

# Shall We Merge?

Seafair Minor Hockey Association and  
Richmond Minor Hockey Association

Two Minor Hockey Associations in One Community is a Unique Situation in British Columbia



# One of the Benefits of Sport

- **Friendship**

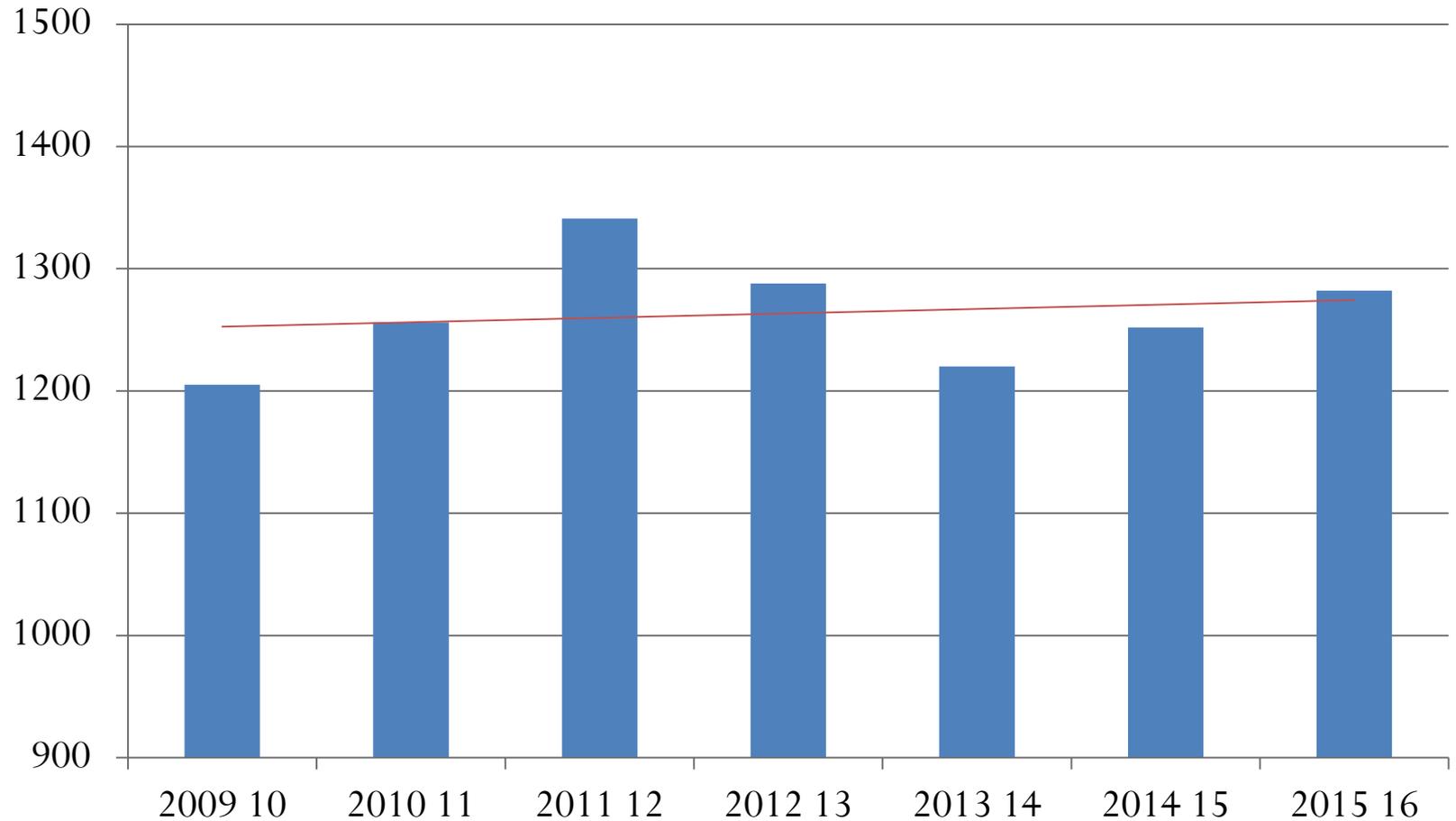
Playing sports enables you to create friendships you otherwise might not have formed. Sports bring teens together from different schools, backgrounds, and communities. Many times, the friendships you create on the field remain intact even when you are not playing sports.

- Sutter Health

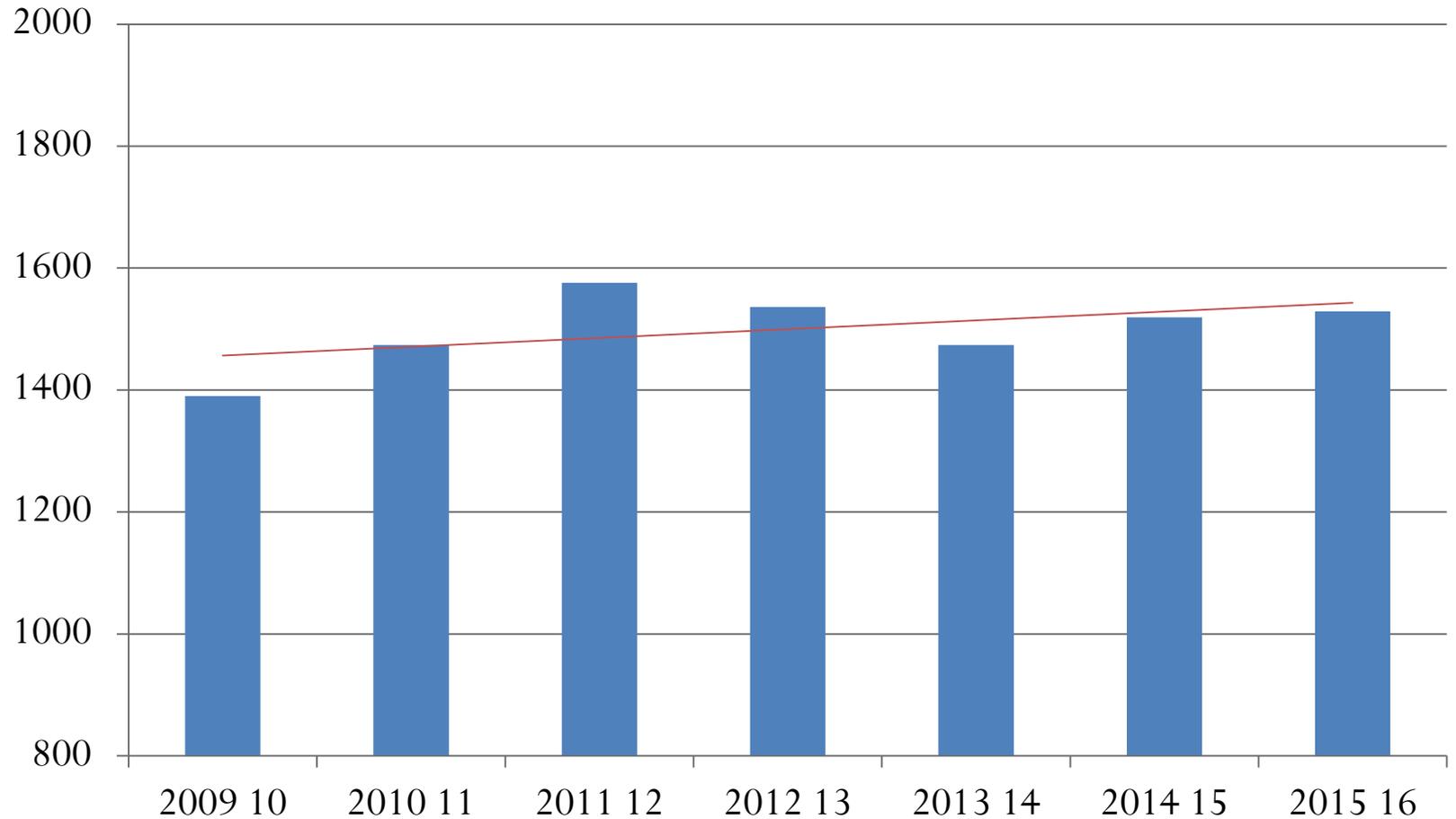
# A Merged Association Would be a Powerhouse

- Using 2015/16 registration numbers, a merged RMHA/SMHA association would have **1,282 members**.
- The merged association would have the **most members** of any PCAHA association.
- The merged association would have **15% more members** than any other PCAHA association.

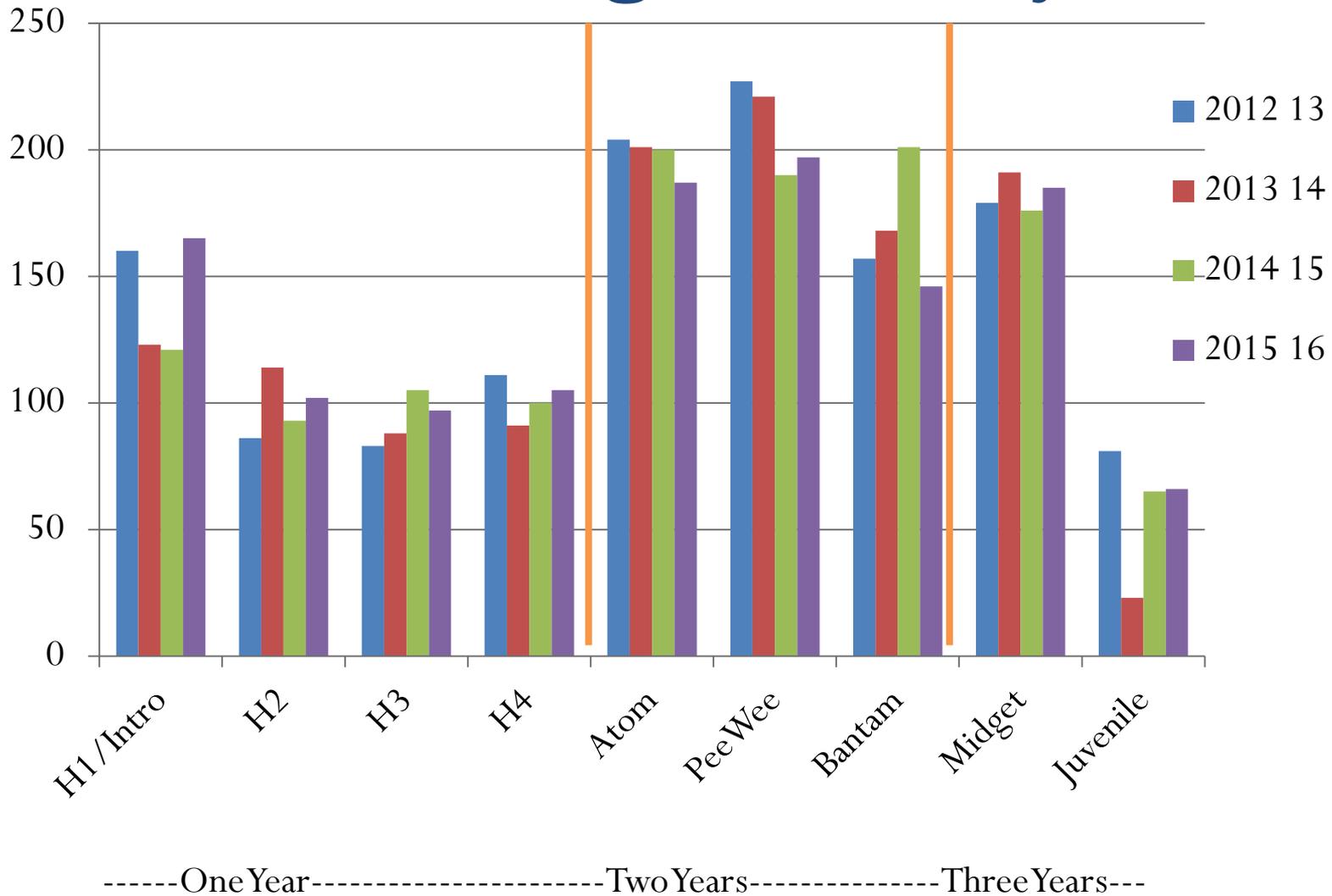
# Hockey Registration in Richmond is Relatively Stable



# Total Hockey Registration including Ravens



# Richmond Registration by Division:



# Rep Programs - Atom

- Using 2015/16 registration numbers, in a merged association, there would be a total of **207 Atom** players (born in 2006/07). This would be slightly more than Vancouver Thunderbirds had in 2015/16.
- With 195 Atom players, Vancouver Thunderbirds had **7 C teams** and **5 A teams** in 2015/16.
- They had one team in GVC Flight 1, two teams in Flight 2, one team in Flight 3 and one team in Flight 4.
- In other words, their Rep players played in every GVC flight (and the **flights matched players' abilities**).
- Richmond and Seafair had six A teams. RMHA teams played in Flight 1 and Flight 3.

# Rep Programs - Bantam

- Using 2015/16 registration numbers in a merged association, there would be a total of **183 Bantam** players (born in 2002/03). This would be slightly less than Langley.
- With 188 Bantam players, Langley had **8 C teams** and **4 A teams** in 2015/16
- They had one team in Flight 1, one team in Flight 2, one team in Flight 4 and one team in Flight 5.
- RMHA and SMHA had teams in Flight 1, Flight 3, Flight 4 and two teams in Flight 7

# C Programs – Hockey 1 and Intro to Hockey

- A merged association eliminates the need to “choose” which association to join.
- Roughly speaking, a merged association would probably double the number of Hockey 1 sessions each week. Depending on how these were organized, it could mean additional flexibility with respect to ice times.
- Assuming the new association decided to offer Intro, this would expand the reach of the Intro program.



# Novice – Hockey 2,3,4

- A merged association would increase the number of teams in each age group.
- There would probably be some benefits in terms of ice scheduling (including setting up and taking down rink dividers).
- There could be an opportunity for a “fixed” schedule.



# C Hockey

Eliminates the unhealthy “cross town” rivalry challenges between the two associations.

Enables more choices regarding scheduling.

Seafair currently does not have a Juvenile C program.



# Opportunities for Savings

- **Administrative costs** including property insurance, phone, bookkeeping, accounting, website, advertising, referee development, administrative and/or registrar-related work.
- Eliminates **Special Player Movement** expense. In 2015/16, PCAHA billed RMHA and SMHA \$2,625 for Special Player Movement approvals).
- Potentially **more sponsorship dollars** available.
- **Increased purchasing power** with apparel, sock and jersey orders. Buying 1,200 custom T shirts is much less expensive per item than buying 600.
- **Avoids volunteer “duplication”** including Ice Scheduler, Coach Coordinator, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Risk Management, Referee in Chief, Events, Division Directors, Webmaster, Social Media, Apparel, President...

# Other Considerations

- The landscape of minor hockey may change at the Bantam Rep level due to potential Zone teams.
- Richmond families will not have a “choice” about which association their sons register with.
- There is a potential loss of Gaming funds. We estimate (at most), it would be less than 10% of current revenues.
- Potential changes to program (i.e. Development included vs a la carte)
- Potential changes to Skill Development Coaches (but contracts end next season, so no guarantees either way).

# The Procedure

- Adopt a new constitution, as required by the BC Societies Act. (This is required whether or not we merge)
- Vote for or against the merger. Options for electronic and proxy voting to be determined.
- A 66% majority would be required for a merger to be approved.
- If a merger is approved, Seafair and Richmond members would elect the first Board of Directors of the new Association.
- The new Board of Directors would work together during 2017/18 to have the new Association ready for the 2018/19 season.

# New Board of Directors

- Would create new Policies and Procedures
- Would deal with Gaming Branch
- Would determine type of program
- Would add more Directors to the Board
- Would establish website and communication with future membership
- Would determine need for contractors (Skill Development Coaches), would hire contractors.
- Would determine need for paid administrative staff, would hire administrative staff.
- Would work to transition sponsors to new association and add new sponsorships.
- Would assess existing tournaments and determine ways to adapt.