



# CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

## MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2019

Strathmore Civic Centre, Strathmore, AB

President: Terry Siverson  
Vice-President: Ryan Robertson  
Vice-President: Duane Moulton  
Governor-in-Chief: Shelly Javorski

Secretary: (absent)  
Vice-President: Trevor McFarlane  
Vice President: Doug MacKinnon  
Treasurer: Shannon Chilvers

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:39 PM.

ABSENT ASSOCIATIONS: Raymond,

Terry welcomed everyone, the Agenda was set with a break because there was need to hold two meetings with specific members in the break.

Motion to approve minutes from February 4th, 2019 - by Brooks, seconded by Okotoks - Carried.

### **New Member Applications:**

- Cranbrook Minor Hockey made a presentation to join the CAHL as a Member. Their presentation is attached to the email with these minutes.
- Lots of discussion around Cranbrook's presentation and offers to make this work better for members. A Conditional Motion was made by Bassano, Seconded by Fort MacLeod to move their application to a vote at the April AGM with conditions that were collected and represented at the end of the meeting. They were:
  - Approvals must be completed by BC Hockey and Hockey Alberta.
  - Considerations of Tournament style play when teams go to Cranbrook - Multiple games at one time.
  - Cranbrook has offered to travel all tiering round games
  - Preference is that their teams stay in Tier 1 and 2, however, Tier 3 has more options but may not be a consideration for Cranbrook MHA
  - Consideration of a travelling cap on distance to go to Cranbrook, after that Cranbrook travels to rest of the games.
  - Consideration of Neutral site games ~ half way
  - Time restrictions on game start times.
  - Weather concerns about Highway # 3 was also expressed as it is unforgiving at times.

Terry is to send a letter out to all members Directors and Presidents detailing the distances for everyone to look at.

As mentioned above, it is critical this vote in April at the AGM considers your teams comfort level with these distances as we have feedback from numerous members that they are not willing to risk this increase in travel. Potentially this could result in up to 12

to 14 hours of travel for a game considerably more than now even if we work together to schedule road trips and multiple games at a location.

### **Hockey Alberta Report: Connie Anderson and Trevor Hittel**

- Trevor spoke for them tonight, not a lot happening right now, playdowns are done or close to it and people getting ready for provincials.
- The moving around of teams in the provincial declarations (rule 9.1c) has made for very close games in the playdowns Midget – 85% of games within 2 goals and in Bantam 72% of games were within 2 goals. Atoms were lower 63% of games within 2 goals
- Message to Midget players about suspensions they follow you into other levels of play when you are done minor hockey.
- Spring meetings will be coming up shortly and will be the same as last year. More info to follow. Dates, locations and times to follow.
- CAHL Suspensions do not have to be served in Hockey Alberta Sanctioned Provincial games. It is your choice, there are no requirements that a CAHL suspension must be served in the Hockey Alberta exhibition, tournament or Provincial game.

### **Discipline Committee Report: Natasha Haluck**

- Suspensions are clearly way up in provincial and league play.
- Currently in the 2018-2019 season there are 909 individual suspensions Compared to previous years:
  - 2017-2018 – 809
  - 2016-2017 – 607
  - 2015-2016 – 642
- Some of this is due to the accumulations and the changes to the minimum suspensions guidelines as well the CAHL Accumulations that were added this season. Questions regarding coaches being suspended, there are more this year than last.
- CAHL Regulation 9 u – early in the year numerous players decided to set new records and have already sat out their first suspensions. They are likely now heading for their second one or more. The rule is in place for a reason and they are proving it.

### **Governor's Report: Shelly Javorski**

Making sure the banners get out to where they need to, pick up what you can tonight. Concerns around Managers not finding out the rules for playoffs and could cause issue. Be aware of overtime rules please.

#### **Lead Governors report:**

- Many thanks to all the governor's who have helped this season.
- There is lots happening and people are being quite difficult to volunteers.
- Confusion around home venue for playoffs, people are giving away
- Leads are following up on PIMS thresholds. Directors please remind them it is in effect throughout playoffs.
- Games sheets must be entered as soon as possible at the end of the regular season (Sunday night is best)
- Let's get on the ice scheduling for playoffs. We need people to get 2 games done in the first weekend of each round where possible. Pee Wee will be different this season.
- Emails from managers, if you want to complain use the complaint forms. We will not address it unless it is a formal complaint.

- Affiliates are a concern. Roster size or 15 in total is the max. You cannot replace suspended players with AP's.

**Treasurer's Report: Shannon Chilvers - as of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Current Account Balance:	\$ 91,153.28
Total Expenses to date:	\$ 64,689.80
Total Revenue to date:	\$ 14,442.28
Term Account (T-Bill):	\$ 59,526.75

- Score books and game report books. If you need more let Shannon know they are available and she will see you get them. There is an additional fee for the additional books to cover the costs. Please make sure the address is included, we cannot ship them to a blank address.
- Governor expenses - season is coming to an end and expenses need to be submitted so they can be paid by the AGM. April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline to get them to Shannon so she can get the checks done for the following week. Mileage for the Governor Training and banner presentations can be claimed. Due to bad weather the governor training was by conference call this season so that one is out. Mileage to the CAHL Directors meetings are not included, your local associations needs to cover those costs.
- Review of the audited financial report was completed
- Please let Shannon know if you have any questions

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Claresholm, Seconded by Hanna. Motion approved.

**Old Business:**

- Team and Participant behavior – Terry made a presentation to the Directors that identified concerns around team members and parents contacting us. If people are unhappy they need to follow the complaints process as per our policy. People cannot just contact league volunteers and make their problem ours it does not work that way.
- For Behavior we are meeting with some members at the break, but we are getting more and more feedback that people cannot control themselves. Talk to your teams and their parents, tell them the behavior has to stop.
- Novice Transition – draft copy has been received from Hockey Alberta with rules and guidelines for next season. When it is not draft anymore we will forward it to everyone. May need to involve the steering committee on this as well. So far, internal feedback is dividing the players up further into A, B, C and D skills levels and go from there. Hockey Alberta apparently has met with the larger centers in the province and this is what they have decided.

- Midget 15-year-old Tier – Terry made a presentation to all Directors.
  - When these ideas are brought we follow the same process each time and give each member the respect that their ideas deserve whether we can help them or not.
  - Hockey Alberta does not have an issue with the CAHL doing this, if anything they feel we can do it better than what is out there now.
  - All interested parties have already agreed that there would be no player movement allowed to create Midget 15-year-old teams. They will not accept other players from other centers to create these teams. This is an important requirement to the CAHL Members not taking part in this.
  - Current members have Bantam AAA and AA player numbers of 15 and up to 20 players in these systems, all would be 15 yr. old next year who will not make the Midget AAA and AA tryouts will wind up in the Midget 15 teams. There are not huge numbers coming from the CAHL now is very unlikely.
  - In the CAHL Now – About 280 are 15 year olds, about 285 players are 14 years old and 404 are 13 years old. This does not include the Bantam AAA and AA players in the system.
  - With the numbers presented the concerns of the members were the 15 yr olds would move to these teams, the remaining 15 yr olds would have to play other teams without any 15 year olds. We believe those are addressed with this presentation.
  - Is there enough interest? If not we will move on as we would normally. That will be confirmed in the future.
  - Concerns brought up about members not having a midget team and why could players not go to the Midget 15 program then. The primary reason is that this will start before the CAHL teams are decided and tiered. If a member decides they will not have a midget team then Hockey Alberta tries to amalgamate them with a neighbour and so on. This likely will not be done in time as these teams will already be playing by that time.
  - Motion was made for a trial of this Motion made by Airdrie, Seconded by Okotoks
  - Vote was held Members voting for the motion with the discussion around if it does not affect you the Abstain vote would be appropriate vote.
  - Vote was held – votes FOR - 7 members Votes AGAINST 0 Members, ABSTAINED – 41 Members
- Pee Wee Play off Directives – going fine except for an affiliation issues.
  - A PWT5 team was removed do to unbalanced Competition. Committee supported the decision but recommended they still play for a League Champions Banner. Arrangements have been made for them to playoff against the Tier Champion for that berth instead as we cannot get 4 teams in one weekend to resolve this. It was approved by the committee.
  - Hockey Alberta has said we have to be done by the March 17<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Pee wee Tier 5 invitational tournament – waiting or the other leagues still. More details to follow.
- Technology upgrade will continue when time permits
  - Paperless Game sheets – the CAHL may have the option to looking for options with this to see if it works for us. We believe it has potential but need to review it to do this. BC Hockey is the sponsor of this software and Hockey Edmonton is using it already. The hockey Alberta Ref committee has already been approached and will support this is we go forward.
  - Goalline and the issue this season have been discussed. They feel they can fix them and the tie in issue are to be addressed. Please let us know if you are having issues and we

will get them addressed with Goalline support. Our big concern is we do not want to get in the middle of a season with software that has failed us. More info to follow.

- Ramp interactive made a presentation to us in January and it is kind of our only other platform option for what we do here.
- TechSoup – not for profit that helps us get software we have arranged for Microsoft Office software for \$41.00 and flow chart software for \$28.00. More details to come as we have we think 50 licenses we can use based on the size of our organization.
- Google Suite – we are looking to become a google suite site and it will be free. This will allow our emails to be standardized

## Coffee Break - 2 meetings were held - Meeting returned to Order

### New Business:

- Unbalanced Competition - We have had the policy for some time now and use it when we get complaints which did happen twice this season. The Directors of the CAHL have made it clear we are to follow.
- Fan and Team Behavior - Please speak to your teams and parents. From the stands to the social media side of this we are getting complaints and will be acting on them. More info to follow.
- Atom Hockey 2019 - 2020 - a new seasonal structure has been proposed that will affect our playoffs and length of the regular season. More to follow when the document is finalized.
- Probationary to full Members - Cardston and Magrath are eligible to request full membership and made presentations.
  - Magrath Motion made by Duchess, Seconded by Airdrie, Motion Carried to be voted on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Cardston Motion made by Drumheller, Seconded by Strathmore, Motion Carried to be voted on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Notice of Motions - Deadline was February 24<sup>th</sup> and have been sent out to all of you before this Meeting.

Terry clarified that the CAHL Directors wish to vote on the motions as a whole and approved by the members, not a motion and second. Agreed by all present.

- **NOM # 1 – CAHL Executive - Section 12 Supplemental Discipline changes**  
Motion without part 4 - Y \_\_41\_\_ N \_\_0\_\_ A \_\_0\_\_
- **NOM # 2 – CAHL Executive – Changes to Friday Night Ice start times**  
Motion - Y \_\_41\_\_ N \_\_0\_\_ A \_\_0\_\_
- **NOM # 3 – CAHL Executive – Changes to the Overage policy**  
Motion - Y \_\_41\_\_ N \_\_0\_\_ A \_\_0\_\_
- **NOM # 4 – Brooks – changes to access of the ref's room**  
Motion without part 4 - Y \_\_37\_\_ N \_\_0\_\_ A \_\_4\_\_
- **NOM # 5 – CAHL Executive – Changes to regular season game schedules**  
Motion without part 4 - Y \_\_39\_\_ N \_\_0\_\_ A \_\_2\_\_
- **NOM # 6 – Rimbey – Changes to Unbalanced Competition policy 2 f)**  
Motion without part 4 - Y \_\_36\_\_ N \_\_0\_\_ A \_\_5\_\_

- Inappropriate Music being played at some rinks. Please be aware that we have had feedback of songs have been played lately that are likely inappropriate for the Hockey setting. Talk to your teams we do not need this to be an issue in the news media or complaints.
- CAHL Executive positions that are due for renewal:
  - President
  - Vice Presidents (2) or possibly more
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Okotoks, seconded by Stettler. Main Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

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