



Battle River Minor Hockey Association

Executive and Operating Committee Meeting

Killam Multi-purpose Room, 7 Pm, Tuesday January 6, 2026

- **Call to order by chairman:** 7:00 PM
- **Review of past minutes from November 18, 2025**
- **Approval of past meeting minutes:** Moved by A. Lassu to accept meeting minutes as presented. **Carried**
- **Request for any additions to the agenda as circulated:** None
- **Approval of the agenda:** Moved by A. Brodie to accept the agenda as presented. **Carried**
- **Presidents Report:**
Filled out surveys for both the CAHL and ECAFHL. Please remind managers that we must fill out travel permits for all tournaments and any exhibition games that are out of province.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
On budget so far, General account is up a bit due to income from the raffle tickets, this money goes into the general account for ALGC reporting, it will be then moved to the raffle account and distributed accordingly. The money remaining in the Casino account was budgeted to be used for ice fees and will be spent before our next casino date.
- **Registrar's Report:**
Not a lot has changed, we did have 4 late registrations. All HCR's have been approved. January 15th is the cutoff date for affiliates, if anyone has questions or needs assistance please reach out. CAHL affiliates must have the form filled out that is on Hockey Alberta's website.
Note: for the 2026-27 season all bench staff and executive will need VS and CRC checks as per Hockey Alberta.

Projected registration numbers for next season have been drafted for anyone that might be interested.

- **Operating committee Reports:**

U7 Director – Blair Dickson

Tournament went well, had 6 teams total, each U7 team made approximately \$2150 and are planning to go to a tournament or two in the next couple of months.

U9 Director – David Dammann

Hosting their tournament this coming weekend, Major team is going to 2 other tournaments, Minor Hockey Days games are scheduled. Feedback on split practices has been very positive.

U11 Director – Sherisse Cameron

U11-1 have all 10 skaters back and are currently sitting 6th

U11-2 are going to be missing 2 players for the month of January, will be utilizing affiliates and are currently sitting 1st

U13 Director – Aleisha Brodie

Had a good break, currently tied for 2nd in standings, going to a tournament at the end of January

U15 Director – Aaron Lassu

Season is going well so far, sitting middle of the pack and have been progressing as the season continues

U18 Director – Tanis Oliver

Everything is going well so far, ½ of the regular season is complete, and both teams are sitting close to the top of their colour groups, and both teams are happy with where they were tiered.

U11F Director – Jenine Ruzicka

U11 female had 2 big wins on the weekend and the girls were pretty excited. We have a tournament this month and a double header in Lac La Biche and Mallaig. They are improving each week.

U13F Director – Stephanie Armstrong

Nothing to report, the two teams that our girls went to play with, played each other last weekend and tied.

U15F Director – Lee-Ann Zimmer

Nothing to report, starting to look at numbers for next season.

U18F Director – Jolie Dolany

U18 girls have 6 league games left to play. This coming weekend they are in a tournament in Daysland, hosted by Camrose Wildcats. They are sitting middle of the pack in the standings.

Equipment manager – Dallas Grant

Nothing to report

Referee Assignor – Kiley Sutter

Nothing to report

Referee in Chief – Tate Sutter

Not much to report on the official's side. We have been able to staff almost all games with locals with the exception of only about a half dozen games or so this is a great improvement for sure! Haven't come across many issues as well so so far so good. If anyone has any questions or anything please reach out!

Fundraising Convener – Sarah Anderson

Cash Raffle:

- Ticket stubs and cash need to be back to me by January 17.
- The draw will happen on January 24 at 12:20 p.m. at the Killam Arena.
- I'm hoping to have a few board members there to help with the draw.
- We'll do the draw on Facebook Live again. If Amanda is able to help with that, that would be awesome.
- We'll use a large clear plastic bin to draw the tickets.

Minor Hockey Days:

- I'll be collecting donation items for the raffle table, so please let me know if anyone has anything they can donate.
- A few committee members are purchasing some larger raffle items using team funds. \$125 will be taken from each team's account on January 15 (Amanda will handle this). Committee members have been told to send their receipts to Amanda for reimbursement.

50/50

- I'd like to try something new this year and run the 50/50 for a full week.
- The plan is to start it the Monday before Minor Hockey Weekend and run it through the weekend.

- I'm planning to use Raffle Rocket this year since it's been highly recommended, and the fees are a bit cheaper than Rafflebox.
- With Amanda's help, the Stripe account is set up and just waiting on approval (should only take a few business days).
- Once everything is approved, I'll do a test purchase to make sure everything is working before we launch.

Awards

- We'll be giving out Heart & Hustle / MVP awards for each game.
- The Wheat Kings will sponsor U7–U15, and the Sabres will sponsor U18.
- Question for the group: Do we want to stick with *Heart & Hustle* for all age groups, or change the title to *MVP* for the older divisions? Still just one award per game.

Other Notes

- I've reached out to the Co-op about snack gift cards and am waiting to hear back.
- Randi has put together a schedule and is organizing volunteers for the raffle table.
- Just a reminder that, like last year, teams are responsible for covering the score clock, scorebook, music, and penalty boxes.
- I'll send out an email to team managers closer to the event once all details are confirmed.

Year-End Banquet:

- The hall is booked for April 17.
- Carol Kinzer is booked to cater:
 - Adults: about \$38 per plate
 - Kids (ages 3–12): \$10 off
 - Under 3: free
- Elegant Event Rentals will be \$34.23 per table, and they've offered to donate a photo booth area.
- Hall rental: \$675

Ticket Prices

- My suggestion is:
 - Adults: \$45

- Kids: \$35
This should cover our costs, and anything from the auction would be extra fundraising money.

Program Ideas

- I haven't fully planned the program yet, but I was thinking of doing a few team awards.
- If anyone has ideas or suggestions, I'm all ears.
- I'm also looking into a guest speaker—someone with a hockey background that the kids would actually enjoy listening to. If anyone has connections, let me know!
- I'm also checking into booking a DJ, but that would be an added cost and I don't have pricing yet.

Website and Media manager – Danielle Armstrong

Things are running smoothly- as always if you're needing to change, post, or update anything on the website/FB page, I can be easily reached through email or text.

League Director CAHL – George Kueber

CAHL completed some team movement at the end of December due to teams not being within their competitive model in their current tiers. We did not have any teams that were required to move, big thanks to all involved in the tiering process which is a big part of that.

CAHL is looking into a possible change in playoff format, if teams are considered to strong or to weak for playoffs within their colour group, they may be regrouped for playoffs. Governors will communicate to teams if this is happening.

Note: Once a game has been posted to the website, it must be played.

League Director Female – Randi Ness

Nothing to report

League Governor Male – Karen Swainson

Nothing new to report, had 1 team request to move at the Christmas break.

Player Development – Colton Jackson

Nothing much to report. 2 goalie skates left tomorrow and Feb 6. Only a few crossice skates left. Might plan for another hitting clinic for second year U13.

Discipline Director – Hope Palmer

Not much to report, there were 2 suspensions in the CAHL since our last meeting, both of which have been served. None that I can see in the ECFHL.

I would also like to extend a thank you to our players, bench staff (including managers), and parents as we have only had a handful of suspensions this year and I haven't had anything else come up (knock on wood). So thank you to everyone representing our association in a positive light!

Ice Allocator – Charlene Sutter

Completed projection of ice time usage by team, we are currently projected to be under budget on ice usage, but that could change with playoffs. Also working on a manual for next seasons ice allocator.

Casino Chairperson – Taneil Dickson

Nothing to report

Hockey Alberta Safety Leader – Shelby Boyd

Confirmed that all teams have a first aid kit. Two teams brought their own Bcs they were more in-depth than what we provide.

Have one team that has noted they could use a top up of supplies so going to meet up with them this week and figure that out. Any other teams who are needing a top up, please let me know! I am sending an email out to all team safeties tonight to also let them know of this.

Confirmed that both arenas also have first aid supplies.

Killam has first aid supplies in the ref room. Sedgwick has a kit behind the concession and in Cory's office.

I plan to bring what hockey Canada recommends teams carry for first aid kits to our February meeting so we can have a discussion about how much we want to beef up our kits or possibly purchase new kits?

Plan to go through all first aid kits at the end of the season this year and go through expiration dates and top up the association kits.

Also plan to make a duotang or some sort of collection of documents that can stay with each teams first aid kit that has any crucial or helpful information in case of emergencies.

I have been made aware of 3 injuries this season.

Coach injury on U7 and (2) U18 injuries.

I have received coach form and 1 player form for U18 and both have been submitted to hockey Alberta injury reporting.

I connected with the third parent and they are getting me their form.

Any other injuries I am not aware of, please reach out! Reminder, we have 90 days to submit and I am happy to help parents with that or answer any questions folks may have.

I verbally confirmed Sedgewick arena's kits. I plan to take a peek before February to take note of what all they carry.

I briefly went through Killam's last year and they had quite a stock. But I will take note prior to February meeting.

Any other ideas or suggestions, I am looking for feedback!!!

- **Old Business:**

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2. Provincials bid update:

We were not awarded provincials this year, Hockey Alberta did not indicate why.

- **New Business:**

1. Minor Hockey days: Team contributions vote: A. Lassu moved to have each team contribute \$125 for the raffle table prizes for Minor Hockey Days.

Carried

2. Jacket donation discussion: U18-1 had some team jackets that arrived and did not fit their players, they have donated these to the association to use.

A. Brodie moved to use the jackets for fundraising.

Carried

- **Correspondence:** None
- **Next Meeting Date:** February 3rd, 2026, in Sedgewick
- **Adjournment:** 8:20 PM