



Foothills Minor Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
22 February 2018; 7:00 pm  
Ramada Meeting Room

Present: Jennifer Woods, Sarah Radmanovich, Kellie Beal, Brianne Fredell, Pavel Savin, Adam Rommens, Toby Redfern, Tyler Hutton, Miles Kiemele, Kevin McIntyre, Chris Alexander

Absent: Brad Parker, Jacki Swanson, Terri Bass, James Bakken

Special Guest: Dave Skitch, Referee Liaison for ORA

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm 1 addition was made to the agenda - late ice cancellation fees when there are game changes.

Kellie Beal made a motion to accept the January Minutes. The motion was seconded by Toby Redfern, the motion was carried.

Referee Liasion – Dave Skitch –Dave will stay on as our referee liaison for next year.

- For next year, ORA would like to make the High River Officials clinic a Level 1 clinic only, Level 2 officials could go to a clinic elsewhere. We need to try to pick a different date to prevent a conflict with minor hockey.
- Poor attendance at the refresher clinic in December. Possibly we could hold it during the tiering break or over Christmas, as it often conflicts with the practices of many officials who also play.
- \$100 reimbursement for first year officials – 7 officials meet the requirements this year.
- Foothills travel reimbursement – Dave will get that information to Kellie at the end of the year.
- Referee cheque pick up – ORA is concerned with cheques being left at the arena, and who is responsible for lost cheques. Will continue as is for this year, but there may be a change for next year.
- Had an issue with a PWAA game time change in Nanton – can be a concern when officials are scheduled for other games,
- Atom tournament – had some positive comments regarding the officiating.
- Overall, ORA is doing a good job running our officials. We have about 30 Foothills officials, 7 are first year. There have been a few complaints regarding officials, coaches and players. Abuse toward referees continues to occur from both coaches and players.
- A member of the ORA Executive will attend FMHA meetings at our request.

Treasurer's Report – Kellie has to make a few adjustments with the Bisons, has two families with payment plans. Reports from the audited teams looked good – will audit the remaining teams. We have to set next years rates by March. We are going to have to raise rates this year. Summer ice will be almost double, regular season ice will go up and HA rates will also go up. May also need to invest in another set of bumpers for Blackie.

Old business – ice – when we have a game time change (not by us) High River is now charging us for both the original game and the new game. Blackie does not charge us for cancellations due to inclement

weather. We need to add to the manager's book that game changes are included in charges for unused ice and the 14 day limit applies.

The quality of ice in High River is deteriorating. Arena staff are a difficult to work with. We need to get together with the other user groups and hold a stakeholders' meeting with the town.

Hockeyville – some confusion from our members who thought we were doing this. The organizing group has done a great job. Announcement of finalists will be in March.

AGM – date to be May 24<sup>th</sup>. Sarah to confirm with golf course. Need ideas for a guest speaker. Will be same menu as last year and cash bar. Bylaw changes to be in 30 days before.

Rules and Regulations – some changes to consider - evaluation charge for re-evaluation. No practice with upper teams unless you are affiliating that week. Minimum # before you can affiliate. Need to look at affiliates for House. Motions to be ready for March meeting.

Spring Open House (House Leagues) – Try for registration round up. Brianne will call the Town to book a table.

Discussed the possibility of an Intro to Hockey this spring. We could run our own learn to skate program for 4 year olds. Volunteerism is a concern but we could utilize our Midgets. We could run 2 different sessions (fall and winter).

**Motion** by Brianne Fredell that Novice players will all be evaluated as skaters. We will not evaluate goalies at the Novice level. Second by Adam Rommens, motion passed.

CAHL had a Novice only meeting to decide what to do with the new novice cross ice guidelines from Hockey Canada. We need to see what comes out of that meeting.

Spring newsletter needs to be done by the March meeting.

Discipline – there have been a lot of concerns with parents on teams who actively undermine the coaching staff, beyond just not being supportive. Some instances stem from not making teams that parents think their kids should have made, and it has a very negative impact on teams. It also causes affiliation problems. This is a small percentage of our membership, but the problems it causes eats up the bulk of our time. *In camera discussion.*

Motion to adjourn by Kellie Beal at 10:20 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Jennifer Woods March 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm.