



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2022

Online via Google Meet

President: Terry Siverson
VP of Operations: Duane Moulton
Past President: Doug Durbano
Vice President: Ryan Robertson
Vice President: Trevor McFarlane
Secretary: Melanie Jackson

Treasurer: Shannon Chilvers
Vice-President U18: Allison Arsenault
Vice President U15: Doug McKinnon
Vice President U13: Derek Sager
Vice President U11: Shelly Javorsky
Governor in Chief: Tracey Walker

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05pm

ABSENT ASSOCIATIONS: Bassano, Bowden, Caroline, Duchess, Foremost, High Country, Magrath, Sundre, Vauxhall

Sylvan Lake Minor Hockey Presentation to the Attendees - In regard to behaviour towards executive members of CAHL.

- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from January 2022 Directors meeting. One correction to be made in regard to an email being sent by Terry to whether teams are to be shaking hands after the game. Hockey Alberta will be clarifying this and sending out email instead. No other errors noted.

Motion #2021-12 to approve minutes with corrections by Claresholm. Innisfail seconds. No objections, none abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Hockey Alberta Report

Darrell Honish - CAHL Liaison Central Region Officials

- Has been quiet over the last while which was surprising. Only a few things have come up that were dealt with internally.
- A few issues that were sent from CAHL have been forwarded onto the North Central region which to the best of his knowledge has been resolved.

Matt Diebert and Roy Bowlby - Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee - (Unable to attend)

Treasurer's Report: Shannon Chilvers

As of February 8, 2022

Current Account - \$3328.80

Expenses to Date - \$47,801.22

Income to Date - \$479.02

T-Bill - \$60,352.94

- Invoices are complete and will be out by the end of the week.
- **Motion #2021-13** to adopt the treasurer's report as presented made by Hanna, seconded by Drumheller. No discussion. None abstained. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Discipline Report: Brian Monkman, Natasha Haluck and Jacqui Cook

- Not a lot going on currently in U18. A few indefinites suspensions. Some 9(u) suspensions are happening with players now which are league suspensions (PIMS).
- Reminder to directors that players have the option of serving these games during tournament games or HA playdowns, or league games. You cannot serve them during an exhibition game.
- U15 has been busy with lots of rule 11 incidents (11.1 and 11.2) especially for coaches. Directors, please have a discussion with your coaches in regard to this.

Governor Reports

Governor in Chief - Tracey Walker

- Prepping for the end of the season and playoffs.

U18 Lead Governor - Darcy Dyck

- Things are going well. Thanks to Sylvan Lake for coming on tonight.

U15 Lead Governor - Leana Aschbacher

- This year has been busy with many suspensions and the severity of suspensions.
- Lots of indefinite suspensions and the 11.1, 11.2, 11.4 and the 9(u) are peaking early this year. May have surpassed U18.
- Most of the inter-league games have been played.

U13 Lead Governor - Ginette Motta

- Thank you to Natasha for dealing with an influx of suspensions this weekend for U13. Other than this weekend things have been good.

U11 Lead Governor- Cal Rooke

- Things are going well and we will be talking about playoffs.
- All U11 teams will make playoffs this season with the new U11 Pathway.
- Reminder to teams to get their affiliate requests in early.
- A few more penalties in U11 than usual.
- Trying to get all the games rescheduled from being cancelled due to COVID as we are getting close to the end of regular season.

Terry was informed by Hockey Alberta that if we can't get the games in we would just forfeit the games.

U9 Lead Governor - Amanda Hatto

- Almost done with the season. Only 4-5 weeks left for teams.
- Helping along a few managers that were having trouble.

Old Business

Inter-league Information - James Parks from Hockey Alberta

- Has not taken off as Hockey Alberta had hoped. There is still some misunderstanding within the leagues. We have done our part from CAHL. Thank you to everyone supporting this.

Coach and Team Behavior Issues

- Many complaints, suspensions, and penalties given out.
- Directors, please remind your coaches that you can still receive a rule 11.4 even if you have already been ejected from the game. Talk to your coaches and teams about poor behaviour.
- U15 group has more suspensions than the U18 group.

Natasha - would like to point out that there have been more suspensions in the last 2 weeks than there was in the last 2 months for U15. I have been reaching out to directors and they have been great at getting information back to us.

Misplaced Teams Committee Update - Team Movement

- Engaged the committee at the beginning of January.
- Received 2 complaints about teams that were not fitting the competitive model and the committee confirmed. We removed them from the tier that they were originally placed in.
- The teams are now conditionally set up in the tier below and we are still deciding on how that looks for playoffs and whether they are eligible. A final decision will be made shortly, likely though, no team that is moved this season will be able to participate for a Banner, especially if it involves a provincial berth opportunity.
- Looking at a better process for teams that are not placed in the correct tier in the future.

U11 Update - Playoff formats and Team Movement

- Talked with the U11 group and worked on templates for playoffs that meet the requirements from Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada.
- A few teams have moved tiers and those teams will play in playoffs and we are still deciding on how that looks for playoffs and whether they are eligible for banner play or just consolation. A final decision will be made shortly, likely though, no team that is moved this season will be able to participate for a Banner, just too many variables to work out and we need to ensure we are not compromising the banner opportunities for the teams who played there all season.
- There will be a playoff round and then a consolation round that will go into March.
- Will come up with a plan to present to directors for next year.
- Playoff templates will be out to the governors soon.

Question - Troy from Airdrie - As an association are we to delegate ice for home games for U11 still? Yes, teams will still have a home and away for each round.

U15 Update T3 final decisions

- The teams that are interested in playing from the "C" group will be able to play against the "B" group and then enter the round robin of 4 teams to determine who will be going to Provincials.
- The remaining teams that did not want to play for a Provincial berth, we will be offering them a playoff template with a consolation round as well. It will be the same as we are doing for U11.

U18 Update - Complaint re: Tier 5 / 6 teams

- Formal complaint that some of the tier 4 teams were too strong and didn't belong.
- Will be looking at maybe taking some of the tier 5 or 6 teams and having their own playoffs.
- Teams would be seeded by winning percentage. The number looks like 0.500 but will wait. We do not want to affect someone by a small % point difference.

Question from Hanna - For U15 playoffs is it the top team in each colour group? Tier 1, 2, 3 will follow the regulations. Tier 4 will also follow the regulations unless we have split you into a weaker group.

New Business

Rule 11 Review Committee Formation - Duane Moulton (VP of Operations)

- Many changes with Rule 11. Some have spilled over into our complaints process.
- Hockey Alberta added some clarification but did not have any clear direction when there was an alleged 11.4.
- Most officials are following the process.
- Our Code of Conduct has been used and we have investigated these situations and some associations were negatively impacted by this.
- Looking for volunteers to join me for a committee to look at dealing with Rule 11's for the future. Please send an email to vpoperations@cahlhockey.net

Applications of new Members and Update on Wetaskiwin Membership Vote

- Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey application was approved overwhelmingly
- More applications will be coming in from the North. I will send out the applications as they come. Presentations will be done in March and we will vote at the AGM in April as per our regulations.
- Camrose and Millet have been in contact with CAHL already.

Notice of Motions - Melanie Jackson (League Secretary)

- A few notices of motion have come in so far.
- If you have something you would like changed and you need any help with that, send Melanie an email with what you are thinking, and we can help.
- Deadline to submit is February 28th.

Question - Troy from Airdrie - Would like to propose a NOM to add female hockey in CAHL and specifically U9. Are we able to do that? This was proposed a few years back and we were asked to put this on hold by Hockey Alberta. We can put this motion back in and add U9 to it.

Question - Brent from Brooks would support a female division. Would we be able to have female teams in CAHL as well? We will need to look at that in the future.

Question - Gurr from Chestermere - What will happen with the tier 4 non-contact group in U15 next season? Are we going to be offering a U18 non-contact tier 4 division? Hockey Alberta is working on that now and it will be presented to them soon.

Question - Craig from Lethbridge - What age groups are we looking at for the female division? All age groups in Airdrie from U9-U18.

Open Questions and Discussion

Question - Natasha from 3 C's - How are wildcard berths working for Provincials? CAHL has one wildcard for U18 Tier 2. If the host team is in our league and wins, the runner up will also attend.

Question - Dallas from Raymond - Is there any interest in changing the rules on families being able to referee games with the shortage of refs? Linesman can be signed off currently and if you want to submit a notice of motion for this change, we can help.

Question from Crossfield - Is the plan to stay with Goalline for next year? I have not been provided any more information for us to transition to RAMP for next year.

Banners will be shipped, or hand delivered.

Draws for Venue

We will do this in a separate meeting and information will be sent out to directors.

Motion #2021-14 to adjourn meeting at 8:01pm by Okotoks. And second from Stettler.