



BLACKFALDS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Ag Room

March 14, 2023 | 7:00 PM

ATTENDEES (Executive & Directors TBA):

Brad Harnack	Dion Nicolas
Nancy Morin	Tyne Fauth
Megan Guynup	Kyle Drouin
Kurtis Kenway	Aimee Donauer
Cheryl Berenik	

REGRETS:

Shannon Humphrey	Tyler Boruck	Darryl Taylor
Michelle Brown	Katie Bradley	Amanda Hatto
Kathleen Buckman		

Special Guests: N/A

Chair: Brad Harnack

Minutes: Aimee Donauer

- 1 **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:08 pm
- 2 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Brad Harnack & Kyle Drouin
- 3 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dion Nicolas & Nancy Morin
- 4 **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

4.1 President

4.1.2 U18 Refunds x 3() U15 ()

- refund happening, had knee surgery January 5th, 2023.
- Partial refund for , , ? These 3 only played a few games in the season. Board in approval. Next step for Brad to discuss with Katie on amounts.
- Another player broke his wrist but came back and played more of his season the players above.

4.1.3 U11 Incident - Letter from HA

- Player got reprimanded for use of language on ice. Player is on watch from Hockey Alberta
- Hockey Alberta sent a letter to this player, after a full investigation took place. There have been no further issues with that player since the letter was received.
- The letter will go on file at Hockey Alberta.

4.1.4 MHA Self Assessment- HA

- Brad to complete. He wanted to give everyone heads up that he will be calling other Board members to ask questions that he cannot answer, as it's quite an in-depth form.
- Form to be completed by March 28th for Hockey Alberta.

4.1.5 Tournament Ice Fees

- Ice fees have gone up. Local non-profit 40% subsidy (\$108/hour for BMHA) for 2023/2024 season.
- Tournament ice fees will be \$153/hour for 2023/2024 season.
- Good idea to raise fees for this season.
- Do we keep fees at the same rates for this coming season? With what we have in the account, we could leave it, but let the membership know that a raise might be coming for the 2024/2025 season.
- Hockey Alberta fees are also going up.

4.1.6 - Female Hockey Program

- Agreement will be done, signed and put in place for next season. Ponoka will be the lead on it. Brad will bring the agreement forth at the next meeting.
- Instead of 3 towns, open it up like CAS and include Central Alberta.
- Already have a female U13 team, working on jersey's for them already. Trying to keep the Wild Cats name, so it would be Central Alberta Wild Cats.

4.2 Vice President

4.2.1 Discussion regarding "How BMHA views itself as either REP Hockey, Alternative Entry or House League"

- There are grey areas in our by-laws, so we need to talk about this and look into it. Our association is getting bigger, so by-laws will need to be looked at again.
- This could change the evaluations, forms and more.
- Lacombe and Red Deer if they aren't AA, they are considered a house league. Blackfalds isn't considered house league - Hockey Alberta decides those levels.

4.2.2 Tryouts or Evaluations? Will be based on above.

4.2.3 Committee to review BMHA Rules & Regs Dion, Tyne, Kyle, 2 more needed. Finalize next meeting.

4.2.4 Evaluation / Tryout Sheets - would need to change depending on how we view ourselves (as above)

- Do we have to run tryouts instead of evaluations? Need to have backing of by-laws that is very clear

4.2.5 Directors to continue on?

- **ACTION:** Dion will ask if any directors are wanting to stay on and see where we stand on finding new ones.

4.3 Past President

4.4 Secretary / Web Admin

4.4.1 Sought out a mtg with Kyle to discuss the process of moving forward with President mentoring. Discussion revealed Kyle is still very interested in continuing with the process. MB, though committed to offering good work for BMHA membership and would step up to fulfill the President role, if needed, would be happy to continue to be a strong supporter of the President role. Therefore, stepping out of President mentorship moving forward.

One more nomination at this table, open until April 2023, for President role. All board members will need to decide by April meeting if they are staying on or not.

4.4.2 Request of By-law revision to address length of term of BMHA board members. Feedback: To address both high turnover of certain roles, and extended stay in others, suggest we create a bylaw to mediate this.

MOTION: Amend BMHA bylaws to include length of term for BMHA Board Members. Specifically, a minimum of two years, and a maximum of 3 years.

ACTION: Motion above will be carried over to next meeting when more board members present.

- VP & President & maybe ice scheduler at least 3 years, rest of the roles would be at least 2 years at minimum. Have the term lengths based on the position on the Board.
- Alternate years for board members (stagger it) so we don't have high turn around in the same year.
- If you want to stay on after your 2 years, you would be on another 2 years.

4.4.3 Request/discuss updates on:

- Cody Dennis Memorial game. So far 15 coaches and 9 players.
 - Need to have raffle items for the Cody Dennis raffle table (1 or more)
 - Last year, BMHA donated a few Gift Certificates. Should we do that this year again?
- Golf Tournament
 - Planning underway
 - Date of Golf Tournament is August 11, 2023; 2:00 pm shotgun start
- Registration 2023/2024
- Budget planning for 2023/2024

4.4.4 March 22 is the last scheduled player of the week - are we missing anyone else?

- One kid we asked for pictures but pictures would load.
 - **ACTION:** Kyle to follow up.

4.5 Treasurer Liaison

4.5.1 - Carla Dennis and I spoke and she has asked us to reach out and fill the spots for the BMHA players for the game. One child, she has the name she will get to me, has already been invited to play.

4.6 Registrar

4.6.1 - Presentation of 2023/24 registration form

- Add coach certificates, Cash payments?? Pay before you play.
 - Have to talk to Katie on payment options, cash or cheque - thought we did away with cash last year. If we accept cash, there has to be a date when the cash has to be in by or that player doesn't go on the ice until it's paid (same with cheque).
- Should Registrar send an email to all that need to update their RIS this year? Only if it's easy to do, if not, then just send a blanket email.

4.6.2 - Requests for standard release for players that have been released multiple seasons

- Permanent release for a player that has played in Red Deer since he was little. He will finish in Red Deer, so Red Deer would like a permanent release for this player.
- Would be less paperwork every year for these families & board members.

4.6.3 - Classification of teams for next season

- Requesting info from CAHL & Hockey Alberta.

4.7 Ice Scheduler

4.8 Coach Liaison / Player Development

4.8.1 - Cody Dennis coaches and players

- Spoke about above.

4.8.2 - End of the year coach feedback form to parents

- Feedback forms out by end of next week to membership.
- There has been lots of he said/she said the past few weeks during games. Kyle bought a subscription to Live Barn to check out the incidents reported.
- Does BMHA want to buy a subscription to Live Barn so that we have access to the video if anything happens?

4.8.3 - End of the year coach feedback on the coach liaison / BMHA Executive

- **ACTION:** Kyle to send coaches feedback forms on Coach Liaison and Board to ask if they have done enough to support them this year.

4.9 Fundraiser / Pics / Fit Night

- Retakes are done. 10 of 12 players showed up.
- Should Fundraiser look at other types of fundraisers? Chocolates for example. Most board members in attendance agreed that 50/50s are easy to sell.
- You pay for the chocolates when you pick them up, so parents can decide to sell them or keep them. Would raise about the same amount as doing the 50/50s.
- Talked about doing three 50/50s this year, but looking at the financials with Katie and after speaking with Karla Dennis about selling them at the Cody Dennis game, decided not to do that 3rd one.
- Looking for feedback on doing other fundraising instead of just the 50/50s

4.10 Tournament Coordinator

4.11 Equipment Manager

- More practice jersey's on order.
- U11 jersey - which ones do we get to keep this year? Kurtis will confirm on which color and let coaches know.

4.12 Ref Assignor / Referee In Chief

- Should BMHA look at doing some kind of incentive for refs? They take a lot of abuse.
 - Feedback is they are paid to do their job, so not sure about further incentives.
- We could look at doing a ref of the week or something with a local pizza place? Lacombe has something set up through Pizza73 for Ref of the week...

4.13 Directors

1. CAHL Director Report

4.13.1.1 Gentle reminder I am finished as of AGM 2023

4.13.1.2 Volunteer Nomination for Volunteer of the Year has been submitted for Aimee Donauer who will have supported BMHA with close to, if not more than 500 hours for the 2022-2023 hockey season.

4.13.1.3 I suggest we look at investing in a livebarn account for BMHA for the 2023-2024 hockey season, for the purpose of viewing when discrepancies occur.

4.13.1.4 Best of Blackfalds event is April 19. It would be great if we could have representation from BMHA to see Aimee recognized for her service as a nominee, and possible recipient. I will bring a copy of the invitation, and have emailed it to everyone.

4.13.1.5 Carry over suspension list is being compiled.

4.13.1.6 Start looking for governors for next year. Motion currently on the table to enforce with weekly fines starting next year.

2. Manager Liaison Director

3. Diversity and Inclusion Director

4. Initiation / Pups Director

5. Novice Director

6. Atom Director

7. Pee Wee Director

8. Bantam / Midget Director

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

7 ACTION ITEMS NEXT MEETING

8 ADJOURNMENT ... 8:33 pm

Brad Harnack – President

Executive Member (position, name, signature)