



# CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

## AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2014

Strathmore Civic Centre, Strathmore, AB

President: Doug Durbano

Vice-President: Dennis Beaudion

Vice-President: Brian Monkman

Governor-in-Chief: Jamie Steer

Past-President: James Parks

Secretary: Terry Siverson

Vice-President: Tim Arnold

Treasurer: Shannon Chilvers (unable to attend)

Web Administrator: Jodi Christensen (unable to attend)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45 PM.

ABSENT ASSOCIATIONS: Fort MacLeod was excused

Motion to approve minutes from January 6, 2014 by Cremona, seconded by Strathmore.  
Carried.

### Hockey Alberta Report: Danny Povaschuk - Zone 6

- Everything going smoothly
- There are still issues with Tournaments in our the zones having issues and not submitting the sheets to the Hockey Alberta discipline coordinators for review, rulings and actions.
- Provincial play downs kicking off in all zones around the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, please cooperate in getting these games done with a minimum effect on the league schedules. The provincial games due to precedence over the league games. The biggest impacts will be Atom and Pee Wee 'B' and 'C' levels. There are some bug draws in those divisions.
- Zone meetings are happening in early January. Zone 5 was last night and Zone 6's will be Tuesday.
- Topic to be discussed will be the New Model of 'AA' hockey in the Province. The goal is get a model that makes these 'AA' teams closer for people and kids for an option. The model was distributed to all Zone Associations for review. Any questions or comments, let Danny know. The intent is to kick it off for the 2014 - 2015 season.

There was no report from Hockey Alberta Zone 5 at this meeting.

### Referee Report: Dave Coles -

- Not much of issues coming in but there seems to be an increase with abuse of officials this season so far and does not show signs of getting better. Please talk to your coaches and parents.
- As we are into the bad weather time of your when the weather effects games, please make sure the officials are notified of the changes as well.
- High Country had some questions regarding signing off on the game sheet. The question was returned to have more follow up done to make sure it was not just the coaches forgot to sign below the rosters verifying them.
- Some discussions around this sign of task regarding of a family member being an on ice official at a game. The opposing team must be notified in advance that this is an issue, not just told "Oh by the way" when they arrive. This will start to become more obvious with the reduced numbers of officials available.
- The rule was reviewed for all present regarding what happens if the Ref's are not there or only has one. The rule clearly states that the teams can each select a player to be a linesman or if no officials are they both will become referees for the game in question. VP Brian Monkman read the rule (5.2k on page 81 of the Referee rule book) for everyone's review. \*\*\*\* The rule does not say captains, it says players.

### Treasurer's Report: Shannon Chilvers -as of September 9, 2013

Current Account Balance:	\$ 25,425.57
Total Expenses to date:	\$ 20,484.44
Total Revenue to date:	\$ 27,094.00
Term Account (T-Bill):	\$ 33,527.19

#### Additional Notes of interest:

- All Association's will be receiving their player fee Invoices in the next two weeks and they are due at the next meeting.
- If any scorebooks or game report books are needed let her know and she will get them to you.

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report as presented - made by Drumheller, seconded by Oyen - motion carried

## Old Business:

- CAHL Document Review Committee - James Parks reported on the work of the committee. It consists of Terry Siverson, Jason Vincent from Cochrane and James.
  - James let everyone know the work was in progress and the committee will have recommendations shortly for the members. Notice of Motions are likely this year for some changes and additions.
  - The primary goal is to clarify and separate the playing rules (our regulations) from the league operation rules (our bylaws).
  - We hope to have a document to review of the bylaws portions to get them all into one document and all the playing rules into our regulations in another document.
  - Additional the goal is to have the organization properly setup as a society in our Province.
- Doug addressed the group again regarding weather. Doug reminded everyone that we do live in Alberta, we do get bad roads and bad weather issues. The league or its representative's will not tell you have to go and will not tell you to stay home either. We may not cancel your game either though. It is very important that the Associations and teams local to the weather make the determination of how safe it is or isn't, we are not making that decision for you. In the event that the league review of these situations shows some fraudulent reasoning, then there will be consequences as per the regulations pages 17 and 18.

## Governor's Reports: Jamie Steer

- Jamie discussed that this was his second year as the GIC and the second year we have used Lead Governors and data entry people. We are really happy with the difference it has made, what a positive improvement.
- The review of each division by Jamie and Lead Governors was started with the Midget Divisions. The Bantam and Pee Wee divisions were reviewed before the break.
- A question came up regarding the rule around one game suspensions due to accumulating 75 penalty minutes followed by one additional game suspension for every 25 additional penalty minutes. Please remember this is for the entire season, it does not reset for the playoffs.

**Coffee Break** - 15 minutes taken to allow for other CAHL Business

## Governor's Reports continued.....: Jamie Steer

- The review of the Atom and Novice divisions were completed after the coffee break by Jamie and Lead Governors.
- Just a note from Jamie about Scheduling Provincial games. Work around the league games - do not offer to play them a day they already are playing someone. Provincial game priority or not, it causes a cascade of game changes that are avoidable.
- It is possible to use a League Game as a provincial game. In order to work it must be the first game of the two game series and all suspensions must go to Hockey Alberta Zone Discipline Coordinators first.
- Be Realistic - do not let teams think they can be cancelling a whole weekends of league play just because they are in provincials.

## **New Business:**

- During the break there was a meeting and the situation of the Carstairs Novice T1 team that was getting thumped was addressed. They are being pulled from T1 and allowed to be an exhibition team and play against T1 and T2 teams the remaining part of the year. Their record and stats in Novice T1 will be removed and please warn the teams that this will happen. Suspensions will still stand, expect the changes when Jodi comes back. This will affect the playoffs as well, since there are 8 teams left now all 8 teams will make the playoffs.
- Notice of Motions for 2014 - They must be sent to Terry before February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 so we have a few days to process them and get them out to everyone. They can be mailed to Terry at the email addresses below:

[cahlsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cahlsecretary@gmail.com)

- Due to the alarming increase in the number of 9.2 abuse of officials situations be warned, the Vice Presidents and the League will be cracking down on this behavior. Expect serious suspensions for repeat offenders.
- There was some concerns brought up about lack of penalties in Midget where kids are getting away with too much. James reminded everyone that the process to complain about games is the Team Manager goes to their Director and Association and then they are forwarded to the Vice President. The VP will then forward them to the correct Zone Ref Association for investigation and feedback. A lengthy discussion was had about the concerns and required actions if you want to address it properly. Yelling and screaming at the Officials, losing your mind and getting kicked out is not the correct method to deal with this.
- From January 28<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of February Doug will be gone and James will be the acting president during that time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Oyen, seconded by Indus.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

**Next meeting is February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**