



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2014 Strathmore Civic Centre, Strathmore, AB

President: Doug Durbano
Vice-President: Rhonda McCoomb
Vice-President: Brian Monkman
VP Female Division - vacant
Governor-in-Chief: Kerri Drennan (absent)

Secretary: Terry Siverson
Vice-President: Trevor McFarlane (absent)
Treasurer: Shannon Chilvers
Web Administrator: Jodi Christensen
Past-President: James Parks

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:36 PM.

ABSENT ASSOCIATIONS: Siksika and Redcliff

Motion to approve minutes from AGM April 7, 2014 by Carstairs, seconded by Indus. 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 process and criteria discussed.
- Carryover suspensions
- Exhibition games and permits/insurance
- Update from Zone Meeting for Zone 6 held this past Sunday in Three Hills
 - Zone structure change for the Hockey Alberta Zone reps
 - Hockey Alberta and HA Foundation groups grant opportunities reviewed
 - Dodge Caravan Uniform grant program reviewed
 - IIHF Girls hockey day across Canada
 - Hockey Canada card program discussed
 - Hockey Canada 100 year anniversary this season
 - New player team allotment for Novice to Midget
 - Provincial categorization and Provincials
 - Changes to minimum suspensions for the more serious suspensions.
 - Coaching Qualifications changes - Atom head coach must have the checking clinic now.
 - Have the HCR and registrars take note of what the codes and terms are for coach's courses.

Referee Report: Dave Coles -

- Rule Change year no changes coming so far
- Ref Rates change for this year. No 'A' division category paid for in our league.
- Ref Clinics are in progress, please let players attend clinics. Number of Official's are down again this season, expect a large number of two man Ref Systems this year.
- League complaints process regarding on ice officials. Dave will be providing a log sheet and form to use for the complaints.
- Discussions around why the concerns of NCZRA regarding cross zone training. They are not posting their ref clinics and do not want other zone attendees in their clinics. Dave to follow up.

Treasurer's Report: Shannon Chilvers -as of September 8, 2014

Current Account:	\$35,163.36
Expenses to date:	\$680.00
Revenue to date:	\$0.00
Bond Account:	\$33,396.33

Motion to adopt Treasurers report made by Chestermere, seconded by Indus, Carried.

Old Business:

- There was nothing much to discuss that was not listed in new business for the upcoming season.

Coffee Break - was not held in the interest of meeting expediency

Governor's Report: Kerri Drennan (Doug D. and Jodi C. presented the information)

- Doug and Jodi let everyone know the lead governor selections are in progress and that the next meeting is when he would have more to discuss for governors and their training session.
- **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.

New Business:

- Outstanding Suspensions from 2013-2014 season
An outstanding Suspension review will be provided shortly. It is up to each association to make sure that player sit out their suspensions unless a Hockey Alberta deferral form is completed and approved.

Officially the CAHL does not defer or reduce suspensions – they must be served in their entirety.

- **Unbalanced Competition Reminder**

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.

- A discussion about how this was done last year and what teams were affected. Questions answered about why teams were moved and the consequences of not playing teams to their capabilities.
- It is not just the Leagues responsibility to get teams tiered in the right places. It can't be done with the Teams cooperating with the Governors and getting the cross over games played. The Associations and their directors also must come to the November meeting educated and prepared to present where their teams belong.
- Each year there are 3 to 5 teams out of almost 300 teams in total that wind up in the wrong place somehow.

- **Drop Clock and Flood list for October meeting**

Come to the October meeting ready to declare what your associations drop clock status is and whether or not you will be flooding during novice and atom games.

- **Review of Website and critical dates**

- Some concerns around not being able to find the website. The New website addresses were discussed they are:

www.cahlhockey.ca or www.cahlhockey.net

- Jodi discussed the CAHL Deadlines - See the website, the next is the October 1st.

- **Overage applications**

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. Doug made it clear the CAHL is not against overage use, just want it to be a right fit for the player and the league. Last season there were 49 overage application and there were 42 approved. So far this season they are 7 applications.

- **CAHL Bylaws and Regulations review update**

James Parks and Terry Siverson updated the group with:

- The completion of the not for profit society status for the CAHL
- The arrangement of the topics of game and bylaw stuff into the correct manuals. For ease of use all the organizational details are in the one manual and the game details are now all in the Game Regulations manual.

More details to follow.

- **League Liaison and additional support positions update**

- Not much more to report. Doug would like more discussion around the following items before they are presented:
 - League Liaison Role
 - Advertising potential on the new website
 - Other potential support roles to help the League

- **Other** – open question period

- For Danny Povaschuk – Any truth to the rumors that the Minor Midget 15 yr. old “AAA” will be eliminated, - - There has been lots of talk about it but not in the right venues. Answer is No as per Hockey Alberta.
- Questions around the Provincial placement of teams with the equal “AA” placement of teams. Answer - - They will be placed as per the regulation. See Danny for more details or questions.
- Canmore and Banff are joining up their Atom Teams due to registration numbers this year. They will be registered out of Canmore this season. Can one team play in Canmore and one play out of Banff? Answer - - Yes just submit the ice accordingly. Make sure the other Managers know that they will be playing Banff in Canmore and Canmore in Banff sometimes.
- Hockey Alberta Insurance questions were answered about when and where it is in effect. See Danny for more details or questions. Exhibition game coverage is automatic from the website but still make sure the application is done.
- Questions about travel during the CAHL Schedules - - Who makes the decisions around travel for the CAHL games when weather is bad. Answer - - Doug made it clear, the CAHL does not make you go no matter what or say you can stay home. You, your parents and your team has to decide if it is safe to travel. Once you decide it will be addressed by the regulations at a later date. The CAHL or its Governors will not cancel games due to weather.
- Website – training for managers? Answer - - Goalline does have training available people can access or sign up for. The website will have some information for the managers. Jodi will also be forwarding out more information for other users of the site like the Registrars.
- Will the website for the data entry people be easier, harder the same? Answer - - Jodi currently would like to say it looks like it will be better after discussions with goalline. The way we are transitioning the data from the registrations systems should help out quite a bit. If you do not currently use Goalline it should be fairly similar to the past. Jodi will be contacting the registrars to get the data into an easier format for them and the work Jodi has to do with the site.
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- Description of a good Governor Candidate – Been a Team Manager in the past, understand the CAHL, understands the Regulations and has good communications skills, in person, telephone, computer and email skills. It is easier if they want to do the job.
- Question was asked about if your Association already has a member helping the league executive do you have to supply a Governor. Answer - - yes you must supply a Governor Candidate as per the regulations. We do not use all Governor Candidates but you still support the league accordingly.
- 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.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting is October 6th, 2014