



## **Battle River Minor Hockey Association**

### **Executive and Operating Committee Meeting**

**Sedgewick Curling Lounge, 7 Pm, Tuesday Feb 3rd, 2026**

**Attendance:** Karen Swainson, Hope Palmer, Dave Dammann, Colton Jackson, George Kueber, Kyle Ness, Stephanie Armstrong, Sherisse Cameron, Amanda Rahmoun, Danielle Armstrong, Jenine Ruzicka, Jordy Cox, Cody Anderson, Shelby Boyd

**Quorum present:** Yes

- **Call to order by chairman:** 7:01PM
- **Review of past minutes from January 6th, 2026**
- **Approval of past meeting minutes:** Moved by H. Palmer to accept meeting minutes as presented  
**Carried**
- **Request for any additions to the agenda as circulated:** None
- **Approval of the agenda:** Moved by J. Ruzicka to accept the agenda as presented.

**Carried**

- **Presidents Report:** Cody expressed a big thank you for everyone's efforts on the season so far this year!
- **Treasurer's Report:** See attachments
- **Registrar's Report:**  
Since last month we had 2 late player registrations - both have been rostered to the U18-2 team.  
A few minor changes were made to teams' affiliated players lists prior to the Jan 15th deadline. All revised HCR's have been approved by Hockey Alberta and copies distributed to team managers.

All rosters will be locked by Hockey Alberta after February 10th. After this date, no additional players may be added to a team's roster.

Note that additional bench staff can be added to a roster right up until the start of Provincials.

Registrations summary as of Feb. 3, 2026 – See attachments

- **Operating committee Reports:**

**U7 Director – Blair Dickson**

None

**U9 Director – David Dammann**

Hosted their tournament last weekend, went very well and a big thank you to the donors and sponsors! Each U9 team has a few games left as well as a couple of tournaments. There was an issue with another team using incorrect affiliates against the U9 Minor team. Asked about the correct way to continue playing/practicing for longer this season- last year was a parent cash call. Also asked about starting next season with increased power skating sessions for the younger groups.

**U11 Director – Sherisse Cameron**

Presented current standings for U11-1 and U11-2, both teams are coming close to the end of their regular season games. Playoffs will just be for the colour groups – no tier champion, which both teams are excited for!

**U13 Director – Aleisha Brodie**

We had a tournament in Beaumont/Leduc/Nisku this past weekend. It was a great weekend starting with a Pep Rally for all the teams at the Silent Arena in Nisku, there was even a coaches competition held. The boys ended the weekend by playing in the Gold Medal Game on Sunday Afternoon, they played hard but lost 4-1 and received second place! Super proud of them all. The boys had a great weekend not only playing hockey but had a full weekend of team building! They really are a great group of boys with some pretty awesome coaches and a manager who went above and beyond keeping us parents informed.

We did have one player receive a suspension at the tournament and will be sitting out on Saturday's game and returning for Sunday's game.

The boys are currently sitting in 3rd place in their colour group with only two league games remaining, both to be played on home ice this weekend!

We are looking forward to playoffs and making more memories together as a team!

**U15 Director – Aaron Lassu**

None

**U18 Director – Tanis Oliver**

Both U18 teams have three games each left to play in regular season. Team 1 is sitting around the middle of their colour and team 2 is sitting 1st in their colour. Both teams are awaiting playoff schedules and looking forward to having great games in playoff rounds.

**U11F Director – Jenine Ruzicka**

Attended a tournament in Stettler this past weekend, they had two really good games and are learning a lot. Year end tournament will be in Vermilion in March. They have 2 regular season games remaining.

**U13F Director – Stephanie Armstrong**

None

**U15F Director – Lee-Ann Zimmer**

None

**U18F Director – Jolie Dolany**

J. Ruzicka reported that the girls had a great weekend, the season is going well. They have 2 regular season games remaining and are currently sitting in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**Equipment manager – Dallas Grant**

None

**Referee Assignor – Kiley Sutter**

None

**Referee in Chief – Tate Sutter**

Things have been going pretty well on the reffing side only a few minor issues great to see I've gotten some info and feedback from others in the rink about what they are seeing from officials and wondering how we can help with learning opportunities and such for officials so keep it up thanks a ton and as always pls reach out with anything!!

**Fundraising Convener – Sarah Anderson**

Very happy with how Minor Hockey Days went, and would like to extend a big thank you to all that helped make it happen!

### **Website and Media manager – Danielle Armstrong**

New policies have been posted, will post up to date meeting minutes soon as well. Reminder for teams to send playoff schedules and any tournaments/exhibition games to her as well. The U7 and U9 games aren't always showing up on the calendar for some reason. There has been a large influx of viewership on social media sites so keep on interacting with our content to keep that going!

### **League Director CAHL – George Kueber**

Provincial & playoff structures have been sent out. Playoff placements still have to be set. We have had a few more suspensions and some inquiries about appealing, but no appeals have been made yet.

### **League Director Female – Randi Ness**

J. Ruzicka reported that playoffs are upcoming, and Vermilion is hosting both the U11 and U13 year end tournaments. Cody asked about possibly improving communication from the league.

### **League Governor Male – Karen Swainson**

U9 - full ice games are approved for the next month, and the teams are very excited! They can play up to 10 games if agreed upon prior to starting by both teams. They had a meeting to discuss the expectations of the full ice games.

### **Player Development – Colton Jackson**

Cross Ice hitting clinic booked for Feb 19<sup>th</sup> in Killam 5:15 – 6:15

Stable in the Net – last session this coming Friday in Killam 6 – 7:30, lots of younger goalie interest lately

Always looking for feedback on these programs.

Looking forward to next season and the possibility of hosting a camp with Cross Ice. Tentative dates of Sept 11,12,13. More details to come.

### **Discipline Director – Hope Palmer**

Have had a handful of suspensions, some teams discussed appealing them but decided not to. Had 2 formal complaints that have been resolved.

### **Ice Allocator – Charlene Sutter**

I will be emailing all teams U7 to U18 in regards to this coming week. I will be away. Teams will be asked if they need to cancel practice or games during that time that they contact the arena directly. (I don't expect there to be any)

We have the U13 and U15 Starting playoffs February 13 weekend. I will be working with them to book those games.

And then the U11, U18 start February 20 weekend.

All the teams in the playoffs will get an email from me reminding them how playoffs work for booking ice.

### **Casino Chairperson – Taneil Dickson**

None

### **Hockey Alberta Safety Leader – Shelby Boyd**

Hockey Alberta does have first aid kits on their website; Hockey Canada also has a suggested list of items for the first aid kits. More details to come on building these for next season.

Have had 5 injuries so far and all have completed the necessary paperwork. Reminder to send these separately if you have more than one to send.

#### **• Old Business:**

Minor Hockey Days Update – Thank you to Sarah for all her hard work! Fundraising revenues were reported for the weekend which were very successful, in large part due to the online 50/50 – See attachments

Year end celebration – Committee was formed – Sarah A., Jenine R., Amy J., Randi N., Stacy G., Stephanie A., and Charlene S.

Lots of good discussions around the event. Discussed the association doing coach/official/player awards/recognition for the season. Due to timelines this will be looked at for next season. Discussed using the Esso medals for the U11 and younger age group awards this year. Committee to discuss with coaches to come up with plans for U13-U18 awards.

S. Anderson presented a budget for the event – See attachment

S. Boyd moved to approve the year end celebration budget: up to \$7,000.

#### **Carried**

S. Boyd moved to use Wheat Kings Catering for the year end celebration.

**Carried**

- **New Business:**

Graduating player gifts – Due to the fact that the teams have already started arranging these for the 2025/2026 graduates. This will be deferred until next season. Good discussion around having these standardized and coming from the association

- **Correspondence:** None

- **Next Meeting Date:** March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 7 PM in the MPR in Killam

- **Adjournment:** 8:59