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MEMORANDUM

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TO: VIAHA Membership
FROM: Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President
COPY: VIAHA Officers
SUBJECT: BC Hockey Awards

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate two longtime volunteers on Vancouver Island for receiving awards from BC Hockey in recognition of their service and dedication to the game of hockey and the young people who play it. The awards were presented last evening during the BC Hockey Annual Congress.

Laurie Wishart of the Capital Region Female MHA was awarded the prestigious Diamond Stick Award for outstanding service to hockey for a period of not less than 10 years in duration by any person in the province who has rendered meritorious service to BC Hockey or its members.

Laurie has been involved in minor hockey, and more specifically female minor hockey, for 25 years. Starting with the Board of Juan de Fuca MHA she became their first Director of Female Hockey. She was with VIAHA as Managing Director of the Female Regional program and was one of the founding members and continues to serve on the Capital Regional Female MHA. She is the Female Zone Lead for Vancouver Island for BC Hockey and somehow finds the time to serve on the Board of Island Pacific Female HA.

Harold Bloomenthal of the Juan de Fuca MHA was presented with the Chair of the Board Award which is given to an individual Team, League or an Association that has brought honour to BC Hockey through an outstanding humanitarian endeavor.

Harold has been with Juan de Fuca MHA for in excess of 20 years as a parent, coach, volunteer and Board Member, most recently as President. Under his leadership JDFMHA has earned a reputation for providing outstanding hockey programs as well as helping young people acquire life skills that will be invaluable as they become adults. They also provide scholarship programs and financial assistance so that no young person will be denied the opportunity to play the game. Modestly, Harold credits the many volunteers around him.

I have known both Laurie and Harold for many years and they have been invaluable to both VIAHA and me in helping to grow the game in our District. I am honoured to consider them as friends.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President