



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2013

Strathmore Civic Centre, Strathmore, AB

President: Doug Durbano

Vice-President: Dennis Beaudion

Vice-President: Brian Monkman

VP Female Division: Stacey Running Rabbit_(absent)

Governor-in-Chief: Jamie Steer

Secretary: Terry Siverson

Vice-President: Tim Arnold

Treasurer: Shannon Chilvers

Web Administrator: Jodi Christensen

Past-President: James Parks

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:38 PM.

ABSENT ASSOCIATIONS: Banff, Cranbrook, Elk Valley, Invermere, Kainai

Motion to approve minutes from AGM April 8, 2013 by Medicine Hat, seconded by Chestermere. Carried.

Doug welcomed everyone, the introduction of the League Executive and then the membership followed stating which association they were with and their respective position with that association.

Hockey Alberta Report: Danny Povaschuk -

- Overage player Applications
- Discussed Respect in sport requirements and Coaching Qualifications
- New player Affiliation rule (Bulletin accompanying this document)
- Zone Meeting for Zone 6 this Sunday in Chestermere
- Provincials - Deadline to apply is November 15th

Referee Report: Dave Coles -

- Mouthguard penalties are not to be called. (Bulletin accompanying document)
- Body Checking is eliminated but Body Contact is still allowed. Hitting changes to Pee Wee was discussed for this season; please see the Hockey Alberta Home Page for a link to view the presentation and videos. Talk to your Association's and ask the coaches are patient. This will take a while to have the officials and Coaches all up to speed on this.
- Number of Official's are down again this season, expect a large number of two man Ref Systems this year.

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

Current Account: \$19,413.38

Term Account: \$32,460.03

Old Business:

- Review the Rules and Regulations and prepare for this season

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

Governor's Report: Jamie Steer

- Jamie let everyone know the next meeting is when he would have more to discuss.

New Business:

- Trevor Hittel - Hockey Alberta Zone Administrator was present and discussed Mandatory Coaching Qualifications and Respect in Sport for Parents.
- Unbalanced Competition - concerns were discussed with all Members as there are several concerns around teams and players playing at inappropriate levels. A letter or bulletin will be distributed addressing these concerns and warning what will happen if the CAHL Executive has to deal with these situations.

Please be aware when tiering your teams that they are declared appropriately. A reminder for the stronger members may want to consider having multiple Tier 1 teams instead of having a team that runs away with a tier. A bulletin or letter will be addressed at the next meeting for additional information. It is critical that the tiering process is not compromised.

- An outstanding Suspension review will be discussed at the end of the meeting and Doug asked for those associations to meet with him.
- Jodi discussed the CAHL Deadlines - See the website, the next one is the September 29th.
- Doug discussed Jodi's time availability with the members to try and have everyone understand that we have to be more respectful with your requests.
- **Governor Reminder** - Doug explained that Associations are required to provide 1 Governor for each 7 teams that are in the league (including female teams).
 - For 1 to 7 teams in the League you need to supply 1 Governor Candidate.
 - For 8 to 14 teams in the League you need to supply 2 Governor Candidates.
 - For 15 to 21 teams in the League you need to supply 3 Governor Candidates.
 - Plus 1 for each 7 teams thereafter.
- Overage applications - a discussion was had regarding this. The forms and rules are posted on the Hockey Alberta Website, please review and know them before forwarding in applications for overage players.

- All Associations need to be familiar with the Bylaws and Regulations. It is very helpful if you make sure your Managers and Coaches are in possession of the CAHL Regulations at the games and are familiar with them.
- By-laws and Regulations review. James Parks and Terry Siverson have volunteered to complete this review and will be looking for one more person to help them tidy everything up. James made a quick presentation on the background of what we are doing and why. No changes are intended without following the CAHL change standards at the AGM. More details to follow.
- Emails - The emails for Doug, James and Brian were reviewed and everyone was reminded to correct their address books so it goes to the role of President, Past President and Vice President. Please correct this to make sure that the email gets to the right person.
- Edmonton Minor Hockey has taken a different approach with Novice and Atom teams and they are trying to get more puck touches for the kids by playing games and practices at half ice.
- Questions were brought forward about having more games in each tier. There were concerns that house league teams were playing more games than league teams. This will also be looked at again when the teams are finally set for the regular season. There are some effects to this from tournaments and when teams enter a new level due to the tiering process. They could have a massive amount of games to make up.
- Rink size was discussed; CAHL does not have a rule regarding rink standards. The CAHL follows Hockey Canada rules, likely a good number of rinks are smaller than that standard.
- A discussion was held regarding tournaments that associations plan in advance, the CAHL will no longer schedule around tournaments, the team managers will need to work together to make these happen smoother.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chestermere, seconded by Hanna.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Next meeting is October 7th, 2013