

## **FMHA AGM Minutes**

**May 22, 2015 6:30pm**

**Golf Course, High River**

**In attendance:** (31) Jennifer Woods, Shawn McLean, Sean Selmser, Cassie Gordon, Trevor McPherson, Dave Wegener, Derek Harper, Pavel Savin, Jim Robins, Heather Hemingway, Ryan Hughes, Mrs Hughes, Lana Bakken, Trent Williamson, Brad Sicotte, Tanya Clemens, Al Clemens, Kellie Beal, Laurie Duffield, Dean Crisby, Chad Barton, Tania Lowe, Sarah Radmanovich, Jeff Pakenham, Laurie Pakenham, Tammy Beach, Duncan McLeish, Cheryl McLeish, Jacki Swanson, Harvey Leslie, Dylan Leslie

**Non-members/Guests:**

Perry Shockey, Greg Beauchamp

**Absent Board Members:** Dale McKenzie, Jesse Byers, Dave Skitch, Darren Hansma, Kevin MacIntyre

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:42pm by Jennifer Woods

Introduction of Board Members

Additions to agenda: none.

Review of Minutes from 2014 AGM.

Approval of minutes from 2014 AGM: MOTION: Jim Robins. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cassie Gordon. All in favour. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- President's Welcome and Report - The 2014-2015 season Highlights
  - Sponsorship thanks
  - 2014/15 Season Successes: Review of banners won, special events, tournaments hosted (5), clinics & power skating, ref clinics, coach mentorship program, referee scholarships awarded
  - CAHL recruitment changes (FMHA, Vulcan, Nanton, Claresholm, High Country). AA affiliations can occur from these LMHA's. Provincial #'s will no longer be affected.
  - Volunteer thanks – 106 carded volunteer staff , + many non-carded volunteers
- Treasurer's Report – Lana Bakken
  - 2014-15 Financials – see attached.
  - \$737.38 taken in per player via registration fees, costs \$676.77 per player for ice + socks, pictures, etc.
  - Last year reflected \$37,000 in donations, casino \$, \$38,000 from Blackie. Explains loss showing this year.
  - Account reflecting donated money that is allocated for financial assistance remains
  - \$25000 mutual funds continued from many years previous
  - Ice costs average \$9437.18/team per year
- Special Resolutions – vote on proposed bylaw amendments

## **RESOLUTION #1**

#### Article 4.5 - Change

Old wording 4.5:

4.5 The Directors of the FMHA shall be as follows:

- Equipment Director
- Community Liaison
- Clinic Director
- Coach Director
- Referee Mentor
- CAHL Director
- Up to 6 divisional directors
- Foothills Bison Hockey Association (FBHA) Director—not elected, but appointed by FBHA

Proposed Amendment:

4.5 The Directors of the FMHA shall be as follows:

- Equipment Director
- Community Liaison
- Clinic Director
- Coach Director
- Referee Mentor
- CAHL Director
- Up to 6 divisional directors
- Foothills AA Director

Rationale for Amendment: To adjust wording of AA Program position with new AA Committee

Motion to Accept: Kellie Beal 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Robins. All in favour. Motion passed.

### **RESOLUTION #2**

#### Article 5.14 - Addition

Proposed Amendment: Add Section 5.14

5.14 Foothills AA Director

5.14.1 The Director shall reside on the AA Committee and attend meetings of the Committee

5.14.2 Will liaise with the Executive, Directors and FMHA Committees, ensuring that the business of the FMHA and the AA Committee is conducted in a prudent, organized, and efficient manner.

5.14.3 Shall facilitate communications between both FMHA and the AA Committee, representing the requests of either party at their respective Board and Committee meetings.

5.14.4 Provide summary reports of Committee activities, events, and other such items to FMHA Board during regular Board Meetings.

## Rationale for Amendment: Definition of AA Director Role

Motion to Accept: Jeff Pakenham 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jacki Swanson. 20 in favour, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

- Nominations – 9

- Members from the association will nominate people to be appointed to the FMHA Board.
- Nominated members will accept or reject the submission.
- Voting members will vote for 9 names from the nominee list.
- Voting is by secret ballot.

### End of Director Terms:

- Jim Robins
- Lana Bakken
- Dave Skitch
- Dave Wegener
- Sean Selmser
- Darren Hansma
- Jesse Byers
- Cassie Gordon

### Names nominated:

- Kellie Beal
- Becky Maier
- Ralph Frost
- Jim Robins
- Lana Bakken
- Sean Selmser
- Cassie Gordon
- Jesse Byers
- Dave Skitch
- Dave Wegener
- Sarah Radmanovich
- Cheryl McLeish

- Update 2015/2016 FMHA Director List:

### Continuing Director Terms:

- Tanya Clemens
- Ryan Hughes
- Trent Williamson
- Kevin MacIntyre
- Jacki Swanson
- Brad Sicotte
- Dale MacKenzie
- Derek Harper
- Jennifer Woods

### *Elected nominees:*

- *Sean Selmser*
- *Kellie Beal*
- *Chad Barton*

- *Sarah Radmanovich*
- *Dave Skitch*
- *Jesse Byers*
- *Dave Wegener*
- *Lana Bakken*
- *Cassie Gordon*

Motion to destroy ballots by Trent Williamson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Sicotte.

- **Questions/Discussion:**

- Jersey's: replacements have been discussed and will be assessed to determine what needs to be replaced. Question from membership asking if jerseys will be replaced with a higher quality new jersey. Possibly a new look as well.
- AA Committee: has been formed and includes Greg Beauchamp, Lee Bakken, Chris Chivers, Dana Budd, Shane Haste, with Jim Robins from FMHA Board. There are spaces for 3 members from the remaining 3 LMHA's that do not currently have representatives.
- Goalie evaluations: separate evaluations were conducted by independent hired party this previous year, as was the same for all players. Coaches have a percentage of input into all evaluations.

Motion to Adjourn: Lana Bakken 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cassie Gordon.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:47pm

**\*\*Next FMHA Board meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada.**

MINUTES  
Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Thurs Dec 3, 2015  
7pm Ramada Meeting Room, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Dave Wegener, Tanya Clemens, Ryan Hughes, Lana Bakken, Kellie Beal, Dave Skitch, Chad Barton, Kevin MacIntyre, Jacki Swanson, Trent Williamson, Pavel Savin, Sarah Radmanovich,  
**Missing:** Brad Sicotte, Jesse Byers

I. Call to Order 7:04pm

II. Additions to Agenda and Approval

- Minutes from last meeting and Approval – amended in CAHL sub point 2 to read as: “HC was aware of the complaint. The proper communication chain was followed.”

Motion to accept, as amended and presented, by Sarah Radmanovich. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacki Swanson. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer Report

Amended to read: River City car club donated \$250 to FMHA. Reduced late fees for one family from two child to only one child worth of late fees.

IV. Operations Manager Report

- 65 hrs last month, 402hrs to date
- ePACT 220/300 forms submitted
- 3 TBA games to be scheduled still (that CAHL couldn't schedule), 1 completed. The challenge with ice is we don't have enough weekends for weekend games to work with the CAHL schedule.
- Qualifications are now 100% complete.
- Affiliations: all are complete except for Atom 2 – glitch in system.
- Provincials: have 13 teams that can play in it, 9 replies from team as a yes (have not heard from atom 2, atom 3, midget 1, midget 2). Confusion regarding how the AA numbers will be determined for provincials; CAHL is working on this.

V. Old Business

A.

## VI. New Business

### A. Rules & Regs – Review & Updates

- All revised sections have been compiled into one document. Entire document was revised and updated this evening.
- Break Away section – will remove referee section.
- Incident form as a standalone form.
- Break Away Discipline & Appeals must mesh with Discipline section in bylaws.
- Fees/Cancellation/Refunds – change wording
- Part 4 – changes accepted as presented
- Motion by Lana Bakken for the changes as presented to be applied to the current Rules & Regs. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin MacIntyre. All in favour. Motion passed.

### B. Executive Reports

- VP - Pictures went well, almost ready to go out.
  - CDAC funding: proposal sent in on behalf of Flyers initiation hockey for cross ice boards. Approved by Rec Board but has to go to council now. Also put in a proposal for a new PA system at the High River rink. Approved and going to council as well.

### C. Level Directors

- Initiation - tournament went well. ~\$900 raised/team. Will begin games with Okotoks.
- Novice – novice 3 may require a different manager's book due to the house league operating differently
- Atom – Atom 1 manager resigned after meeting. At CAHL meeting, FMHA were told both teams needed to smarten up or would be removed from CAHL. The other team was not released the complaint, but yet knew every detail of it. Our manager shared all that data with them. Concerned with animosity between teams going forward.
  - CAHL needs to put a rule in place that the president cannot be a head coach.
- PeeWee – one referee complaint, trying to handle internally before issuing formal complaint.

- Affiliations – PeeWee teams requesting by name but should be just by position. Affiliations requested for teams with siblings on cannot be changed now.
- Bantam – Bantam 1: Minimum home games are 11. **Amendment: this number was set for the previous year.**
- Midget – Midget 1 filing complaint against RMAA.

D. AA, CAHL , Equipment, Community Liaison, Coach, Clinic, Referee,

- AA – goalie clinics once a month through February. Weren't four nets in Blackie so switched practice time with Jordie for High River. Bantam 1 goalie's invited to participate but decided against.
  - Gray area with provincials
  - Affiliations not completed yet, working on it

E. Active Committees (Discipline, Ice, Affiliation, Evaluation, Coach, Player Development, Sponsorship)

- Ice – Blackie contract: weekday practice ice from Oct 1 – Feb 28. Gentleman's agreement in March that not all teams will drop the Blackie practice ice. Evaluations will still continue in Blackie in Sept. Cancellation has to be 7 days ahead for practices, 10 days for games and 30 days for tournaments. Gave up the last Tues night practice ice slot, Okotoks took it, but Blackie assured us that FMHA could have it next year if needed.
- Coaches/Clinics – power skating has had variable attendance and some discipline issues.
  - Would like to offer 4 nights for clinics before Christmas
  - Chad has offered to cover practices for coaches if they would like to attend coaching clinics.
- Referee – low turnout for our referees to the recent clinic. Might be worthwhile to offer a clinic here for them again.
  - 5 first year officials not getting very many games.
  - A few complaints on not receiving travel pay.
  - More 3 person officiating of games than last year.

- Will supply referees for initiation now. \$25 for 1.5 hr games.

VII. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Lana Bakken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kellie Beal. Adjourned at 11:01pm.

Next Meeting – Jan 7, 2016



Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Agenda – Feb 5, 2015  
7pm Ramada Meeting Room, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Jacki Swanson, Derek Harper, Dave Wegener, Pavel Savin, Jesse Byers, Phil Standen, Jim Robins, Dave Skitch, Darren Hansma, Ryan Hughes, Tanya Clemens, Trent Williamson, Brad Sicotte,  
**Missing:** Sean Selmsler, Cassie Gordon, Kevin MacIntyre, Lana Bakken, Dale McKenzie,

I. Call to Order 7:03pm

II. Additions to Agenda and Approval

- Motion to approve by Jacki Swanson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Skitch. All in favour. Motion passed.

IV. Minutes from last meeting

V. Treasurer Report (Lana via email)

- A few NSF's to collect still.
- No invoice from Parry Shockey yet.
- Donation of a few hundred dollars being made from the Flames players coming to the Atom 2 practice last week.

VI. Operations Manager Report

- Teams that don't make playoffs will be allowed to maintain practices until the end of March.
- Motion by Derek Harper to reword Rules and Regs, Section 17 Ice - Practices 1.: "FMHA teams not involved with League Playoffs or Provincials are entitled to only one practice per week" to read: "up to two practices per week." 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Robins. All in favour. Motion passed.
- Motion by Jacki Swanson to change Rules and Regs Section 17 Ice – Practices 3.: "A 48 hour notice" to read: "10 days notice". 2<sup>nd</sup> by Derek Harper. All in favour. Motion passed.
- **ACTION: Level Directors to let teams know of these rule changes!**
- Ice committee to look at creating a proposal for a policy on minimum ice provided to teams.
- Motion by Ryan Hughes: for this current season, will offer an additional exhibition game to teams that do not make playoffs. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Skitch. 10 in favour, 1 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion passed.
- Question regarding tournament banner won by a team and if it can be hung in one of our arenas. Agreed that it is really up to the arenas if they would like them hung or not.

VII. Old Business

A.

## VIII. New Business

A. [in camera]

B. The First Shift Program(HA) – Sean – **\*\*tabled until next meeting.**

C. Executive Reports

Derek: discipline committee to discuss at meetings?

Jim: very few discipline committee issues. Coach suspension and apology letter handed out to after complaint from CAHL, was appealed and upheld. Suspension and apology letter served.

Tanya: need to address Ralph's concerns over the Board imbalance. Lawyer consulted by Director says we have been acting in due diligence since there was no Blackie member available at the time of voting in Directors and that our Board cannot be completely balanced anyways since we have 19 Directors.

D. Level Directors (Kevin via email)

Initiation: extra ice beginning in Feb on Sunday afternoons, tournament upcoming

Novice: had successful tournament! Novice 1 won their division.

Atom game where no refs showed up: is managers job to deal with, has escalated to Durbano. Game had to be rescheduled for Indus originally, then showed up for make-up game to find out Indus had not gotten refs. So didn't play game. CAHL rules? say options are: a ref should've been agreed upon at that time and the game played, forfeit?

[in camera]

PeeWee: PeeWee 1 has good chance of making playoffs, PeeWee 2 is out, PeeWee 3 is going to playoffs for sure. Difficulties with affiliations and not following protocols, requesting players by name, etc.

Checking clinic scheduled for PeeWee's with Chad Barton.

Bantam: thanks for that elaborate, yet eloquent, summary Darren.

Midget: (sent via email) Midget 1 in provincials. New jerseys look good. Coach Curtis coached 500<sup>th</sup> game – plaque to commemorate (FMHA will pay). Retirement jerseys are to be presented to players in last year. Midget 2 has a player with suspensions from CAHL and team.

CAHL/Female: Lethbridge Bantam tier 5 removed from playoffs because they have been winning so handily (should have been dealt with long ago). Will be given a banner for their tier. The remaining four teams will play for a 2<sup>nd</sup> banner.

AA model will be voted on by end of March.

Level Directors to have teams check Fairplay points by Sunday.

FMHA Atom 1 discussed because one player being watched closely due to huge accumulation of penalty minutes.

Coaldale is up to be voted in as a full voting member for next year. Innisfail and Foremost/Bow Island have applied as well. By letting more areas into the league, there is more chance of league being split later.

Needs to be in Bylaws: the ability to remove parents/coaches/fans from rinks. **ACTION: check that this is in there.**

E. Bison Director Report , Equipment, Community Liaison, Coach, Clinic (Sean via email)

And Active Committees (Discipline, Affiliation, Evaluation, Coach, Player Development):

Coach evaluations – feedback needs to be provided to coaches. Need to be emailed to parents and for the Managers to really push it. There needs to be the ability to give feedback on each coaching staff individually. Definite benefit to it. Dave will need a committee to help him.

Community – threat of all cabinets/memorials/trophies etc being removed from High River rink. Obviously we do not want that!

Referee Clinic – 20 officials attended. Cost \$187 + small ice.

Motion by Dave Skitch for FMHA to provide \$1500 for referee scholarship. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Hughes. All in favour. Motion passed.

Officiating working well with Okotoks assigning system for the most part.

Bisons - new steering committee has met twice. Meeting 1: Have agreed new committee must live and operate within FMHA's bylaws. Core objectives that define the Bisons and objectives to be achieved. Meeting 2: job description/qualifications for ideal candidates that would accomplish objectives. Seeking approval to advertise and interview candidates (deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>) . Agreed to move forward with advertising positions.

**ACTION: Special Meeting will need to be called to revise bylaws pertaining to the AA program (or at AGM).**

IX. Adjournment Motion to Adjourn Jacki Swanson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darren Hansma. Meeting adjourned at 10:23pm.

Next Meeting – March 5, 2015 7:00 pm Ramada Inn

Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Minutes  
Thursday, Aug.6, 2015  
7pm Ramada Meeting Room, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Jacki Swanson, Dave Wegener, Trent Williamson, Sean Selmsler, Ryan Hughes, Kevin MacIntyre, Lana Bakken, Pavel Savin, Cassie Gordon, Sarah Radmanovich, Chad Barton,

**Missing:** Tanya Clemens, Brad Sicotte, Jesse Byers, Kellie Beal, Dave Skitch, Derek Harper

**Call to Order , Amendments & Minutes from last Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Woods at 7:02 pm.

Amendment – Presidents Report: 39 players were called back from Okotoks, Motion to adopt amendment and minutes from last meeting by Jacki Swanson, 2nd by Chad Barton, all approved

**Treasurer Report**

- Pavel and Lana talked to HCR and figured out we can only use 2 companies to process credit cards with and we are staying with Quickenrollment this year again.
- Registration money is starting to come in
- Our Casino date has been moved from the first quarter of 2017(Jan/Feb/Mar) to the third quarter of 2016(July/Aug/September) at Century Casino Calgary

**Pavel – Operations Report**

- Putting together pros and cons for different websites
- As of July 22, Registration numbers as follows:

18 Initiation

15 Novice

15 Atom

30 Peewee

15 Bantam

13 Midget

- August 30-Table Registration at Bob Snodgrass Rec Center 12-3pm
- We need to have the initial \$200.00 payment before Sept.1 to avoid late fees and have kids properly insured
- Bisons AA start conditioning Aug.31 so FMHA players trying out also have to have paid the \$200.00 before they start conditioning to be insured. Out of bounds players need to register with their home associations and have the proper forms to tryout with Bisons AA

- Small ice-Chris Kornblum will give 1 night possibly. Pavel will confirm what Chris is willing to give up, 1 or 2 ice times.

- Moved Files from Flip drive to Dropbox, Pavel sent info to get onto dropbox to the board

- Asked about boundaries map....Jackie needs to do this

- House league questionnaire:

Novice: 5-Yes, 10-No

Atom: 3-Yes, 12-No

- Conditioning/Tryout schedule sent to Dave S. and Chad

-conditioning – 45 min-2 sessions/group

-novice – 3 skills, 1 game (45 min)

-atom – 2 skills, 2 games (45 min)

-peewee – 2 skills, 2 games (1 hour)

-bantam/midget - 1 skills, 3 games (1.25 hours)

- AA – July 31 submitted ice

-committee wanted Pavel to reach out to other Associations for home games. Only Nanton responded. So there will be 1 home game for Pee wee & Midget in Nanton. Bantam's home arena is Nanton

- Need ice committee to discuss needing the extra 15 minutes of practice ice for the AA teams, their practices are 1.25hrs

### **JERSEY SPONSORSHIP**

- CPS - \$10,000.00 - 4 Teams

Pioneer Equipment – 1 Team

Western Feedlots – 1 Team

Southland Drilling – 1 Team

RME – 1 Team

Neimans Drilling – 1 Team

- Waiting to hear from John Deere and Cargill Meats

- Going to redo letter to sponsor clinics, refs, ice, etc...

## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **Past President – Derek Harper**

Sent in Letter of Resignation which was accepted by the board and entered into these minutes. Jennifer will send an email to Derek thanking him for his contribution to the Association and the board over the past 2 years.

### **President – Jennifer Woods**

All OMHA players have been called back to their home association. Okotoks is saying their teams are full, team sizes won't be officially confirmed until AA and AAA teams are decided. Last season FMHA took on numerous OMHA players because they were told their teams were full when in fact they were not resulting in FMHA taking on their provincial numbers of some of the out of boundary players.

Sherri from HA will do an email to support FMHA's procedures and conditions related to the acceptance of out of boundary players.

As of this meeting there are 7 Okotoks families that have submitted requests for player movements from OMHA and have been put on FMHA's waiting list pending board approval and how many numbers FMHA has and final division numbers.

Brought 2 OMHA families forward that she would like to refuse Player Movement Applications. The table was open to all board members present for discussion. Extensive discussion occurred and concerns shared resulting in Jennifer moving forward with the refusal of these 2 transfer requests.

## **AA COMMITTEE**

- Looking for Bantam coach still

Peewee – Tyson Jones

Midget – Parry Hockey

- The previous AA Board has made the decision to divide the remaining money between the other Associations in the draw zone as FMHA got the Assets.

## **EQUIPMENT**

- Jerseys are ordered for all teams
- Waiting on prices on socks

## **COMMUNITY LIAISON**

- Waiting on Ice Contract from Blackie and High River

## **COACH**

- Chad sent emails to past years coaches thanking them for their past years help and seeing if there is interest in coaching this year. Informed them that we haven't decided on a selection process yet.

### **CLINIC**

- Jesse Hale from HA said we need 10-12 coaches to host a clinic, they are free of charge (CL1, CL2, Checking). There is a player development through HA if we want it

### **REFEREE AND EVALUATIONS**

- See Dave S. email

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Cassie Gordon. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Next Meeting – September 3, 2015 – 7pm – Ramada Meeting Room

Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Minutes - Thurs Sept 3, 2015  
7pm Ramada Meeting Room, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Dave Wegener, Tanya Clemens, Ryan Hughes, Jesse Byers, Lana Bakken, Pavel Savin, Cassie Gordon, Kellie Beal, Sarah Radmanovich, Chad Barton, Dave Skitch, Brad Sicotte, Jacki Swanson, Trent Williamson, Sean Selmser **Missing:** Kevin MacIntyre,

I. Call to Order at 7:15

II. Additions to Agenda and Approval - none

III. Minutes from last meeting and Approval

Motion to approve by Sarah Radmanovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacki Swanson.

IV. Treasurer Report

- Registration payments collected and going smooth. Visa processing online and e-transfers working well.
- E-transfer payments made towards a payment schedule will need reminder emails sent for the next payments.

V. Operations Manager Report

- Small ice: confirmation from Chris Kornblum that we can use Tuesday ice, both sessions. If we only need one, he would like the other returned to him.
- Boundary map: small parts missing, but otherwise good.
- AA: conditioning camp underway. Tryouts begin next week. AA Schedule is decided (34 games, 17 home games - 1 in Nanton). Need to decide practice schedule times, which will be based on ice needed for the minor hockey program.
- E-Pac: online emergency contact and medical info storage, with online apps that would be accessible to coaches/managers/trainers. Pavel will demo it. Approx. \$500/season.

**VI. Old Business**

A. Out-of-Bounds Players

- Tanya requested a reversal of the two families refused to play with FMHA and honoring the agreement made at amalgamation regarding the acceptance of Okotoks players who had previously played with Blackie Minor Hockey. No more discussion regarding refused out-of-bounds players or the grandfathering in of out-of-bounds



players who previously played with Blackie Minor Hockey. Majority of the Board did not see need to vote on this.

- HA is dealing with Okotoks on their teams being full. We are picking up their provincial numbers for any Okotoks players accepted into FMHA.
- Will likely be moving up registration deadlines to help with this.
- Atom and lower Out-of-Bounds players will know of their transfer request acceptance/refusal after tonight, Pee Wee and up will know after AA tryouts.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Team/Division Review**

Priorities for deciding on out-of-bound player transfers: money, team size, played here previously, no team in their LMHA, affect on provincial numbers

- Initiation/Novice

Motion by Sarah Radmanovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacki Swanson to accept all out of boundary players, for the 2015/2016 season, for Initiation and Novice with the condition that next year they register with their home association. 10 in favour, 4 opposed. Motion passed.

In future, these players can't wait for Okotoks registration to close/fill and then register here.

- Atom - major discussion around the affect accepting Okotoks players has on FMHA provincial numbers.

Motion by Sarah Radmanovich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Sicotte: to NOT accept out of bounds players for Atom level this year. 8 in favour, 4 opposed, 2 abstain. Motion passed.

- Pee Wee/Bantam /Midget- decided after AA/AAA tryouts

How are we going to decide if we cannot take all the out-of-boundary kids from these divisions? Vulcan kids given priority because no place to play in LMHA?

Motion by Jacki Swanson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Skitch: that when deciding for Bantam and Midget, that Vulcan and Milo kids will take priority over Okotoks for out-of-boundary player selection, based on the fact that they do not have a team. 13 in favour, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Sean Selmser 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Skitch: that if needed to choose between Okotoks out-of-bounds players, priority will go to player position, then previous years with FMHA, then priority by registration date. All in favour. Motion passed.

Motion by Lana Bakken 2<sup>n</sup> by Dave Skitch: that if needed to choose between Vulcan/Milo out-of-bounds players, priority will go to player position, then previous years with FMHA, then priority by registration date. All in favour. Motion passed.

## **B. Provincial Host**

- FMHA is interested in hosting provincial tournament this year in March.
- Would need a committee of volunteers to undertake this. Cassie will reach out to get this started.

## **C. Executive Reports**

- Out of area player moved to area and trying for AA.

## **D. Level Directors**

Initiation: intro info going on to website for new players/families. Major reminders for Respect-in-Sport.

- Novice: missed evaluation process discussed
- Pee Wee: lots of goalies, lots trying out for AA

## **E AA, CAHL , Equipment, Community Liaison, Coach, Clinic, Referee,**

- AA: going smooth and transition has been good so far

Equipment: waiting for sponsorship logo to go on jerseys for Bantam and Midget. Pee Wee/Novice coming soon. Atom ready. Goalie stuff to cleaners.

- Community Liaison: Waiting on final commitments from sponsors to go into newspaper article.

Coach: set dates of Sept 18-20 for coach interviews, for levels where interviews are needed. Interview questions will be revised by the 15 . Coaches will be selected by the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cassie will post on social media/website re coach interest. Criminal record checks should be done sooner rather than later.

Clinic: ice time not decided for clinic/power skating until teams decided. Novice 3 team will be house league. Not enough interest for an Atom house league team this year, but could approach the Atom 3 team once player evaluations are completed. Would like to see both Novice 2 and 3, and Atom 3 in the house league next year.

Referee: clinic here is full for Sept 12 . Will need referees for evaluations for scrimmage games (minimum: 2 for midget/bantam, 1 for peewee, coaches for all lower levels). 3 underage referees were denied by ORA this year.

**F. Active Committees (Discipline, Ice, Evaluation, Sponsorship)**

- Discipline: one parent issue from two years previous. Parent is required to come before the disciplinary committee before the parent is allowed in the rinks.
- Ice: working with the skating club for ice times (15min on Tues)
- Evaluation: lots of outside of FMHA evaluators have stepped up. Chad making drill plans and working format. Still need a few more evaluators: direct them to Dave S. Sept 10 is meeting for all evaluators. Travel and food supplied to evaluators.
- Sponsorship: 9 sets of jerseys are sponsored. \$500 ice sponsorship letter has been well received.

**VIII. Adjournment.**

Motion by Cassie Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse Byers.

Next Meeting – October 8,2015

Foothills Minor Hockey Association

Agenda-January 8, 2015

7pm – Ramada, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Sean Selmser, Jacki Swanson, Derek Harper, Cassie Gordon, Kevin MacIntyre, Dave Wegener, Pavel Savin, Jesse Byers, Phil Standen, Lana Bakken, Brad Sicotte, Jim Robins, Dave Skitch, Trent Williamson, Dale McKenzie, Darren Hansma

**Missing:** Ryan Hughes, Tanya Clemens

- I. Call to Order 7:05pm
- II. Additions to Agenda and Approval
  - Vulcan Minor Hockey-Cassie
  - Esso Fun Days
- IV. Minutes from last meeting. Motion to Adopt by Trent Williamson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Skitch.
- V. Treasurer's Report-Lana provided a financial statement. She asked about the \$75.00 for all the names on the list that she received from Dave. We have a few refs that don't qualify for the \$75.00 reimbursement.
- VI. Operations Manager Report
  - Report will be emailed to Secretary
  - Provincials – 5 teams- Atom 1,2, Bantam AA, Midget 1,AA
  - Town Event – Flames – Jan.30/15, this will affect the clinic ice and the Atom 2 practice. The Flames will play shinny with the Atom 2 team
  - Ice Committee gave some ice back
  - Pavel asked about an initiation permit for Hockey Alberta? No one seemed to know anything about this
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Team Photos
    - some complaints, biggest problem is the blue outline around the players
    - need to give feedback to Ian
  - B. Mentorship Program
    - he's not out enough with the teams
    - 80-85% response from coaches
    - idea is good, not sure if Parry is the guy
    - what he's promised and delivered is different
    - coaches are good with having mentorship as long as it's done right

## B. FMHA AA Bisons

- AA draft from Hockey Alberta – “vision”
- recap of problems
- Jennifer would like to draft a letter for March 31 to take over Bisons
- Jim talked to Hockey Alberta about other Associations and how they run their AA clubs
- Todd Vance said to talk to AGLC about us restructuring and possibly getting a second casino for the AA
- Todd also suggested getting every association to appoint a person to be on a committee for the AA program
- Phil said each team right now with the FBHA is independent and have their own bank accounts. He also said the Bisons have a Casino Account and a General Account.
- Bison Fees are \$2200.00 for Midget and \$1850.00 for Peewee/Bantam
- Jim motioned for FMHA notifies FBHA as of March 31, the end of the current hockey season, that FMHA will assume responsibility for the operation and control of the AA program within our AA draw zone. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Selmser and approved. (13 yes, 2 abstained, 0 against)
- a transition committee will be formed to form a committee for the AA program.
- Jennifer needs anyone to get any questions back to Hockey Alberta by January 16/15, this is for the AA draft they sent out.

## VIII. New Business

### A. Year-End Awards

- discussions about do we do an awards night or more of an appreciation/fundraiser?
- do not want to have what we have done in the past
- Cassie volunteered to look into a league appreciation possibly with AGM

### B. Executive Report

Nothing

### C. Level Directors

#### **Trent Williamson – Initiation**

- March 13&14 tournament on the large ice
- would like to start a program for the last year initiation players, 1 or 2x a month to get them ready for novice. Mike Fischl volunteered to run this program (would need 4 ice times in the next 2 months on Sundays possibly) Would the board agree to FMHA to pay for these ice times? 2008 birth year, and it was agreed upon. Pavel will communicate with Trent in regards to ice availability.

#### **Brad Sicotte – Novice**

- Tournament is Jan.23-25

#### **Dale Mackenzie – Atom**

- he suggested for everyone to have all board members phone #'s on website

#### **Darren Hansma – Bantam**

- Midget 1 asked Bantam 1 to switch practice to watch Gold medal game.

**Kevin MacIntyre-Midget**

- Dustin Burkhart had a confrontation with coaches. Kevin had a meeting with mother and son. They were going to have a meeting with coaches again and then he quit before that happened. They asked for a partial refund. The board decided a 25% refund less \$75 stated in our rules.
- Trey O'Connor – not sure if he's returning, hasn't played a game. Fortin has a MCL Tear, might be out 6-8 weeks.
- Midget 1 is asking for a player movement form, but the board said no and that they have to work with affiliations
- Midget 2 – injured players need to be in full gear if they are watching from the bench

**Cassie Gordon – Community Liason**

- Vulcan Minor Hockey – looking for donations, Cassie will advertise and look for Silent Auction items
- Lana motioned to Donate \$500 to the Vulcan Minor Hockey fundraiser for the Leivaart & Clement families, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Mackenzie and approved
- Junior B Flyers would like to use the display box for the rest of this season for Eli Gosselin
- need volunteers for Ag Society casino – Jan.19-20

**Dave Wegener-Coach Coordinator**

- could host some coach clinics that are free through Hockey Alberta, Dave will check into these

**Sean – Clinic**

- Sean will get clarification on schedule
- Esso fun days – Sean will work with Cassie & Jacki
- Power skating – last one Feb.3

**Dave Skitch- Referees**

- checked with Lana to make sure costs are in line for refs
- lots of mentoring going on
- Jan.21-scheduled a referee clinic with Tom Kowal
- Drop clock-ORA would like us to be a drop clock Association – this was not agreed upon as of right now

IX. Adjournment Motion to Adjourn by Jacki Swanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Sicotte 10:25pm

Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Minutes – Thurs July 16th, 2015  
7pm Ramada Meeting Room, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Dave Wegener, Tanya Clemens, Sean Selmsler, Ryan Hughes, Jesse Byers, Lana Bakken, Pavel Savin, Cassie Gordon, Kellie Beal, Sarah Radmanovich, Chad Barton, Dave Skitch, Brad Sicotte, Jacki Swanson,

**Missing:** Kevin MacIntyre, Derek Harper, Trent Williamson,

I. Call to Order 7:10pm

II. Additions to Agenda and Approval

III. Minutes from last meeting and Approval.

Motion by Dave Wegener, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kellie Beal to amend minutes as read. All in favour. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer Report

- June 12: Invoice from Parry Shockey for evaluations (\$6000) and mentorship (\$6170).
- Motion by Lana Bakken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Radmanovich to pay \$5000 as agreed form our minutes and to pay coach mentorship invoice as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Going forward, would need a contract with outlined expectations and contractual obligations. Could look at mentorship through Hockey Alberta for no cost.
- 250 kids \$ 738/player brought in, 889.64/cost per player (670/ice.....\*\*\*get rest of numbers from Lana. With additional perks (clinics, ref dev't, 3 divisions with 3 small teams, etc) we lose \$270/kid per year.
- Possible savings: Need to utilize small ice more (may not be available now through the town of High River), moving two divisions from 3 teams to 2 teams saves \$20,000, User fee for clinics, rec league hockey fees increased from \$110,
- Sponsorship to help cover costs of additional programs offered, jerseys, etc. Will need to increase fees to compensate for some of our annual losses. Motion by Kellie Beal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Barton to increase registration fees by \$50 per division. 12 in favour, 1 opposed. Motion carried.
- Socks: do we need new socks every year and do we need home and away socks? Could post on registration form whether socks are needed or not and first pair is covered by association. 1 pr socks/player = \$4000/yr. Motion by Cassie Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Radmanovich to provide only 1 pair of socks per player per year. 7 in favour, 6 opposed. Motion carried. Teams can still run home and away socks, but at additional expense. FMHA will provide all teams with orange socks for each player, white socks can be purchased additionally if a team desires.
- Rules and regs: change rule to reflect motion above.

V. Operations Manager Report

- July: 12.5hrs
- Website providers presenting to Pavel

- Online registration can open any time now, reflecting the \$50 increase per player. Early bird registration by Aug 31. Then \$100 late fee beginning Sept 1.
- Registrations will be fully online. Registration table can be set up at the Rec Center for cash/cheque registration fee payments. Cash payments need to be arranged to be delivered to FMHA Operations Manager or FMHA Treasurer.
- AA ice: Town of High River wants Pavel to be contact for AA ice as well. FMHA would like Pavel to sit as Operations Manager for the AA teams as well. This will ensure continuity for ice booking, registrations, etc.
- AA will be charged FMHA registration rates
- AA tryouts scheduled in High River, 1 team will be in Nanton for first week. Then all teams will have tryouts in High River.
- Boundaries for our association? Will need legal land descriptions.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. Jersey Sponsorship**

- Possible jersey sponsors looking good (6-7 teams may possibly have jersey sponsorship)
- Sponsorship committee to look for sponsors for clinics, player development, camps, etc.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A.**

### **B. Executive Reports**

- Secretary – wall composites finally completed and delivered from 2013/2014 season
- President – Okotoks has called 20 players back. Okotoks players incoming to our association affect our provincial numbers. There is a form that Okotoks can sever ties completely and then those incoming players wouldn't affect our numbers. Okotoks has no cap this year. All out-of-association players must register with home association before they can apply for a release and then register with FMHA.

### **C. Level Directors**

### **D. AA, CAHL, Equipment, Community Liaison, Coach, Clinic, Referee,**

- AA
- How much ice?—see ice discussion to follow. AA committee (and anyone outside of our Board sitting on FMHA committees) needs to sign a confidentiality agreement.
- Bisons handed over their jerseys to the AA program.
- The Bisons funds need to follow the AA players and those funds should be released.
- AA committee: Dana Budd, Lee Bakken, Jim Robins and Greg Beauchamp



- Referee – sent email to ORA requesting same agreement with FMHA as last year (non-voting member from FMHA on ORA)
- Equipment – 3 jersey options brought forward with 3 price points. Replacement jerseys for 2 midget teams and 2 bantam teams.
- Coach – will contact all coaches from previous year

E. Active Committees (Discipline, Ice, Affiliation, Evaluation, Coach, Player Development)

- Evaluation – need volunteers for evaluations. Start talking to folks! Food credits for evaluators. Will start conditioning/evaluations a week later to follow the first cuts of AA. CAHL team numbers need to be in Oct 1. Plan to have evaluations completed by Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Ice – no small ice available at this point—rented out to Chris Kornblum. Look at sponsorship for clinics. Could also incorporate clinics into existing practice times to eliminate the additional ice costs, while reaching more players at the same time. Will offer AA 4 practice times per week(peewee and midgets, Bantam is booked into Nanton). Possibly: PeeWee – Tues/Thurs, Midget – Tues/Fri

VIII. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by everyone! Meeting adjourned at 10:09pm.

Next Meeting – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Amended Minutes – Amended by Tanya Clemens  
Tues June 9th, 2015  
7pm Ramada Meeting Room, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Jacki Swanson, Dave Wegener, Tanya Clemens, Trent Williamson, Sean Selmser, Ryan Hughes, Jesse Byers, Lana Bakken, Pavel Savin, Cassie Gordon, Kellie Beal, Sarah Radmanovich, Chad Barton, Dave Skitch, Derek Harper (present via phone)

**Missing:** Dale McKenzie, Kevin MacIntyre, Brad Sicotte,

I. Call to Order and welcome of new Board members

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Woods at 7:02pm.

II. Additions to Agenda and Approval – movement of New Director Nominations to VI.

III. Minutes from last meeting .

- Motion to accept Apr 2, 2015 Minutes as presented: Motion by Jacki Swanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trent Williamson. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer Report

- Accounts receivable from initiation tournament have been collected.
- One NSF cheque remaining.
- Looking into moving online banking to reduce fees (high due to credit card payments of registration)
- Ice bills were received late and were given to Lana. Outstanding ice time bills: PW2, Nov 3, Midget 2. Team managers requesting communication earlier regarding ice billing. The rinks need to invoice ice earlier. PW2 is requesting that in lieu of the home game they missed, they would like the outstanding ice balance owing waived. All teams were billed at the same time and almost all have paid. The remaining teams are required to pay their ice bills. **ACTION: add to manager's book that team bank accounts should not be closed until ice invoices are paid in full.**
- Will need an account set up for the AA teams. Proposed by AA committee to have cheques signed by 2 out of the 3 possible signers – 1 from AA committee (Jim Robins) and 2 from FMHA, (Jennifer Woods, Lana Bakken). Will require a seed loan to begin the program. **MOTION** by Jacki Swanson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Hughes: to open another bank account for FMHA AA under the FMHA. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Motion by Lana Bakken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tanya Clemens to AMEND minutes to read as follows: Foothills Minor Hockey Association authorizes opening a bank account under Foothills Bisons AA hockey. Signing authority will be signed by 2 of the 3 signing officers (named Jennifer Woods, Lana Bakken and Jim Robins) as being authorized to act for the club.

V. Operations Manager Report

- All out-of-bound players have been given back to their home associations.

VI. New Director Nominations, Positions and Committees

Motion by Ryan Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Radmanovich: to remove Dale MacKenzie as a Board member from FMHA. All in favour. Motion carried.

President (Jennifer Woods)  
Past President (Derek Harper)  
VP (Trent Williamson)  
Secretary (Tanya Clemens)  
Treasurer (Lana Bakken)

Operations Manager(Pavel Savin)

Discipline committee (Chair: Trent, Tanya, Lana, Coach Director: Chad – if coach involved, Level Director Involved, CAHL Director: Jacki)  
Affiliation committee (AA Director: Dave W, 1 executive: Tanya, level directors involved)  
Evaluation committee (Chad, Lana, Tanya, All Level Directors )  
Coach Committee (Chair: Chad, Jesse, Kellie, Tanya, Lana, Sean)  
Ice Committee (Lana, Trent, Sarah, Sean, Operations Manager)  
Sponsorship (Trent, Ryan, Cassie)

**\*\*Note:** the president is an ex-officio member of all committees

Initiation Level Director – Kellie Beal  
Novice Level Director – Brad Sicotte  
Atom Level Director – Sarah Radmanovich  
PeeWee Level Director – Dave Skitch  
Bantam Level Director – Jesse Byers  
Midget Level Director – Kevin MacIntyre  
Equipment Director – Ryan Hughes  
Community Liaison – Cassie Gordon  
Female Rep & CAHL rep – Jacki Swanson  
Coach Coordinator – Chad Barton  
Clinic Coordinator – Sean Selmser  
Referee Mentor – Dave Skitch  
AA Director – Dave Wegener

## **VII. Old Business**

- A. Extra rink banners ordered – Novice and Atoms are completed. Midget 2 (Alaine Kowal)?
- B. AGM and fiscal year end dates – dates are fine to be left as is. Motion by Lana Bakken 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kellie Beal: to have FMHA books reviewed this year, and then every 2 years afterwards , to coincide with treasurer turnover. All in favour. Motion carried.

## **VIII. New Business**

- A. FMHA representation with Okotoks Ref. Association - Dave S
- B. Non-Body Checking Options in Bantam and Midget –Jennifer *\*\*see attached bulletin below!*

Ask membership via website/facebook for feedback on possible house league/rec league with non-bodychecking hockey. Will not do an initiative in this season but will watch transfers in/out this year due to this.

C. AA Committee Structure *\*\*see attached draft below*

- Sponsorship offer from Greg Beauchamp but under the condition that the name is changed to Foothills Alberta Marine Bisons. In the interest of transparency, will offer flagship sponsorship to general public. Sponsorship deadline of mid July in order to place jersey orders in time. Name changes may be dependent on sponsors. Dave W will take this info to the AA meeting.
- One AA team will be out of here, Bantam will be in Nanton, , possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> team here if there is available ice

D. AA Jersey Sponsorship – Jennifer – *see C. above.*

E. Website provider – Pavel

- Have been contacted by PointStreak, GoalLine and a 3<sup>rd</sup> website providers. Currently use RAMP.
- Would like to increase communication of available ice through facility management in the software
- GoalLine recently presented at a CAHL meeting, trying to get LMHA's on board. CAHL uses GoalLine.
- Motion by Lana Bakken 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Selmsner that Pavel check into the other 3 website providers. All in favour. Motion carried.

F. Exhibition Ice Costs – Derek (see above)

G. Executive Reports

H. Level Directors

I. CAHL , Equipment, Community Liaison, Coach, Clinic, Referee,

CAHL:

- CAHL would like FMHA to consider bringing Red Deer on next year, late –PW, Bantam, Midget Tier 1 teams. May have low number of teams in top tiers, and no opponents within 3 hours. May likely ask for full membership the following year. Board is in support of this.
- CAHL's goal is to grow and then split into 2.

EQUIPMENT:

- Variety of jersey's presented by our equipment extraordinaire.
- Will look for sponsorship for jersey's. Sponsors front cost of jersey's and are then able to add their sponsorship logo. \$2500/team, all 5 teams for \$10,000 (just replacing Bantam and Midget at this time). Cassie, Trent and Ryan will tackle this. Sponsorship needs to be decided by mid July.
- Ryan will get samples.
- Will need to know AA colors for ordering their jerseys.

#### COMMUNITY LIAISON:

- Blackie wants a commitment on ice to the end of a firm end date.
- Ice committee released ice prior to Blackie's 10 day deadline. Will take the ice to the end of March and will adhere to their cancellation regulations.
- Would like an ice contract from Blackie.

#### CLINIC:

- Will continue with house league.
- Will need a power skater instructor.

#### COACH MENTORSHIP, EVALUATIONS:

- Sean will sit down with Parry and discuss.

#### COACH:

- Coach evaluations were not sent out to coaches.
- Limit interviews required unless new coaches, concerns or multiples for same position. Coach committee will decide how to choose.

#### REFEREE:

- ORA does not like FMHA dictating which referees are not allowed at FMHA games. ORA is hired by FMHA to manage our referees. Our referees will be ORA voting members this coming year.
- ORA do not want an FMHA Board member sitting on their Board, even as a non-voting member.
- ORA would still like our association to go to drop clock. We have the ice available and do not wish to be a drop clock association. This was also a condition of amalgamation from Blackie.
- Scholarships to 3 refs, one has since broken his leg, and funds are being redistributed to other refs. Criteria for scholarship will be created for future years. Could look for sponsorship for referee development.
- Referee costs were \$900 cheaper, but referee travel fees cost us \$2300 more.

\*\*Lana and others will be meeting this month to create a budget going forward.

\*\*Executives will be meeting to review Operations Manager contract.

J. Active Committees (AA Steering Committee, Discipline, Affiliation, Evaluation, Coach, Player Development)

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Cassie Gordon. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28pm.

Next Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. Stay tuned for Jennifer's email. A list of the next year's meetings will be sent out soon.



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin No: 14/36

Date: April 20, 2015  
To: Minor Hockey Associations  
From: Kevin Macrae, Senior Manager, Hockey Operations  
SUBJECT: Non-body checking options in Bantam and Midget

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In 2013, Hockey Alberta was a leader among Hockey Canada's branches in the changes that resulted in body checking being removed at the in Pee wee level.

At that time, Hockey Alberta did not determine a non-body checking option in the divisions of Bantam and Midget. But we have monitored developments both within the province and across Canada, as non-body checking options have been announced.

The options that have been implemented vary, and range from a new rule for a league or region, right up to a provincial mandate. While the specific details vary between branches, generally the decision has been based on identifying a category of play within the division below which body checking is not allowed.

Hockey Alberta has more than 450 Bantam teams and 500 Midget teams in the province playing in 20 different leagues. Leagues and associations use various criteria for categorization and determining formats for divisions or tiers.

Hockey Alberta believes it is important to the continued growth and sustainability of the game to examine options for Bantam and Midget level players who want to play hockey, but without body checking. To that end, we are looking to work with local minor hockey associations and leagues to track and support the non-body checking options that are occurring in Bantam and Midget.

Some associations and leagues in various regions in Alberta are addressing non-body checking options within Bantam and Midget, with various options being considered, or already announced, for the 2015-16 season.

Hockey Alberta wants to work with associations and leagues to assist in developing local options for players which, ultimately, could lead to a province-wide mandate. For 2015-16, Hockey Alberta will work with our key stakeholders to achieve these objectives:

- 1) **AWARENESS:** We want our members to know groups are looking into options that may work for their local or regional areas, and we want to compile a comprehensive list of leagues and/or LMHAs that are offering non-body checking options for 2015-16.
- 2) **DISCUSSION:** We want LMHAs and/or Leagues to continue discussing and reviewing non-body checking options for their respective organizations at the Bantam and/or Midget level.



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- 3) **ENCOURAGEMENT:** We want our members to know this process is encouraged, and that Hockey Alberta supports the initiatives. For example, the option will be available to obtain a sanction to host a non-body checking tournament in the Bantam or Midget division.
- 4) **TRACKING:** We want to track the outcomes of these initiatives, and share the information across Hockey Alberta, to impact future decisions on a provincial non-body checking option. Part of the tracking process would include developing and circulating a participant satisfaction survey.
- 5) **KNOWLEDGE:** We want more people to see what non-body checking hockey really looks like at Bantam and Midget.
- 6) **REVIEW:** We want to review the success of the option(s), through an overall summary report including the satisfaction survey, and develop plans for 2016-17.

To submit your league or association's non-body checking initiative for 2015-16, please complete the short survey that can be found at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/non-bodychecking>

The results will be compiled, and you will be contacted in the near future to follow up on what your organization has planned.

If you have questions, or for more information, please contact:

Kevin Macrae  
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## **The intention of this information sheet is**

### **FMHA AA Structure**

The three AA Teams (currently known as the Foothills Bisons) are teams that are carded by and inclusive of the FMHA.

The FMHA was asked by HA to be the host association for the Foothills Draw Zone which includes the FMHA along with Nanton, Claresholm, Vulcan and High Country Minor Hockey Associations.

As the host association, FMHA is solely responsible for a management and matters pertaining to the AA program for this host area. When skaters make the AA team, their membership is transferred over to the FMHA from their home association for that current season and they become members of the FMHA. At the end of the season, they are then released back to their home association. The process then starts over the next season.

The management of the AA teams is the responsibility of the FMHA and they have sole responsibility for determining what that structure would look like (ie. contract it out, internal committee). The FMHA board of directors voted to change the management of the AA program this past winter and put it in alignment with the vast majority of other AA programs by managing it through an internal committee, versus an outside association.

A steering committee was put in place to populate the first AA management committee. The intention of the FMHA was to see representation from within all the LMHA's within the draw zone, along with other interested parties (parents, past members, hockey enthusiasts).

### **FMHA Governance of the AA Program**

Currently there is no representation of the AA Division on the FMHA. It is the intention of the FMHA board of directors to define this position and add it to the By-laws at the May 22 AGM. Currently, Jim Robins is representing the FMHA on the committee.

The FMHA adheres to all rules, regs and bylaws put forth by HA and SCAHL.

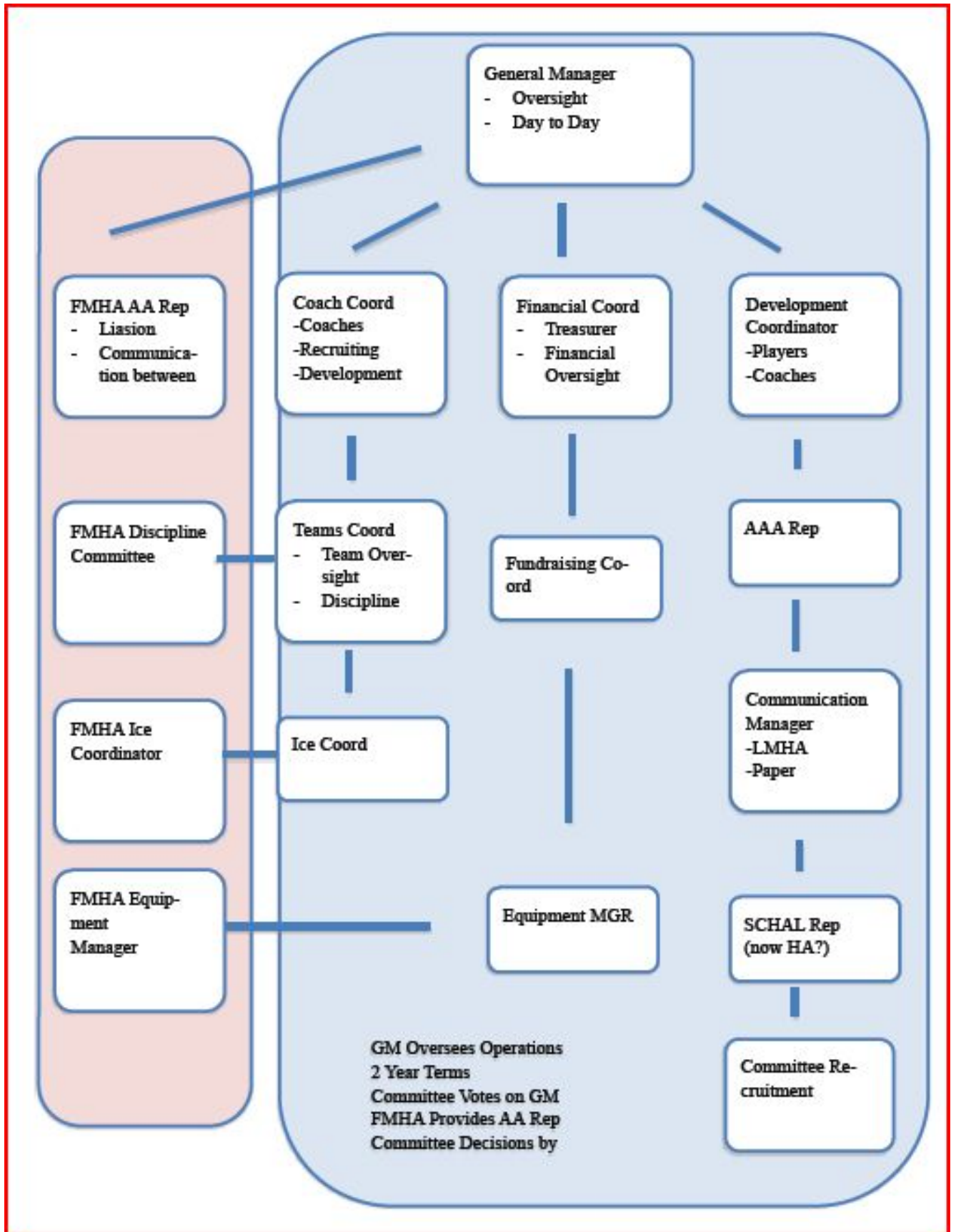
The AA teams must follow all by-laws, rules and regulations of the FMHA. A collaborative effort will develop a Section within the FMHA Rules and Regs specific to the needs of the AA programs. These rules cannot be in contradiction to any FMHA, HA or SCAHL rules or regulations.

Per the FMHA by-laws the president of the association is also a voting ex-officio member of all committees, which will include the AA committee.

The committee will be accountable to the FMHA, with the AA Level Director serving as the lia-

sion between the two groups. This will include monthly reporting of committee activities, team activities, etc. Any major expenditures or decisions outside of day to day operations will need to be brought forward as a motion to the FMHA board of directors. These circumstances will be defined as we move forward with structure development.

It is very important to the FMHA to allow the AA committee freedom to make day to day decisions on the operations of the AA teams. FMHA respects the commitment and knowledge of the volunteers on this committee and their intentions. With that being said, the proposed governance structure will be similar to other LMHA AA programs which will see the committee only have the power to make recommendations to the Board, or if requested to the general membership of LMHA, but the committee cannot bind LMHA to any course of action. Attached is the proposed structure for the AA committee. This is a working model and feedback would be appreciated.



Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Agenda – Mar 5, 2015  
7pm Ramada Meeting Room, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Jacki Swanson, Dave Wegener, Pavel Savin, Phil Standen, Jim Robins, Dave Skitch, Darren Hansma, Tanya Clemens, Trent Williamson, Kevin MacIntyre, Sean Selmsner, Ryan Hughes, Jesse Byers, Brad Sicotte, Lana Bakken, Derek Harper,  
**Missing:** Cassie Gordon, Dale McKenzie,

I. Call to Order by Jennifer Woods 7pm

II. Additions to Agenda and Approval – None. Motion to accept by Jacki Swanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trent Williamson. Motion carried.

IV. Minutes from last meeting – None. Motion to accept by Tanya Clemens. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Woods. Motion carried.

V. Treasurer Report – reviewed balance sheet & income statement

- AGLC will not allow a 2<sup>nd</sup> casino for the AA program under FMHA.

VI. Operations Manager Report

VII. Old Business

A.

VIII. New Business

A. The First Shift Program(HA) – Sean (see notes attached below)

- For kids ages 6-12 that have not registered with Hockey Alberta
- Requires ice commitment by Association and volunteers to program administration. Could use small ice.
- Sean will contact the Rec Hockey Program and pursue this.

B. Midget team for 15 year olds

- Enough 1<sup>st</sup> year midgets to make a team? Will have 14 next year if all return. (6 from Bantam A, 2 from Bantam B, 4 from Bantam C)
- Potential negative effects on tiering due to our smaller numbers.
- Agreed to not pursue this.

C. Executive Reports

- Team photos from last year: arrived with no frame! Will contact Murphy Photography regarding this.

- Special Meeting has been called and is posted to adopt Bylaw resolutions, March 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm at the Ramada. Voting can also be by proxy.
- Coach surveys are being sent out via Managers.
- Ice Committee: were tasked with looking at a minimum number of games per team. Leaning towards 12. Teams this year average around 11.25. Committee will write up the wording for Rules and Regs; to be voted on next meeting.

#### D. Level Directors

- Initiation: tournament on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Great success with ice sessions for Initiation kids moving up to Novice. Will have an ice time in last week of March with upcoming Novice players and this year's 1<sup>st</sup> year Novices combined.
- Novice: ongoing issues with parent working timeclock – complaint by another team's coach. Nothing formal and not a discipline issue.
- Atom: going well. Atom 2's and 3's still in playoffs.
- PeeWee: a few affiliation problems. We have our own affiliation process to follow as CAHL doesn't have an official ruling on this. Affiliation is intended for the skill development of all suitable players, not just a chosen few. Requires communication between both teams' coaches. Affiliation committee will need to revisit this over the summer.
- Bantam: another eloquent summary.
- Midget: 1's are out of playoffs, beginning provincials. 2's are in banner finals. Formal complaint requested by Midget 1 coach against ref from last playoff game. FMHA to issue formal letter on coach's behalf.

#### E. Bison Director Report , Equipment, Community Liaison, Coach, Clinic, Referee,

- AA Steering Committee – ads in paper, etc. 2 resumes so far for AA committee. Need to actively recruit. Need to contact LMHA presidents directly. Letter going out to Bison's requesting jerseys and their casino funds. New AA model from Hockey Alberta will be out within a month.
- Equipment – Bantam/Midget jersey's getting worn and some will need replacement. Will look at new jersey styles for next meeting.
- Community Liaison – ESSO awards handed out. Teams having own awards; no memorial awards as High River Arena clearing out all display cases. Planning bbq/wrap-up with AGM; hopes to increase attendance at the AGM.
- Coach – surveys on website and being sent out via managers.
- Referee – will create a selection committee to award scholarships for referees. Ref Clinic will be Sept 12<sup>th</sup> next year, as well as 2 clinics in Okotoks. Wind up party for officials is March 28<sup>th</sup>. ORA looking at a possible 3 year agreement with FMHA, which is good!
- Clinic – Power skating instructor will not return next year, will need new instructor. Skills clinics going very well. Checking clinics have great feedback. Bantam checking clinic will be brought in for September. AtoMc Hockey application submitted. Novice 3 House League – requesting 3 exhibition games. Awaiting feedback from House League. Okotoks will have PeeWee house

league next year, and have an Atom house league as well – good to reflect on before next year. Man who has been putting on Small Area Games clinics will be hosting a summer camp as well – could advertise on our website, etc. **ACTION: create a page on our website to post upcoming camps, ads, classifieds, etc.**

F. Active Committees (Discipline, Affiliation, Evaluation, Coach, Player Development)

- Discipline: Atom 1 assistant coach suspended a few weeks ago for one weekend. Had coach meeting later and was dealt with.
- Leading up to the end of the year, we should encourage teams to mix up and play some intra-association games.
- CAHL: requests by a few teams to join CAHL (Vauxhall, etc); may increase travel for next couple of years but could lead to CAHL being split into North and South zones in the future. CAHL wants every association to come up with a policy to deal with our coach's and parent's conduct; will be put in manager's handbook. CAHL is putting in a "discipline person". Notice of Motions will be on the CAHL website shortly – view and send thoughts to Jacki, and be ready to discuss at next meeting.

IX. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Brad Sicotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Skitch. Adjourned at 9:04pm.

Next Meeting – April 2, 2015 7:00 pm Ramada Inn

• **FIRST SHIFT PROGRAM:**

Application deadline: March 31/15

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

Minor Hockey Associations applying for THE FIRST SHIFT must meet the following criteria:

• Commitment to new program offerings, including THE FIRST SHIFT.

• The provision of the first 6 week ice sessions for the Trial Program is at the MHA expense

• Year 1 Ice Requirement: Two blocks of 6 successive ice sessions on the same day of the week at the same time each day.

-I.e. On-Ice Trial late Oct to early Dec with a Transition Program between Jan and Mar.

- Year 2 Ice Requirement: Minimum of four blocks of 6 successive ice sessions.

- Ability to provide community space for THE FIRST SHIFT Welcome Event.

- Commitment to attend program education sessions (throughout TFS organization –including Program Director or Administrator & On Ice Lead Instructor).

- Ability to provide resource personnel to support the delivery of THE FIRST SHIFT program:

- Program Administrator

- On-Ice Lead

- 4:1 ratio of Participants to Instructors

- 8 Volunteers (required for Welcome Event, 1 time only)

MINUTES  
Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Thurs Nov 5, 2015  
7pm Ramada Meeting Room, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Dave Wegener, Tanya Clemens, Ryan Hughes, Jesse Byers, Lana Bakken, Kellie Beal, Dave Skitch, Brad Sicotte, Chad Barton, Kevin MacIntyre, Jacki Swanson, Trent Williamson, Pavel Savin, Sean Selmsler, Cassie Gordon

**Missing:** Sarah Radmanovich,

I. Call to Order 7:01pm

II. Additions to Agenda and Approval - none

III. Minutes from last meeting and Approval

Motion to approve as presented by Jacki Swanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kellie Beale.

IV. Treasurer Report

- Evaluation costs = \$1822.22 + data entry
- Reminder to go out that fees need to be paid by Nov 15.
- AA teams paid for registrations collected
- Credit card company has combined/changed ownership and rates will be lowering

V. Operations Manager Report

- ePACT forms still required for many players
- Nov 7 – deadline for regular season ice to be submitted
- Tournament ice needs to be submitted by Nov 10 (Jacki)
- Nov 15 – qualifications deadline (coaches, bench staff, parents, etc)

VI. **Old Business**

A.

VII. **New Business**

A. 7:15PM – Michelle Callahan & Shawna Hall re: Provincial Committee



- Bid to host PeeWee A provincial tournament Mar 10-15, 2016.
- Bid package indicates our ability to host a tournament of this magnitude. To be submitted by Nov 15. Will hear back Dec 15.
- Have proved accommodations for 150 families, require association support: a letter of support, financial support, accommodation of any deficit that may occur
- Tickets \$20/adult/weekend, \$50/family/weekend, etc.
- Must have a legacy plan in place (ex. Holy Spirit academy in need of playground) for excess funds raised.
- *CDack grant* – will apply for this and put towards costs of ice and referees
- Requesting \$2500 as a starting point to get the process moving. Would like more help on their committee as well.
- Require volunteer base to pull this off. When timelines approach, would like ability to put shout-outs to the membership.
- Every volunteer requires criminal record check. FMHA could supply the CRC form so that there would be no cost.
- Would like to use website to name sponsors. Could do a full provincial page and could use our social media. (Cassie)
- Tax receipts through FMHA.
- 8 teams, 15 games. Would like to utilize both arenas and need to consider a opening ceremonies, security plans, first aid plans, banquet, etc.
- Referees – need estimate of costs, travel, accommodation for ref supervisor, etc.
- Dave Skitch stepped up to help committee and act as liaison between committee and the Board.
- George Canyon, RCMP, Figure skating club, Chris Cook
- Need to find out with Hockey Alberta if the host association is on the hook for any possible deficit.
- Need to confirm our peewee numbers (how AA numbers affect us). Thinking we will be in A.

**Motion by Dave Skitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin MacIntyre: to provide the provincial committee \$2500. If profitable, we ask that the \$2500 be reinvested within the**

**FMHA ex. Cross-ice boards for our initiation players. All in favour. Motion passed.**

- B. Rules & Regs Review – These need to be updated , corrected and made current. Directors to review their sections, correct and improve, and bring back to next meeting.
- C. Travel Waiver – legal letter drafted via Cassie. Midgets will be informed that this is available and is to be signed if players are driving each other. If other teams ask, this is available to them as well.
- D. Photography - Jane Russell was only proposal submitted. Great proposal. Need to check on two wall composites for the arenas.
  - Possible picture day: Thursday Nov 19. Need to look at practice times for teams that night and create a schedule based around that.

**Motion by Kellie Beale 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacki Swanson: to accept Jane Russell 's proposal as this year's photographer. All in favour. Motion passed.**

E. Executive Reports

Tanya – wall composites from 2013-2014 ready to go up. Don't need to be framed.

Jennifer - phone numbers need to come down off of the website.

- Check with Cassie if we can get fmha emails through fmha website.

F. AA, CAHL , Equipment, Community Liaison, Coach, Clinic, Referee,

- AA

- Pictures being done by Ian Whitworth
- Coach certifications are going to be completed in time.
- Affiliates are stepping up, a few injured AA players

- Equipment

- Source for Sports is lining up a website for any team to order team apparel from. This info will go out to managers when it is live.

- Coach

- Only 4 coaches remaining to complete coach stream 1. They are registered for their course.
- Chad has offered to cover practices for coaches wanting to attend clinics/courses offered during their practice times. (many great clinics in Winsport, Lethbridge)

- Referee

- \$500 scholarships awarded out of possible \$1500. 2 referees didn't attend and 1 didn't submit a bill.
- ORA wants to offer a referee scholarship as well. FMHA will take care of their own referee scholarships.
- Covering \$75 for referee courses again this year? ~40 referees. ~\$3000. Must ref 3 games before being reimbursed the. Travel allowance for referees of \$6? Keep the \$75 to offset course fees and travel (no additional travel allowance).

**Motion by Dave Skitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Hughes: to give our referees a \$75 subsidy towards clinics and travel, after having officiated 3 games. All in favour. Motion passed.**

- Referees to be on ice for initiation games starting around December.
  - Referees of one midget game were targeted by coaches and a complaint has been filed. Dave S will send out a mentoring email to all referees to encourage and support them.
  - Little tricks for beginning refs to show confidence: hard whistles, straight arm, proper puck drops.
  - Nov 16 ORA meeting here 7:30 pm Ramada, High River.
  - Referee room is small. Would like to request a larger room.
- Presentation of Mike Ryan Memorial award to Dave Skitch. (just to clarify, that's Old Dave)
  - Community Liaison
    - Blackie ice contract: Blackie wanting NO cancellation between Sept 15-March 15.
    - Nov 7/8 Blackie ice was cancelled without 10 days notice. Difficult for FMHA to give 10 days notice during tiering when CAHL has not issued schedules.
    - We have 10 day notice for weekend game ice. Have had 10 day notice for practice ice in the past as well. Blackie is requesting NO cancellation of practice ice. Sept 15-30, March 1-15: possibility of subletting out our unused ice?
    - 5:45-8:15pm Saturday Blackie time slot – Ag Society is wondering if we are going to pay for the entire time slot. If it's submitted from CAHL as a Midget slot, we need the full time slot.
  - Clinic

- No attendance last clinic. Will give it another try. Thurs Blackie 4:30-5:15
- Some clinic time slots could be offered to AA for goalie clinics if attendance stays low.
- CAHL
  - Need tournament dates from managers by the 9<sup>th</sup> so they can be submitted by the 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - One complaint filed from FMHA. ~~Proper chain of command needs to be followed for submitting complaints; manager and HC did not realize complaint had gone through.~~ AMENDMENT, Dec 4, 2015 to read: HC was aware of the complaint. The proper communication chain was followed.
  - Tiering placements need to be submitted to Jacki.
  - New CAHL rule has been conveyed to managers re coach suspensions
  - Coach suspensions need to be communicated from managers to President, VP and CAHL rep. Level Directors need to communicate this to their teams' managers.

#### G. Level Directors

- Initiation – spectators are not allowed along ice surface in small rink as this is classified as bench area. \*\*Needs to be added to Rules and Regs.
  - Outspoken initiation spectator with potential discipline issues. Also has provided a false address for player to play in FMHA.
  - Approached by Okotoks Oilers. They invite teams to Centennial and do on-ice activities. They will come out to practice on the small ice.
- Novice – a couple Respect-in-Sports left to complete.
- Atom – a couple Respect-in-Sports left to complete.
- PeeWee – a couple Respect-in-Sports left to complete. PeeWee A - tier 1, PeeWee B - tier 4, PeeWee C - tier 6
- Bantam – all courses up-to-date. Minimum games is 12.
- Midget – a couple respect-in-Sports left to complete. Latest midget player evaluated. Midget 1 coach suspended for 4 games.

#### H. Active Committees (Discipline, Ice, Affiliation, Evaluation, Player Development, Sponsorship)

- Discipline – nothing to report. Small issues dealt with.
- Ice – Discussed above. Rates = \$127 in Blackie, \$132+tax in High River for large ice, \$94.21 for small ice
- Affiliation – have until Dec 15 for affiliation deadline. Will revise rules and regs section.
- Evaluations – late Midget registrations all evaluated now and teams placed. Rules and Regs need to be revised and updated. Looking for some help in undertaking these revisions.
- Sponsorship – just waiting on one sponsor. Will focus on provincials now.

VIII. Adjournment by Dave S, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lana 10:25pm.

Next Meeting – Dec 3, 2015

MINUTES  
Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Thurs Oct 8, 2015  
7pm Ramada Meeting Room, High River

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Woods, Dave Wegener, Tanya Clemens, Ryan Hughes, Jesse Byers, Lana Bakken, Kellie Beal, Sarah Radmanovich, Chad Barton, Dave Skitch, Brad Sicotte, Pavel Savin, **Late arrival:** Cassie Gordon,  
**Missing:** Kevin MacIntyre, Jacki Swanson, Trent Williamson, Sean Selmsen

- I. Call to Order 7:13pm
- II. Additions to Agenda and Approval
- III. Minutes from last meeting and Approval

Motion to accept, as presented, by Sarah Radmanovich. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse Byers.  
Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer Report

V. Operations Manager Report

- CAHL deadline for submitting rosters is tomorrow, Novice 2 and Midget 1 need to submit.
- Next CAHL deadline is Nov 15 – all coach certifications and parents' Respect in Sport.
- Midget Players driving to games: Hockey Alberta says that players are allowed to drive themselves and give each other rides as long as the parents have consented.  
**Cassie to check into the legalities of this and how the document should be formatted.**

VI. Old Business

- A. Provincials (Sean, Cassie, Jesse, Jackie, Dave W) – Requests from PeeWee 1, Bantam 1. Will need Board support. Provincial package is on Hockey Alberta website. Profits go to association. Will form a provincial bid committee to get this started.

VII. New Business

- A. ePACT – online software for storing medical information. Approved by Hockey Canada as an alternative to paper forms and complies with FOIP. Would eliminate accessibility and legibility issues. Can put app on phone, data downloaded to it and would not need internet to access it. Parents fill out online form and could then be accessed by manager/trainer/etc. In subsequent years, parents would only need to update/review, no

re-submit. Disconnect function to be used at the end of the year to have all data erased from apps of trainers/managers/etc. Initial setup is \$250, yearly cost is \$2/player=\$850 total.

Motion by Kellie Beal to subscribe to ePACT for this current season. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Radmanovich. All in favour. Motion passed.

#### B. Tournaments

- CAHL regulations require LMHA's to request tournaments by Nov 10.
- 5 (partially) available weekends. How many tournaments to offer?
- How to decide which teams get which weekends? Could assign weekends to particular divisions. Initiation requires one day and could possibly host it in Blackie if Blackie could swap their public skate one Saturday afternoon (Nov 14?)-Cassie to check. Standard March date as an alternative.
- Will offer 4 weekends for tournaments: Dec 4-6 (HR closed Sat at 4pm), Dec 11-13 (no ice in HR Sun after 1:30pm), Jan 15-17 (no ice in HR Sat after 7:45pm), Jan 29-31 (no ice in HR Sun after 4:15pm and no ice Fri in Blackie), March-Provincials.
- Email will be sent to all team managers to have their request for hosting tournaments by Oct 17. Should notify the Board of any tournaments already entered by teams. Lottery draw will be used to award one weekend per division.
- Motion by Dave S, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse Byers: to remove the donation of \$250/team for hosting tournaments, but will provide a bag of pucks. All in favour. Motion passed.

#### C. *[in camera]*:

#### D. Apparel

- Would like to not be exclusive to one apparel company. Teams have to use the approved logos and colours.

#### E. Photography - Trent

- Contact Jane Russell & Ian Whitworth for bids/quotes

#### F. Executive Reports

#### G. Level Directors

##### • Initiation:

- ½ ice hockey recommended by Hockey Alberta. (similar to playing games on the small ice). Other teams in the league have adopted this already. Swapping teams

with Okotoks and High Country ie.2 teams go to play in Okotoks and two teams will be sent from Okotoks to FMHA and High Country for games.

- Need to look at purchasing partitions for the Blackie ice and would have to discuss with the Blackie rink where they could be stored.
- Adopt ½ ice hockey for initiation tournaments
- Will not implement this for the current year
- Novice
  - Met with house league team. Going well. Guaranteed 18 games.
- Atom
  - Good
- PeeWee
  - To be aware of possible support needed with affiliations
- Bantams
  - Affiliations/AA
- Midget
  - 2 teams of 13 players each. ½ of B team had “commitment issues”. A team did not want B team kids combined with it.
  - One player wanting to move up a team or will quit. Player movement request is denied.
  - Okotoks president suggested a hybrid system with the midget team , one practice in HR and one in Okotoks. A team was not receptive to this idea. Okotoks said their 2 goalies had to be on the team and the FMHA goalies would be removed. Deal breaker.
  - As of today, we potentially have 5 more Midget players plus a coach for the 2 team. Will wait the next few days to see...

H. AA, CAHL , Equipment, Community Liaison, Coach, Clinic, Referee,

- AA
  - Midget AA team is set up now.
- Equipment



- What to do with practice jerseys? Give them away. Extra socks to go to those who need them. Source for Sports in Okotoks will carry white Phildaelpa flyers socks for those who want.
- Community Liaison
  - Criminal record check letter is up on the website now.
- Coach
  - Coach meeting on Friday and will give our first aid kits.
  - Working on getting course requirements met.
  - Would like to see coach development get some funds, which will then lead to player development.
- Referee
  - \$6 travel given again?
  - At some point, may need to separate FMHA from ORA and let them run it.
- I. Active Committees (Discipline, Ice, Affiliation, Evaluation, Player Development, Sponsorship)
  - Affiliation
    - Will need to meet soon.
  - Sponsorship
    - 10/10 jerseys are sponsored!
    - Will work on ice sponsorship.

VIII. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Tanya Clemens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kellie Beale. 10:44pm

Next Meeting – Nov 5, 2015