



Battle River Minor Hockey Association

Executive and Operating Committee Meeting

Killam Multipurpose Room 7 PM, March 17th, 2026

Attendance: Aaron Lassu, Dave Damman, Blair Dickson, Tanis Oliver, Aleisha Brodie, Sherisse Cameron, Tate Sutter, Sheldon Oliver, Kyle Ness, Jordy Cox, Shannon Steil, Cody Anderson

Quorum present: Yes

- **Call to order by chairman:** 7:05
- **Review of past minutes from February 3rd, 2026**
- **Approval of past meeting minutes:** S. Cameron made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.
- **Request for any additions to the agenda as circulated:** None
- **Approval of the agenda:** A. Brodie moved to accept the agenda as presented.

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- **Presidents Report:**

Cody reported on his recent conversations with the CAHL president; they had discussed the proper channels of communication in regard to complaints. Please remember that complaints are supposed to come from our association President. Not directly to the CAHL or HA. They also discussed the late player additions that happened in U18T3W, and the path forward on requirements for these players. Playoff format was also discussed, with the hope that at least some of the playoffs could transition into a better format than 2 game total points.

Reminder to everyone that the Executive is here to support our teams! Please communicate through the proper channels if there are issues/conflicts!

Moving forward we will also be trying to keep the meetings under 2 hours to be respectful of everyone's time.

Good luck to all our association's girls at provincials!

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Balances are as follows:

General account – 70,984.13

Casino account – 658.65 (where we want to be with Casino coming this fall)

Raffle account – 33,250.0 (Ice rent to come out of this still- approx. 11,000+)

Reminder that we are needing a treasurer for next season, please let anyone know that might be interested that Amanda will help you get set up and started!
Carol Arntzen has offered to audit the books again this season.

- **Registrar's Report:**

Not a lot going on with registration this time of year, projected numbers are ready for next season if anyone wants them. Shannon and Karen have agreed on a date for the managers info session – September 22nd time and location TBD. Shannon also mentioned that we are hoping to do a directors' info session after the AGM with both the former and new directors. She will also be resetting the email accounts for the director's positions closer to the AGM date.

- **Operating committee Reports:**

U7 Director – Blair Dickson

Season is all wrapped up, it was a good year overall. The teams will have approx. \$750-\$1000 to return to the association

U9 Director – David Dammann

Finished the year strong with both teams winning their final games. League had a meeting and voted on whether to continue with the Major/Minor format. The vote passed with 5 in favour and 1 against. They also voted on the addition of Wainwright teams to the league, with 5 voting in favour and 1 abstaining- due to wanting more information on the Wainwright teams.

U11 Director – Sherisse Cameron

Both teams lost in the semi-finals in playoffs to Blackfalds and have had their windups for the season.

U13 Director – Aleisha Brodie

Our team lost out in the first round to the Thunderstars, and we should have some \$ left to return to the association.

U15 Director – Aaron Lassu

U15's had a great season, especially considering we weren't sure if we would have a team at the start of the year. They lost to Sylvan Lake in the colour finals, and had a good year overall.

U18 Director – Tanis Oliver

18-1 lost in 1st round of playoffs, they are looking at doing a donation to both the year end celebration and the association. They have 8 confirmed graduating players purchasing their jerseys, possibly 1 more.

18-2 lost in their colour Final. They had an excellent year, they had their final skate windup and will be returning some money to the association. They have 2 graduating players purchasing their jerseys.

U11F Director – Jenine Ruzicka

The girls had there year end tournament in Vermilion March 5 – 7, they didn't end up playing the last game due to the power going out. Vermilion was going to reimburse some of the entry fees due to this.

They also played an exhibition game against a group of Thunderstars girls – who are considering entering a team in the league next season.

Jenine has also been in contact with 2-3 new families that may be interested in joining our U11 and U13 teams next year.

She has been working with Janine Eckstrand on a girl's skate in the fall, in conjunction with the female alumni game that they have received a grant for.

U13F Director – Stephanie Armstrong

None

U15F Director – Lee-Ann Zimmer

Nothing to report

U18F Director – Jolie Dolany

None

Equipment manager – Dallas Grant

Has been in contact with Battle River regarding socks, still waiting to hear back.

Referee Assignor – Kiley Sutter

Went pretty well this season, it was really nice to have a larger group of local officials this year, this kept costs much lower, as we didn't need to bring in refs much at all. She is considering taking this position again next season.

Referee in Chief – Tate Sutter

Only had a couple of complaints near the end of the year, the North zone group asked if we would be willing to move our clinic around to the other towns nearby from year to year. Tate felt that it would be better to keep ours as is, we're starting to get consistent numbers and moving it around might not be the best for that.

We should look into collecting the ref's jerseys at each arena and having them washed.

He also mentioned that he won't be renewing his position for next season.

Fundraising Convener – Sarah Anderson

See Old Business

Website and Media manager – Danielle Armstrong

None

League Director CAHL – George Kueber

Not much to report, playoffs went off without a hitch for the most part. U18-2 team ran into some conflict in the final series with 3C's. Cody has been in contact with the CAHL regarding this.

League Director Female – Randi Ness

Has yet to receive any emails/communication from the league

All games are finished for each age group and teams are headed to provincials

The ECAFHL Spring AGM is on – April 30, 2026 (no time or date on the website yet)
Randi is unable to attend this meeting.

League Governor Male – Karen Swainson

The U9's are wrapped up for the season, the last weekend of play was March 14/15th.
They enjoyed playing full ice for the last 6 weeks of the season!

Player Development – Colton Jackson

See New business

Discipline Director – Hope Palmer

Not much to report, had a couple of suspensions in playoffs, but nothing further.

Reach out with any questions or concerns!

Ice Allocator – Charlene Sutter

Ice usage report was sent close to the end of the season. Most teams ended with a pretty close split; some were affected due to playoff results.

Casino Chairperson – Taneil Dickson

Casino date has been set – Aug 9-10th. Volunteers are needed! The Sign-up sheet is available for those that can work a shift. Beverly Bennett has been hired as our advisor, and the rest of the paperwork is in progress

Hockey Alberta Safety Leader – Shelby Boyd

Not much to report.

1) I know there has been a few injuries throughout the playoff season.

I believe U18-2, U15 and U13 but I haven't received any reports. If directors can reach out to their managers/coaches or even the parents of the injured players that would be great. We have 90 days from the date of the injury, so we still have time right now but I'm sure with hockey wrapping up, people are moving on and it would be nice to get those submitted.

2) Next, if Dallas can let me know when all the first aid kits have been returned, I can start to make some time to go through them.

3) Finally, I am not planning to continue in this position next year. I do have someone interested, a nurse as well, who is planning to attend the AGM to put their name forward... but if anyone else has any recommendations in mind, please let them know. Feel free to hand out my number if they have questions about the position.

• Old Business:

1. Year-end celebration update:

Approx 100 tickets have been sold to date, Reminder that Apr 1st is the deadline to purchase tickets. They are still looking for more donations for the silent auction. The question was raised if we want to provide a DD service, good discussion was had, and it was decided that yes we do.

A. Lassu moved that we raise the year end celebration budget by \$500 to a total of \$7500, to cover any cost associated with a DD service.

Carried

• New Business:

1. Proposed bylaw change:

4.0 Membership

b) Duties and Privileges of Members:

Current wording:

- i) All members shall be entitled to attend the Annual Meeting, General Meetings, and any Executive and Operating Committee Meetings to make suggestions and recommendations to the Executive and Operating Committee and assist in the operation of the hockey program in any manner approved by the Executive;
- ii) The executive and operating committees shall be entitled to vote at all meetings. When policy comes into question, it shall be declared two weeks prior to the meeting via email, directors, social media for all members at large to take part in the vote on the basis of one vote per registered family.
- iii) All members shall be subject to such rules and regulations as may be formulated by BRMHA.

Previous wording:

All members except player members shall be entitled to vote at and only at all Annual Meetings, General Meetings, and Special Meetings of BRMHA, on the basis of one vote per registered family.

Proposed change for AGM:

- All members except player members shall be entitled to vote at and only at the Annual Meetings, General Meetings and Special meetings of BRMHA, on the basis of one vote per registered family.
- The executive and operating committee members shall be entitled to vote at all meetings.

7.0 DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Current wording:

Duties shall consist of the following duties together with those set forth in the Policies and Guidelines of the BRMHA. The Executive shall have the power to rescind, alter, or add to the BRMHA Policies and Guidelines at routine or Special Meetings. All Executive and Operating Committee members shall provide any requested information from previous positions held with other hockey associations.

Proposed wording:

Duties shall consist of the following duties together with those set forth in the Policies and Guidelines of the BRMHA. The Executive and operating committee shall have the power to rescind, alter, or

add to the BRMHA Policies and Guidelines at **routine regular Executive and Operating Committee Meetings** or Special Meetings. All Executive and Operating Committee members shall provide any requested information from previous positions held with other hockey associations.

Good discussion was had around these proposed changes, and the group agreed that we should bring these to the AGM to be voted on.

2. Name bars:

Discussion was had around whether we wanted to continue to have namebars. Consensus was yes, we do, and that the policy needs to be amended to include removal by an approved vendor. It was also suggested that the use of funding to have them installed and removed should be changed to include team funds.

3. AGM date:

April 22nd 7 PM in Killam MPR room

4. Fall hockey camp:

See attached spreadsheet

Discussed whether or not we wanted to host the camp as presented, consensus was yes we do as long as we get enough players to register. It was also decided that advertising for this should start ASAP once the details have been finalized.

Registration dates potentially June 1st to Aug 15th – Colton to finalize with Cross Ice

Discussed jerseys for the camp – all attendees will pay for their own jersey, no BRK logos on the jerseys. Colton to talk to Cross ice about names/numbers on the jerseys. (Maybe provide this onsite?)

Discussed fee structure – suggested price of \$175/player and goaltenders are free due to not getting any formal instruction.

Colton to discuss with Cross Ice insurance coverage – Shannon also looking into coverage through Hockey Alberta

Discussion had around use of profits from camp, consensus was the profits would be used for player development, and that a motion would be made in the fall after the camp for this.

5. BRMHA recognition program:

Char Sutter has been putting together a proposal for an association recognition program. She will present this once she has finalized a few more details.

- **Correspondence:**

None

- **Next Meeting Date:**

TBD by new executive

- **Adjournment:**

8:50 PM