



**FMHA Board of Directors Meeting  
Ramada Meeting Room  
October 6, 2016 7:00 pm**

**In attendance:**

Jennifer Woods, Lana Bakken, Sarah Radmanovich, Pavel Savin, Kellie Beale, Brianne Fredell, Terri Bass, Chris Alexander, Dave Skitch, Dave Wegener, Miles Kiemele, Jamie Bakken, Chad Barton, Jacki Swanson, Jesse Byers

**Absent:**

Trent Williamson, Cassie Gordon, Tom Kowal, Kevin MacIntyre

**Call to Order**

Jennifer Woods called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and briefly outlined the ground rules for meetings going forward. The format of the meeting agenda and minutes will be changed, and examples were distributed for the board members to view.

*In camera discussion*

**Minutes Approval**

Kellie Beal moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Jacki Swanson seconded. The motion was carried with one opposed.

**Treasurers Report**

Lana Bakken provided the treasurer's report. FMHA currently has \$244,342.66 in the account right now, and has not paid any major expenses to date. FMHA has not received any ice bills yet. This balance also includes the registration fees paid for the AA program. She explained that FMHA pays a down payment to the Bisons and then the remittance is sent once all monies are collected. Registrations have not yet been fully paid, the deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Lana has not received all sponsorship money yet from the sponsorship committee.

Brianne Fredell requested that a balance sheet be sent out to the Board members monthly. Lana will email out the current balance sheet and income statement tonight, and then with her report going forward.

**Operations Manager Report**

Pavel Savin provided the Operations Manager Report. Additional information includes that the initial CAHL schedule should become available Monday, and the Epect email should be sent out with in a week.

Terri Bass also said that in speaking with her teams regarding tournaments, the interest in hosting this year is less than it has been previously. This may be due to the current state of the economy, and that tournaments are a lot of work, and that the same volunteers tend to take on much of that work. While tournaments are good for the community, the enthusiasm for hosting them is waning. FMHA would like to encourage teams to continue to host tournaments, and perhaps taking the focus off fundraising might be a way to do that. Ice not used for tournaments will be submitted to CAHL for games.

**Photos**

FMHA and Bisons photos will take place on Wednesday, November 2. Trent will take care of the scheduling and arranging. Dave Skitch will email the referees to have their pictures done as well. Level directors are to remind teams that players should come as dressed as possible.

**Return to Play Policy**

Medical clearance (ie a doctor's note) will be required for players with concussions and fractures. The policy also allows trainers to request medical clearance for other injuries if they are uncomfortable with the player returning to on-ice activity. Trainers are not required to request medical clearance if they are comfortable with the player returning to play. As the safety person on each team, this is the responsibility of the trainer, and should not fall to the manager.



Chris Alexander moved to accept the return to play policy as written. The motion was seconded by Terri Bass and passed unanimously.

#### **Director Reports – President**

Jennifer and Sarah attended the Hockey Alberta Zone meeting in Lethbridge. Information that needed to be passed on to relevant directors has been sent to them. Hockey Alberta recognizes that they have been slow to respond to the growing interest in no hit and house league hockey, and are now trying to deal with it.

#### **Director Reports – Secretary**

Sarah will ask Cassie to remove the Rules and Regs from the website for now, until they can be updated, as some changes that were supposed to be made last year have not been done.

Sarah would like to thank everyone for getting their reports in ahead of time, and issued a reminder not to name coaches and players in director reports for confidentiality reasons.

#### **Director Reports – Level Directors**

Kellie Beal reports that initiation is looking good so far. With three teams of 13 players. She is working on the schedule now. Claresholm has joined, currently there are 8 teams. Okotoks has split their teams into Jr and Sr divisions. Talks are going on to play the Jr teams as we have a greater number of younger players on our teams. All parents have Respect in Sport (RIS) in place. Jennifer mentioned that at the Hockey Alberta meeting, it was suggested that MHA's require RIS to be in place before new players are allowed to register, as they will be issued a Hockey Alberta number at that time, and the registration process is easier. Kellie requested that when ordering future Timbits jerseys, we watch that colours don't conflict with the colours our surrounding associations use. We have some different colours this year. James Bakken said that there were not a lot of colours to choose from when he ordered the jerseys this year.

Brianne Fredell adds to the Novice report that there is a new player registered this week. The player is new to hockey and will not be evaluated.

Terri Bass reports that there are 13 players on the Atom House team.

Chris Alexander and Jesse Byers had previously submitted their reports and no changes have occurred.

Jennifer Woods received a report from Kevin MacIntyre that there will be one Midget team this year with 19 skaters and two goalies. We have accepted the Vulcan goalie. Pavel has not received the paperwork from Vulcan for the Vulcan goalie. Two of the midget skaters are injured right now, one has a carryover suspension from last year.

#### **Director Reports – Other Directors**

AA – Dave Wegener reports that the new Bisons signs have been hung in both arenas. FMHA approved a budget for signs last year, but the Bisons paid for the new signs themselves.

CAHL – Sarah Radmanovich attended the CAHL Governor's meeting with Michelle Hammond on Wednesday evening. There are a lot of new Governors this year, especially with so many new member associations. Level Directors are asked to have their managers turn in any old score books to Jacki.

Equipment – FMHA will provide first aid kits for Bisons, and they will reimburse FMHA for them. Hockey Canada only requires that each team have a "fully stocked first aid kit" but that can mean different things. They can be bought at Costco fairly inexpensively. The sponsorship agreement with Summit seems to be complicated, and James has not actually connected with Bob from Summit yet. It would be good to have Bob meet with the trainers from each team.

James also would like to limit access to the FMHA room at Blackie. Currently the key is left in the concession at times, and the arena attendants have been asked not to allow people access to it. During regular season, there should be no need.



Coach – Chad Barton amended his report to read that there is a coach in place at Atom 3 now. Some coaches will require some additional support, which is being provided.

Clinic – Miles Kiemele explained that clinics are running on Fridays from 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm and turnout has been very good so far. Would like to get some coaches out for clinics, especially with the younger players. Chad explained that after the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline has passed, Hockey Alberta will be more available to come out for clinics if needed as well.

Referee – Dave Skitch asked if there would be ice available for another ref clinic. It would be beneficial, especially for the younger referees. He would like to hold it near the end of November, or the beginning of December. Pavel said that ice would be available, and that Dave should choose a date before the ice is submitted to CAHL. Dave Wegener moved that FMHA cover the cost of ice and pizza for the referee clinic. The motion was seconded by Jacki Swanson, and passed unanimously.

Amendment – Dave Skitch would like to add to his report that most games this year will utilize a three-man system, rather than two.

### **Committee Reports**

Evaluations– Brianne Fredell provided the survey responses to the Board via email, she will put together an overview and recommendations.

Terri Bass and Brianne Fredell expressed that they had parents in their divisions who were confused about registration and evaluation for the House league. An open house will be held in January to discuss House league with the membership. It will be especially important to reach the Initiation parents, and provide education about House league to them.

Affiliations – The affiliations committee will meet briefly after this meeting to address those questions posed by directors.

Sponsorship – Brianne Fredell has recovered some funds from old accounts, totalling approximately \$6300. FMHA need to decide what to do with these funds. It would be nice to see them used for something special for the association. Some ideas discussed include: having a speaker in to talk to the membership about aspects of kids in sport, paying for clinics, a hockey fun day. Board members are asked to give this some thought and bring a "wish list" to the next meeting.

### **Newsletter**

Terri Bass will send out information regarding the Jr Flyer of the Game, and the information will be included in the newsletter. Jennifer says the newsletter will be sent out after team registrations are done.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm. The next meeting will be held at the Ramada meeting room on Nov 3, 2016, 7:00 pm.