



REFEREE COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, June 1, 2014

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Attendance: Curtis Nichols (Chair), Dave Butler, Ryan Weyland, Craig DeCoursey, Marty Tingstad, Jared Greenberg, Mark Woytkiw, Cory McLean, David Shaw, Dean Ziegler, Tyler Olynyk, Ken Dentzien, Herman Costa, Kevin Adam, Mike Rebus, Colin Hackett, Arron Best, Derek Flad, Chris Rebus, Dave Coles, Cory Lundquist, Rikki Lee Gavin, Ross Wylie, Wayne Krausnick, Lance McKinnon, Chris Despot, CJ Senkow, Joe Becigneul, Cody Huseby, Chad Huseby, Craig Edhart, Dwayne Lundquist, Jody Ginther

Missing: Dion Pollard

Life Members: Wally Popik, John Jacobs, Ernie Boruk, Ron Panchyshyn, John Kobal, Dave Ganley, Duncan MacDougall

Staff: Allison Ramsay

1. Call to Order – Curtis Nichols

- Curtis Nichols called the meeting to order at 10:00am on Sunday, June 1, 2014 and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

- Curtis Nichols introduced those in attendance.

3. Moment of Silence

- A moment of silence was observed for those individuals who had passed away over the past season.

4. Introductions

4.1 Life Members

- Curtis Nichols recognized the Life Members who were in attendance: Wally Popik, John Jacobs, Ernie Boruk, Ron Panchyshyn, John Kobal, Dave Ganley, and Duncan MacDougall.

4.2 Branch Representatives

- Curtis Nichols introduced the Provincial Executive, Zone Chairmen, and Hockey Alberta staff who were at the head table.

4.3 Recognition of those Leaving and Joining Executive

- Curtis Nichols recognized the following that will be leaving their positions on the executive:
 - Wally Popik, Past Chair
 - Dion Pollard, North East Zone Chairman
- Curtis Nichols welcomed the following who would be joining the executive:
 - Mark Woytkiw, North East Zone Chairman
 - Cory McLean, South Zone Chairman.

5 Agenda Approval – Curtis Nichols

5.1 Additions/Deletions

- None stated



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5.2 Acceptance of agenda

Motion: Jody Ginther

Second: Cory McLean

To accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

6 Minutes of June 2, 2013 – Curtis Nichols

6.1 Errors or Omissions

- None stated

6.2 Acceptance of Minutes

Motion: Kevin Adam

Second: Dean Ziegler

To accept the minutes as presented.

CARRIED

6.3 Business Arising from Minutes

- None stated

7 Reports

7.1 Chairman – Curtis Nichols

- Curtis Nichols thanked all the volunteers that spend countless hours doing work for the program.
- Special mention was given to Chris Carlson who was selected to work the Olympics in Sochi.
- All officials who received high level international, national, and provincial assignments were congratulated.
- Communication was an area that was identified for improvement. Web sites are a great tool for communication and need to be utilized.
- Curtis Nichols thanked the executive and his family.

7.2 Past Provincial Chairman – Wally Popik

- Wally Popik thanked the members for all the work that they do and stressed that they are the reason the committee still exists. The committee maintains a healthy financial standing.
- The development of hockey officials as well as the development of leaders in the communities has been the priority.
- He is very grateful to have worked with a great group over the years and is thankful to have had the opportunity to meet with them. He expressed his appreciation for the camaraderie.

7.3 Treasurer/Registrar – Dave Butler

- This year's operating deficit was \$2,070 which was \$3,245 less than budgeted – most of this is a direct result of lack of spending on development.
- The 2014-15 Budget was presented at the Referee Committee Semi-Annual Meeting and then approved by the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors.



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- After the executive meeting yesterday, it was voted to increase the registration fee for every official by \$2 to cover unexpected expenses.
- The Audited Financial Statements ending April 30, 2014 were presented.

Motion: Colin Hackett

Second: Dean Ziegler

To accept the Audited Financial Statements ending April 30, 2014 as presented.

CARRIED

- Registrations were down by 275 officials this year.
- The North Central Zone had a large decrease by 18 percent.
- The turnover rate for officials not returning was 37 percent which is on par for the previous year. The 16-19 age category and female turnover rates were high.
- Dave Butler thanked the Referee Committee and Hockey Alberta staff.

7.4 Hockey Alberta Board of Directors Report

- Curtis Nichols updated that Hockey Alberta has gone through a structure change.
- All councils are now committees.
- There will no longer be a secondary level of Board meetings.
- Some of the way the other committees operate and function have changed dramatically but the way the Referee Committee operates will not change.

7.5 Zone Reports & Awards

a) Central – Craig DeCoursey

- Report circulated.
- Thanked the executive for their hard work and dedication over the past year.
- Very happy with the supervision program especially in the B Program which saw over 1,300 alone.
- Over 200 shadows were completed in the past year at the novice and atom level which helps to aid in the development of young officials.
- Thanked the North Central Zone for the opportunity to send officials to the Sutter Cup and Western Shield tournaments.
- Thanked the North Zone for the opportunity to send officials to the John Reid Memorial Tournament.
- The Mac's tournament was well officiated and he thanked the zones for officials sent for both the male and female side.
- The Central Zone would like to welcome Kyle Klages and Shaun Harris to their executive.
- The following Central Zone award winners were recognized:
 - Robert Edwards
 - Cory Brandt
 - Jeff Swalkat

b) South – Dave Shaw

- Report circulated.
- There was a large changeover of the South Zone Executive.
- Supervisions increased by over 40 percent. An online supervision tool was built and this had a direct impact on the increased numbers.



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- Thanked the supervision group for their work over the past year.
 - There were no match penalties reported within the zone.
 - Thanked Dave Ganley for organizing the Provincial Supervision Committee.
 - Dave Shaw attended Minor Council meeting for the past five years, but will no longer be due to the Hockey Alberta structural changes. As the changes unfold we will find out if we will be required to supply a representative for officials.
 - Dave Shaw also sat on Provincials Committee.
 - Dave Shaw announced he will be stepping down as the South Zone Chairman and welcomed Cory McLean who will be taking his place.
 - He thanked all the local members, provincial committee members, and his family.
 - The following South Zone award winner was recognized.
 - Daryl Shembashi
- c) North Central – Jared Greenberg
- Report circulated.
 - Saw a decrease in numbers.
 - Various presentations were held in an attempt for recruitment.
 - The annual Rebels game was well attended and one young official had the opportunity to skate in the warm-up.
 - There were six provincial tournaments within the zone.
 - Mini-zone camp was well run.
 - Officials from the North Central Zone received many branch assignments this season.
 - Matt Casidy will be one of the new zone directors and Dave Webster has retired.
 - The following North Central Zone award winner was recognized:
 - David Guy
- d) North East – Dion Pollard
- Report circulated.
 - Mark Woytkiw provided a few highlights in Dion Pollard's absence.
 - Thanked the other zones for the opportunity to send officials to the Mac's, Grande Prairie Jr. B Provincials, and Bantam AAA St. Albert tournaments.
 - Announced that Dwayne Lundquist who has served for over 25 years will be retiring and thanked him for his commitment to the program.
 - The following North East Zone award winner was recognized:
 - Vince Nelson
- e) Peace – Marty Tingstad
- Report circulated.
 - Registration numbers were down this year but they seem to fluctuate from year to year.
 - Supervision numbers were up 15 percent.
 - CJ Senkow organized the shadow program. 42 were complete at the Atom level.
 - Three officials from the zone attended Mac's and two attended the WSSC tournament.
 - Erica Holmes was selected to referee the bronze medal game on the female side at the Mac's.
 - Thanked the members of the executive and Curtis Nichols for his service to the committee.



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- The following Peace Zone award winner was recognized:
 - Marlin Golbing

- f) North – Ryan Weyland
 - Report circulated.
 - Showed appreciation to the North Central Zone for their work with the Level 1 clinic this past season.
 - Travel policy was passed at the executive meeting yesterday. It will be posted on the websites and distributed directly to the officials.
 - Thanked everyone for the provincial, national, and international assignments.
 - The following North Zone award winners were recognized:
 - Phil Mar
 - Joe Becigneul
 - Colin Hackett

7.6 Development Reports

- 7.6.1 Female – Aaron Best
 - Report circulated.
 - Looking to establish a community of practice.
 - Will be setting up a monthly conference call that will consist of a female representative from each zone to share development strategies and activities.
 - Will be focusing on grassroots development and standards for elite hockey.
 - Looking at different ways to support formalized mentorship.

- 7.6.2 Alberta Cup/Development Camp – Mark Woytkiw
 - Report circulated.
 - Alberta Cup was held in Strathmore.
 - Thanked Lance McKinnon for helping to arrange the supervisors.
 - The next two years will be held in Canmore.
 - Thanked the Zone Coordinators for getting their names submitted in a timely manner.

- 7.6.3 E Learning – Dave Shaw
 - Attended an ELearning conference in Toronto at the end of April.
 - 3,325 officials registered for the course and of those 2,757 completed it. There was a glitch in the system and if you logged out before completing the survey at the end it would not count you as complete. They are going to be fixing this for next year.
 - Every Level 1 and new Level 2 will continue to take the course.
 - The course material will not be changing for the upcoming year.
 - A course for Level 3 officials is being worked on and will be ready for the 2015-16 season.
 - Documents can be uploaded right to the system so you can have officials take the online course, download the documents, and bring them with them to the clinic.
 - Curtis Nichols thanked Mike Rebus who was on the international committee for ELearning.



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7.6.4 HCR – Dave Butler

- There are still some growing pains but it is improving each year.
- Support and training will be available to registrars at the fall leadership.

7.6.5 Supervision – Dave Ganley

- Report circulated.
- The supervision seminar was held in Red Deer in late October.
- There were issues with last minute sign ups and cancellations.
- The seminar was not very well attended.
- More information will be posted on the zone websites.

7.6.5.1 Level 4, 4L, 5 Upgrades

- Curtis Nichols announced the successful officials who received a level upgrade.
 - Level 4L: Aiden Henderson
 - Level 5: Curt Koron, Steven Cousins, Derek Flad, Jordan Lightbown.

6.6.5.2 OPOE Candidates

- The OPOE candidates will be discussed further at the chairman's meeting next weekend during the Hockey Alberta AGM.

7.7 Provincial Leagues

- No leagues were in attendance to give a report.
- Curtis Nichols updated that communication seems to be good with the leagues.
- Work is needed regarding communication with CIS, especially the female side. Arron Best will be looking at better standards of communication with this league in particular.

8 New Business

8.1 2014 Leadership Seminar – Curtis Nichols

- This year's Leadership Seminar will be held in Red Deer September 6-7, 2014.
- Colin Hackett has accepted the role of coordinating the seminar this year.
- Registrars and Match Penalty Coordinators from each zone will be required to attend.
- More information will be sent to the Zone Chairman for distribution in the coming months.
- Colin Hackett asked that if anyone has any suggestions for the seminar to pass that information on to him.

9 Awards & Scholarships

9.1 Golf Award Winners – Curtis Nichols

- Thanked Lance McKinnon for organizing the event and for accepting the role again for next year.

9.2 Future Leaders Scholarship – Curtis Nichols

- Announced that Cole Fent, Noah Bradley, Cody Nichol, and Brady Anderson received scholarships.
- Thanked Dave Shaw and Wally Popik for their work on this selection process.



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9.3 Referee Committee Scholarships – Dave Shaw

- The selection committee consisted of Dave Shaw, Wally Popik, and Jamie Maclamera. It was a very close vote. The following selections were announced:
 - Greg Knoblauch - \$1,000
 - Alex Homer - \$1,000
- Dave Shaw reminded everyone to continue to post the application form and information on the zone websites. The amounts will be increased next year to three awards at \$1,500 each.

9.4 Ken Stiles Award Winners

- Steven Cousins and Justin Slimm were recognized as Ken Stiles Award winners.

9.5 HDC Award

- Wally Popik announced Jody Ginther as the HDC Award winner. The award will be presented at the Hockey Alberta Awards Gala.

9.6 Dave Ganley Awards

- Dave Ganley announced that Herman Costa and Brent Woods are the Dave Ganley Award winners. Their awards will be presented at the Hockey Alberta Awards Gala.
- Chris Carlson received a recognition picture which will be presented to him at a later date.

9.7 Ernie Boruk Award

- Ernie Boruk announced that Curtis Nichols is the Ernie Borik Award winner. The award will be presented at the Hockey Alberta Awards Gala.

9.8 Life Membership

- Wally Popik announced Dwayne Lundquist's selection for Life Membership. Highlights of Dwayne's career and dedication to Hockey Alberta and the North East Zone were described:
 - Began officiating in 1975-76.
 - Over 30 years officiating and over 2,000 games
 - Over 25 years on the North East Zone Executive
 - 20 years as an instructor
 - 20 years as an assignor
 - Recognized with numerous awards

10 Election

- Wally Popik announced that Curtis Nichols will not be running for re-election as the Provincial Chairman.
- Since Dave Shaw was the only name put forward for election, Wally Popik acclaimed Dave Shaw the Provincial Chairman of the Referee Committee for the next two years.
- Dave Shaw thanked Curtis Nichols for everything that he has done over the past four years.



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11 Next Meeting

- The next Referee Committee Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, June 7, 2015.

12 Adjournment

Motion: Curtis Nichols

Second: John Kobal

To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.