL GREENE

Okay, thanks, Barry. I just wanted to add to that, that it still had to come under review from BC Hockey, as it's mentioned in "C" of 105, so the opportunity to look at that number and whether or not that's actually whether you're drawing from a whole group, or you're just getting a couple of players to make a team, there's a provision to look at that as well.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Just in reference to that, Bill, that was reviewed. That potentially is a huge job, though. I mean, you could potentially have every team or every Association in the Okanagan or anywhere else affected by this and then the Executive Committee would take on the job of determining the appropriate tier level for every team or Association.

BILL GREENE

Only the ones who are taking players, right?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Right, but potentially, every team could take players, right?

BILL GREENE

If they needed to, yeah. It really wasn't about winning or loading up teams, it was about allowing smaller Associations especially to be able to field the team.

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

The present rules allow relief for Associations in situations where they apply. The question is, what should the presumption be, and I think the rule has it right at the moment, the presumption should be that you have the larger draw zone and the obligation should be on the Association that wants an exception to go to the Executive and ask for the exception, rather than having it the other way around. It doesn't – this resolution doesn't really change anything, except the direction of the appeal, and I think the way we have it right now is far more equitable and reduces the amount of effort, as Barry said, that would be required by the Executive to enforce the rules.



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AL BERG

Any further discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Defeated

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-17

MOVED BY BILL GREENE

MOTION - DEFEATED

AL BERG

2010-18.

VANNA ACHTEM (PACIFIC COAST)

I think I'm awake now, sorry about that. Bonnie Acton, Pacific Coast, we would like to propose an amendment to this resolution. Under number (iii), we'd like change "submit" to "forward", and the word, "obtain" to "request".

AL BERG

Okay, anything else?

VANNA ACHTEM (PACIFIC COAST)

No. This just deals with residential qualifications, the determination, and we'd ask for your support.

AL BERG

We need a seconder for that amendment?

CINDY SECORD

Cindy Secord.

AL BERG

Secord, Cindy. Any further discussion on that?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Just a comment, again, from the discussions at the Resolutions Committee, and this deals with really an office process. This likely stemmed out of a situation or two this year which involved matters where the Branch really doesn't have a choice and doesn't make a determination. We follow the regulation and we



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go into the process with Hockey Canada on the appeal. So, in fact, in those cases we took the position that any District would take, and frankly, the regulations in these situations are such that it doesn't matter which direction a District would want to go on it, the regulation says that you can't do it, and the Branch position says that you can't do it. So there's not a lot of need for back and forth between the District and the Branch. Most importantly, however, because of those situations that happened this year, we changed our policy or our procedure and the change in procedure involves copying the District, and the request for a letter of support, which was in this amendment, is we can request the letter and if the District feels that that letter makes them more content that they've had their say, I understand that, but it's really not relevant to the situation. These are dealing with regulations that the Branch has no way to have an opinion other than what the regulation says. So, basically, we've changed our procedure. This is what we do, and the Resolutions Committee was not in favour of putting an office or paperwork type of procedure into the regulations because we didn't feel it was necessary as a regulation, so that's why the Resolutions Committee defeated it.

VANNA ACHTEM (PACIFIC COAST)

Now has this – have you made a policy of this, and is it available on your website? We just want to know what's going on with our player registration within our own area.

RICK BOEKESTYN

And that's a fair comment. And what we try to do is we try to have that communication, but what Barry says is, we are tied to what the regulations say. So, for instance, if a kid moves into an area and isn't eligible to play, and we say, "No", they appeal to Hockey Canada. They don't ask what the District's position is, they only ask what the Branch position is. So like even if you guys would have said – not you guys, but let's say a District said, "Well we don't care, it's okay that he can play there", we still – still our position is what the regulations say. Either the regulation says, "Yes, he can play", or, "No, he can't." If the answer is, "No", they appeal to Hockey Canada. We're members of Hockey Canada, they come back to us, so they want to know what our position is, and our position is what the regulation states. So we have, like Barry said, opened those lines of communication, but we don't necessarily need to know – like it's not – the decision won't affect what our position is going to be, 'cause it's going to be what the regulation states, yes or no.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

And, Bonnie, in answer to your question about the procedure, it is in our procedure for these appeals and we can share that with the District offices, and basically, our contention is, is that whether it's in our



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procedure or whether it's in our regulation, you really – I mean, if we mess up and we don't send you one, that's not our intent, but if we make a mistake, the regulation is not going to help anyway. It's not like you can come and ask us to be suspended. So putting it into the regulation is just seen as not necessary, but the procedure is exactly what you want, and we can share that with the Districts and work with all the Districts to make sure that they know exactly what's going on with these players, because we identified it as that.

VANNA ACHTEM (PACIFIC COAST)

All we're – okay, all we're asking for is transparency. Thank you.

AL BERG

Okay, any further discussion regarding the amendment?

RICK BOEKESTYN

So do you want to withdraw the motion then?

VANNA ACHTEM

No.

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

Just for a point of information. I quite understand, you're saying this isn't necessary. On the other hand, what it does do is get it into the books where everybody can see it, and I don't think there's any disagreement in what we're all seeking here, which is greater communication between the Branch and the Districts. What harm is done by putting it into the resolutions?

BARRY PETRACHENKO

I can speak to that, Chuck. I mean, that question is very open-ended, and the answer is the same. I mean, where do we stop? We have – when we do registration, this is one of probably a hundred processes that we have, I mean, and I'm not trying to belittle this. This is important, we understand the importance. We've communicated that to the Pacific Coast. We're committed to including the District on this process, one of a hundred. We're just worried that if you start putting registration processes between the Branch office and the District offices into our regulations, the book grows exponentially and there's really not a purpose, because now even if we wanted to change the process to add it, we'd have to wait till resolution, whereas, if it was just our procedure with the Districts we can have that open



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communication and the District can say, “Hey, we’d like you to do this too”, and we can do that. So I just see it as – it’s not frivolous, it’s an important issue but it’s not necessary as a regulation.

DAVE BUCK

Based on this conversation, Pacific Coast will withdraw this motion.

AL BERG

Okay, it’s withdrawn.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-18

MOTION – WITHDRAWN BY PACIFIC COAST

AL BERG

2010-19, Bill.

BILL GREENE (NORTH OKANAGAN MINOR)

I wonder if I could start off by making a friendly amendment to number (v), I’d like to strike out “**or**”, which was just before the (iii), or number three, and add “**or**”, and the number “**(iv)**” to that, in addition to making “**President**”, plural in number (v) as well.

AL BERG

Okay.



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BARRY PETRACHENKO

So just to clarify in case anybody's wondering on that, what the change will read is, it basically adds section (iv) to the list of sections (i)(ii) and (iii) that was already in there and at the end of the bolded sentence, Bill, that's where you want to make plural, "**Presidents**"?

BILL GREENE (NORTH OKANAGAN MINOR)

That's correct.

AL BERG

Okay.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

I think that can be considered a friendly amendment, I don't think we need we need a mover and a seconder on that, do we?

BILL GREENE (NORTH OKANAGAN MINOR)

Okay, thank you. Then I'd like to speak to the new motion, or the amended motion. North Okanagan, again, believes that in conjunction with our District, the player should have the ability to play at the highest level they're capable of playing, and we continually speak in this room about development, and I believe part of development is allowing players to move up and play at a higher level if they're capable of playing that and the Association is willing to receive them to play at a higher level. I think demographics of families are changing. Opportunities for players is what we need to do to keep more and more players in the game, and I would like to see the opportunity to do that. I recognize at some Districts it would be difficult, but there is a provision for Districts to not do that, and I'm hopeful that people will allow players the opportunity to play at the highest level they're capable of playing.

ANDREW JAKUBEIT (PENTICTON MINOR HOCKEY)

I'm sure most of us in the Okanagan will concur that certainly Bill Greene in North Okanagan has always been a few players short of a full roster, but he makes some valid points, and this is not the first kick at the cat for him. I'd like to maybe make an amendment and maybe that would help move the discussion along. So it would read: "**(D) Each district can chose whether or not adhere or adopt the set above regulations**", and I'll just give a brief rationale and then hopefully it gets seconded and then we can move on, but each District really should have the opportunity or the right to approve or disallow, something that they have to regulate, administer, or deal with the fallout problems or the success, and



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maybe that way one District could take this on as a pilot project and actually see if there's validity or merit behind it. Probably the best example of this is what we do with body checking at the recreational level, not every District allows that. So it puts the onus back on the District to decide whether or not this makes sense for them and not globally handcuff or globally deal with it with all the membership, so each District decides. So hopefully someone would second that amendment and we could move on. Thank you.

BRUCE JUDD

I'll second it.

AL BERG

Bruce Judd, seconder. Okay, so any further discussion on the amendment.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

No, Andrew's amended it to add a "D" now.

AL BERG

Oh, oh okay, sorry.

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Just a comment to that amendment. What you're basically suggesting there though, Andrew, is to take tiering, which is a Branch-wide determination for the purposes of championships really, and turn it into a District responsibility. I believe a District has the right to look at their boundaries of their Minor Hockey Associations and make recommendations on those boundaries within the current system, and this relates a bit to my comments on the earlier resolution. The District can do that, and frankly, the Okanagan in this case could have one boundary for all their Minor Hockey Associations and have their movement within it. I realize the challenge there, 'cause we've considered that with Bill when he was drafting these, is that you basically then have numbers to make you all tier one, so it doesn't work in the current system. And again, understanding the frustration and trying to increase movement and work within the tiering system, but I really don't see how the rationale of giving a District the right to determine their tiering is fair across the province from a championship standpoint, and so we get back to that same issue that overwhelms these discussions is, is that we have this tiering system that really doesn't work for the opening up of player movement.



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ANDREW JAKUBEIT

Again, Andrew Jakubeit. I think the purpose of this was just – this enables this proposal to actually have an opportunity to be test piloted. So if it was only – I understand what you're saying but there's also the flip side of that. If we allow the Districts to try it, then maybe there is one District who might try because everyone is so fearful of the impact it may have on a smaller Association, or this or that, and you referenced the tiering system, but again, it's kind of like the body checking thing, it puts the onus on the District. From my point of view, I'm thinking maybe this is an opportunity for this to be test piloted without all the membership getting their feathers ruffled and get all excited about something. If one District tries it and it has success, it doesn't have success, and then it can be discussed a little bit more thoroughly with a little bit of background or investigation for whether it's something that you want to pursue.

SUSAN ALLEN (OKANAGAIN MAINLINE)

I think for me, it's very important for me for development of kids. We have Associations within Okanagan Mainline that are on the brink of collapsing because we can't get kids registered there. We have two Associations in Okanagan that have registrations of under 40 kids in the entire Association. We just want an opportunity to try something new. Frankly, I could care less about championships. For me, it's about getting the kids to play hockey, and we need to try something different. I respect that every District within the Branch has its own unique challenges. We just want an opportunity to try and overcome some of ours.

CURTIS McLAREN (KIMBERLEY MINOR)

Just on regards to your test project, we've been testing this for seven years in East Kootenay right between Kimberley and Cranbrook. It doesn't work. We're losing our kids, and our top players are playing where they belong in a tier two, that's where they fit, but we're affecting the 10 or other kids that can't have a team now. So this only works if there's movement both ways, so I just wanted to put that out there for you.

AL BERG

Any further discussion on the amended motion – or the amendment?

TOM HOPKINS (EAST KOOTENAY)

Just the wording, "Each Association", then this is going to change this whole amendment, or this whole motion, won't it? So each District, I mean, like won't that be changing this whole thing to say each District; one does it and one doesn't do it? But I think that tiering situation is going to change every – like



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it will be hard to regulate the tiering then. I don't know, maybe I'm missing something but I think that it would be really hard to regulate the tiering throughout the whole province.

AL BERG

Any further discussion on the amendment?

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

Just one comment about tiering. Under the rule that we just passed a few minutes ago, if this happens, what effectively would be that the draw zone for the teams would increase because they would be drawing players from other Associations, therefore, their numbers would go up. Therefore, if anything, they would be tiered higher. In principle, that ought to solve the problem. The problem is that the Associations registering to get additional players, they're are probably already in tier one beforehand. So what we're really doing is where giving the opportunity to have an unlevelled playing field with respect, as Barry said, for the Provincials, because we're going to have some Associations, if we allow Districts to opt out, some Associations that just draw from their own area and some that are drawing from a much wider area playing against each other in the Provincial championships and that would seem to be on the face of it unfair.

BRAD PARK (CRANBROOK MINOR)

I don't know if this – this remedies the issues that these Associations are having or not, but I think some consideration has to be given further as to how to address these. Tier one Association, it's a no-brainer; how many kids do you get to try out to tier one team, a hundred plus? Tier two Associations maybe get 40 kids out to a tier two tryout. So there's a large gap in the discrepancy and the number of players, and in these smaller Associations that are adjacent to tier two Associations, the players at a tier four level that could be playing at tier two are restricted that ability when it forces a tier two Association on the threshold to take the whole Association numbers and put you to tier one. So I think that may be something that needs to be given some further consideration.

TRACY WILLIAMSON (LUMBY MINOR)

I understand the idea that this is reflective on what the tiering system will look like and this amendment is skewing us in two different directions, and we're speaking to both, we're speaking to the resolution and to the amendment at the same time, so I'm just going to do the same. We speak in favour of this motion and the amendment really, because it's about the idea of having a tier four Association and having those players given the right to try out at that tier one or tier two level. Right now, if we're talking about true



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merit of player development, this resolution and amendment would see that, so our Association speaks in favour.

AL BERG

Any further discussion? All in favour of the amendment?

Opposed? It's defeated.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-19 (AS AMENDED)

MOTION - DEFEATED

AL BERG

Okay, now onto the motion, Bill?

BILL GREENE

Back here again to try and convince people that we – I think I can use some examples that might help clarify it. My Association of 200 people offer programs to develop players like Power Skating, and Goal Tending Clinics, and Coach Mentorship, and different things. We can put a tremendous amount of money at something to try and help development players, and the idea is they'd have an opportunity to play at a higher level, and by doing that we would not only improve them from a tier three to play tier two or tier one, it will also improve players later on so they can move onto a higher level of Junior A or Junior B, or Major Midget, or what have you. I think what's important here is that it's about kids, it's about players, and players being able to play at a level they're competent and able to play should be our prime concern. And yesterday a comment was made by one of the members of the Executive that they want kids to all have the same opportunity afforded to them at the local, from local Associations, and I think that as a member of BC Hockey and a tier three Association you should have an opportunity to play tier one hockey. We all recognize it's a higher level, and going with that is better coaching and better opportunities, and if you're offered these programs for \$100,000 and you get to play tier three, what's the point of offering any programs at all, you get to play tier three anyways. So we're hoping that people can see that development, it's a reward for players who take development seriously and try and develop so that they get better, and an opportunity to show that they have developed and have improved.

AL BERG

Any further discussion?



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RICK BOEKESTYN

Bill, I just want to make a couple of comments. I feel your pain, Bill. I see you year after year come up here and it's getting so bad you're not even getting a haircut any more. So if the importance of this, exactly what you just said, if the importance of this whole initiative is about development, and our tiering system and what we have in place is based on – the only reason we tier teams is to run a championship at the end of the year. So if you're all about development, and I understand what you want to do, and Andrew gets up and talks about a pilot project, so would there be interest within your own District to come up with some sort of a pilot project in writing where you lay out what you want to do, you have total agreement within your District, those teams that are created are not eligible to play in the championship, can play in whatever league that you guys set up within OMAHA; I'm just suggesting things now, you bring that to our Executive and our Executive would look at that and discuss that, because I think the main thing here is we don't want teams coming from All Star teams, even if they're at tier one, going to our Provincial championships and competing at that level, if they were going to tournaments and whatever. I mean, obviously that has to be discussed and input from the other Districts.

BILL GREENE

I can't comment on what the District would do, but I can tell you that in the last three years we've declared no team in category of Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget to allow our top players to play tier one or tier two in Vernon, and in doing that we're able to move a half dozen players out to the tier one and tier two divisions, and we're also able to bring an additional number of players in that normally would play House League, and they're now playing tiered hockey. So for us, I think it's development all the way around, and again, I can't comment on whether the District would agree to that, and I would suggest that if it was took to them they'd have to make that decision themselves.

RICK BOEKESTYN

And I'm only suggesting that's where you'd have to start.

SHANNON BELL

Bill, I would – we all know that you come forward each year trying to look at some ways of allowing these kids from smaller Associations to have an opportunity to compete at a higher level. We're also aware that these kids in smaller Associations are getting developed in the smaller Associations. The scouts are out everywhere, they see them everywhere. The question I would put to you is, what happens to those kids who are the "bubble kids" in Associations, in tier one Associations who are bubble kids, and a player



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from another small Association comes in for development and takes that player's opportunity for his own development within his own Association?

BILL GREENE

I think that's something that Associations would have to decide before they accept them. You're talking about a player that has an opportunity to play tier one being bumped by a player coming from a tier three Association. The kid in the tier three Association right now doesn't have an opportunity play tier one, and that's what we'd like, to see that exist. We'd like these kids that come from lower tiered Associations the opportunity, and hopefully, by freeing up spots you'll allow more players to come into a lower and have an opportunity to play tiered hockey when they weren't able to play tiered hockey. So I think that it's – I understand that people would be worried about staking teams and that kind of stuff, but when you send your best players on to the next level you're not staking anything, and I think BC Hockey recognizes you have open – you have an open sort of arrangement for players at the Major Midget League, and I think you understand how that works, and it's doable, and I think that we would like to have the same opportunity to do that and allow these kids that opportunity to play a higher level.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE VOICE

Just further to Bill's and Curtis McLaren's comment, there's this perception that the players only ever move up. I think, in fact, we have a situation in Cranbrook and Kimberley where we have many more recreational level players playing a tier four level because we've been creative in the ability of players that move up from one smaller Association to a larger Association and allow players from that Association to move down, or move to the smaller Association and play to tier four. So Cranbrook takes all of Kimberley's numbers. We play one, two – or sorry, tiers two and three in Cranbrook. We have one Pee Wee tier four team in Kimberley, and cautiously optimistic that we'll have perhaps a Bantam and maybe even a Midget tier four team this year. So, again, I think it's lost in the shuffle here that there's this perception that you're just trying to cherry pick the best kids out of the small Associations, but in reality, if you're creative and you're thinking about this further development of hockey players you allow the recreational players to move the other direction. Again, they're moving up, which you're providing a place for them. So I – there's a gap here I think that needs to be fixed for these situations where you have tier two Associations as a central hub, and tier one to some extent with tier four and tier three Associations adjacent, and create a way for those kids to play both directions.



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BARRY PETRACHENKO

I think it's important to note too on those comments, which were very good, that the current system allows for that to happen and it is happening in Kimberley and Cranbrook. It's not perfect because it didn't – doesn't fit in all situations, but what you've effectively done is change the boundary of Kimberley and Cranbrook to one boundary, and that's allowable under the current regulations and under the current tiering system, and does not have a negative affect on the tiering system. So I would suggest that this is achievable. Bill and I have discussed it at length, and unfortunately, it's the hybrid between having a tiering system and a play-at-the-appropriate level system, it just doesn't work from a regulation standpoint. I have no problem with the concept, I think it's a great concept and I think you have to try to find a way within the current regulations to make it work.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE VOICE

I would agree with you, Barry, in that regard, except when you have a tier two Association that's at the threshold of going to tier one, you take that extra one player in and that moves your tier two Association to a tier one Association, that – that's the risk. You're taking away the opportunity of a player from a smaller community to play at levels that he's capable of, because it's going to affect the other Association drastically. That was my point earlier about a 40 team – or pardon me, a 40 – 40 player tryout for tier two, a 40 player tryout for a tier two team, because of one player from an adjacent Association that's tier four bumps you to a tier one, and that's where you get the kickback from the parents and our Association in Cranbrook saying, "No way, we're not taking this player from Invermere or from Fernie because it's going to put us to tier one." So that's where I'm hopeful we can come up with a method, or being creative to allow those players the opportunity to go from tier one – or sorry, from tier four to tier two.

CHUCK CAMPBELL (NEW WESTMINSTER)

Excuse me, with respect, I don't see how the present motion changes that. If they – if players move in to another Association, as it stands under the current rules, they're going to have to accept the numbers, and the Association will be moved up to tier one anyway. I don't see that this resolution deals with that at all.

ROB MAILHIOT (SALMON ARM MINOR HOCKEY)

What I'd like to talk about is the tiering system, you talk about this tiering system being equal. Okay, for instance, Vernon draws from 620 kids, tier one. Kelowna draws from over 1200 kids, tier one. Since when does 620 equal 1200, only when we're talking tiering. Like we're talking about two totally different



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– you know, we’re talking over 600 kids. What we’re talking about moving, is moving two or three kids from tier two to tier one, and you know, that – I can’t see why this can’t be done when you’re talking about someone like Kelowna has twice as many kids to draw from, and they’re both tier one Associations. How many other Associations are out there that draw from, you know, that have 2000 kids, and other ones have 300. You know, it’s not equal – or 600 to make tier one. So the tiering isn’t equal. When you talk about tiering numbers and it’s going to wreck the tiering system, they’re already so far messed up that, you know, that makes no sense, it just doesn’t. You’re talking 600 kids, 1200 kids, tier one.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE VOICE

Just to further it, I’m not in support of this resolution as it stands, but I’m encouraged because it provides us a venue to have discussion about this, because it is important to many, many Associations of BC Hockey. I’m a – I’m a proponent and a believer in the tiering system. I think – I think it’s working. I think there’s just, what, two or three, four years into it now. I think there’s – there’s a couple things, we have the opportunity to tweak to make it better.

BILL GREENE

If I could just make one final comment about it, I think what people have to realize is, is that in a situation like what we’ve done, where we’ve allowed – declared no team in category and allowed players to play at the highest level they can, that has reduced our numbers from I think around 224 to 168 players. That directly impacts funding, and as everybody is well aware of, our biggest commodity in this game is ice and if we are unable to continue to keep ice by offering programs for kids to take part in, once that ice is gone we’ll never get it back, and there are a bunch of recreational men’s and other groups that are anxiously awaiting to eat up Minor Hockey ice at twice the rate, and there’s a bunch of communities that are willing to give that ice to the higher payer, so I’m hopeful that we can do something about that.

AL BERG

Okay, any further discussion? Ready for the vote. All in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-19

MOTION - DEFEATED

AL BERG



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2010-20 – This is just putting in the book as to what happened last year and was changed under 920 to do with female players and movement of same. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-20

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-21 – Jason.

JASON PERRIS

I would like to withdraw this motion.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-21

MOTION – WITHDRAWN BY JASON PERRIS

AL BERG

Thank you. **2010-22**, any discussion?

MARLENE SANFERD (LOWER MAINLAND PACIFIC COAST)

This has been a problem in the Lower Mainland this season as of the December 1st deadline for certification for the coaches. What we found is happening with a few of the teams is that they're decarding the coach of the team and letting go of their – or I shouldn't say – sorry, what they're doing is letting go of their managers of the team, decarding the manager and putting their coach that doesn't have his certification in as of the manager's position. And what's happening is the coach in a manager position is therefore carrying on coaching the team. So we would like support on this movement. Also, I'd like in the rationale where it says, "**Decard the manager so that an assistant coach who has not received his coaching requirements**", the word, "**Assistant**", be taken out. Thank you.

AL BERG

Any further discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-22



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MOVED BY PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
SECONDED
MOTION - CARRIED

BARRY PETRACHENKO

Al, if I might. With that being carried, I didn't want to affect the discussion, but in the bolded part, the first line, can we change it to, "**The manager once carded may not**", as opposed to, "**Can not**", you're okay with that?

AL BERG

Okay. **2010-23** - changing the withdrawal date to participate in championships to **December 31st** from January 15th. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-23
MOVED BY AL BERG
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

2010-24 – To do with the tie breaking, and the changes are in bold. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-24
MOVED BY AL BERG
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

Okay, the next group of Resolutions from **25 through to 34** are all submitted by the Fort St. John Senior team. These were discussed in Senior meeting. They're in full support. The Resolutions Committee was in support of it. They have no impact on BC Hockey as far as financial. It all has to do with their operation of their playoffs and championships. So I would ask that we be able to deal with these in a block. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried. Thank you, that's how we move through the Resolutions.



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**MOTION – RESOLUTIONS 2010-25 TO 2010-34 ALL INCLUSIVE
MOVED BY FORT ST. JOHN SENIOR AAA FLYERS HOCKEY CLUB
SECONDED
CARRIED**

AL BERG

2010-35 – Just a housekeeping thing, changing the dates. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed?
Carried.

**MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-35
MOVED BY AL BERG
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION - CARRIED**

AL BERG

2010-36 – Just housekeeping as changing the Midget AAA scheduled as it is covered already within the Female AAA policy manual. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

**MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-36
MOVED BY AL BERG
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION - CARRIED**

AL BERG

2010-37 – Again, it is more housekeeping, just cleaning up some of the wording. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

**MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-37
MOVED BY AL BERG
SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK
MOTION - CARRIED**



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AL BERG

2010-38 – Oh, this has to do with hazing that was in our book and it's being amended to read the same as Hockey Canada's, which I guess we were directed to after a situation that we had last year. Any discussion? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – RESOLUTION 2010-38

MOVED BY AL BERG

SECONDED BY DAVE BUCK

MOTION - CARRIED

AL BERG

That's it for the Resolutions, thank you very much, and I'll turn this back over to Mr. Boekestyn.

RICK BOEKESTYN

Thanks, Al. Your patience in dealing with those and attention dealing with those motions is greatly appreciated. Those changes that you have just made will be reflected in the BC Hockey handbook, Constitution and Bylaws and will be circulated as quick as we can get it out for the next season. So I guess the next order of business would be to bring back the motion to approve the Budget, so I'd like a mover and a shaker for that, Campbell and Jakubeit. All those in favour of the budget? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION – TO APPROVE BUDGET

MOVED BY CHUCK CAMPBELL

SECONDED BY ANDREW JAKUBEIT

MOTION - CARRIED

RICK BOEKESTYN

Okay, thank you, I'll turn it back over to Al.



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AL BERG

Okay, this is where I normally would have been standing this morning, as compared to yesterday, so to bring the Nominating Committee's Report and the Elections to a close, I would ask that the existing Executive people please step down from the chairs. Okay, I'll bring your new Executive, as elected yesterday, I'll bring them back one at a time.

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WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT DIRECTOR

JUNE McKENZIE

So that will be your new Executive. Congratulations to everybody, for your 2010/2011 season.

Customary at this time in accordance to our Constitution that we award the outgoing President with a ring in appreciation of his commitment to the game and our organization, so I would ask that Rick Boekestyn please come forth and accept the ring on our behalf.



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So I guess that brings it to a close, this portion of the meeting, anyway. So we'll turn this over now to the new President, Shannon Bell.

SHANNON BELL

Thank you, everybody, for this weekend. I think we've got a great group of people as we move into next year; I'm very excited to be working with all of them, a long weekend. This brings the meeting to a close. Next year's AGM is, as you know, is in Penticton June 24th to 26th.

Is there any new business, any new business? Do I have a motion to adjourn the 91st BC Hockey Annual General Meeting?

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE

So moved.

SHANNON BELL

And I have a seconder? Mark Kenny. This meeting is adjourned. Have a great trip back, everybody.

<p>MOTION – TO ADJOURN 91ST BC HOCKEY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MOVED BY (UNIDENTIFIED VOICE) SECONDED BY MARK KENNY MOTION - CARRIED</p>

*** MEETING ADJOURNED 10:15 A.M. ***
