



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2023

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 Arsenaault
Vice President U15: Doug MacKinnon
Vice President U13: Derek Sager
Vice President U11: Shelly Javorsky
Governor in Chief: Tracey Walker

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02pm

ABSENT ASSOCIATIONS: Bassano, Bentley, Cardston, Claresholm, Cochrane, Didsbury, Drumheller, Duchess, Hussar, Innisfail, Irvine, Lethbridge, Okotoks, Pincher Creek, Redcliff, Rimbey

- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from September 26, 2022. **Motion #2022-05** to approve minutes by Spruce View with correction of U15 VP name. Hanna seconds. No objections, none abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Hockey Alberta Report

Roy Bowlby (absent), Matt Diebert (absent), Darryl Honish (absent)

Update from Terry Siverson (Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee)

- Alberta One Regulation update - released in October. Some new regulations around affiliation. Will be adjusting our regulations to match Alberta One.
- Have not completed drawing the wild cards for Provincials yet. Information will be sent out to directors when it is received.

Treasurer's Report: Shannon Chilvers (absent)

Report to be read at next Director's meeting

Discipline Report: Brian Monkman, Natasha Haluck, Jacqui Cook (absent)

- Fairly quiet with suspensions. Total suspensions to date is 482 which is way down from last year.

- One issue noted is that there are many officials reports that have old Hockey Canada rule numbers on them. This creates delays in processing. Officials should be using the Hockey Canada app with the updated numbers.

Governor in Chief Report (Tracey Walker)

- Directors, please ensure your associations/venues have the updated Hockey Canada officials rule book.
- Issues with managers/teams trying to cancel games on their own. Please remind teams that they must follow the process outlined in the game regulations manual.
- Please remind managers about the affiliation process. You must fill out the form EVERY time you use an affiliate. Process has been in place for a while and all information has been sent out.
- Officials in games that are using affiliates do not need to be involved. This is a league issue and will be sorted out afterward. Some of the younger officials may not know this.
- [Links for affiliation for every division are on the CAHL website under “Forms”](#)

U18 - U18 Vice President Allison Arsenault

- All TBA's have been scheduled.
- Currently working on the playoff format with Darcy Dyck (U18 Lead Governor)
- No major issues in this division.
- Team placements seem to have been successful this season

U15 - U15 Lead Governor Chuck Hunter

- Doug MacKinnon (U15 VP) has been busy with affiliations and some issues regarding short notice before games. Directors need to remind teams to be proactive.
- Reminder of teams to follow game regulations regarding game cancellations.
- Getting ready for playoffs.

U13 - U13 Lead Governor Ginette Motta and U13 Vice President Derek Sager

- Reminder to teams to please have their game sheets in ASAP.
- TBA games almost finished scheduling (3 outstanding).
- Affiliation process still needs to be used for larger associations who are using house players.

Question from Chestermere - Why do we need to get approval if the player is from a team within the same division but a lower tier (i.e., tier 3 playing to a tier 1 team) and they have played before? For these situations, you are just letting CAHL know that you are using the affiliate for the game and don't need to be approved. We still need to verify the players are on team rosters.

U11 - U11 Lead Governor Calvin Rooke

- Tiering went well but the weather was a bit of an issue.

- Only 2 teams wanted to move tiers.
- Teams in tiers 1-6 have been asking for championship banners for each tier. Geography will be a little bit of an issue for teams involved.
- Very few suspensions and penalties
- Some teams using a lot of affiliates. Reminder to directors to remind teams that affiliate players can only play to a maximum of 10 games.
- Having to remind teams about submitting their game sheets on time and properly filling out.
- Tiers 1-4 that do not fit in the competitive balance we may have an option for them to continue playing. Directors will need to file a complaint/incident form out.
- Tiers 5 and 6 we will be discussing their playoff format regarding stronger/weaker teams.

U11 HADP - U11 Lead Governor Cole Alywin

- Start-up was a little hectic with using both websites, but we have it figured out.
- All TBA's have been scheduled.
- With Tracy's help playoffs have been figured out
- Only a few suspensions.
- Not many affiliates used.

U16 - U16 Lead Governor Jayson Nelson

- Started the season off with 5 teams but just before Christmas one team dropped out.
- Have played 56 games so far this season
- Good competitive hockey
- 13 suspensions
- Wrapping up season on February 12th weekend and moving into playoffs.

U9 - No report

Terry - Would like to thank the governor's group for all their work so far this season.

Old Business

Notice of Motions

- Deadline to submit Notice of Motions is March 1st. Will be presented at the March Director's meeting and will be voted on prior to the AGM online. Process worked well last year.
- Please send to Melanie Jackson (secretary@cahlhockey.net)
- If you need any assistance with wording or have questions, please contact Melanie.

Inter-league Play

- Ongoing throughout the season and lots of games scheduled.
- Have faced some issues with scheduling due to alignment with the other leagues (NAI and NEAHL)
- Has reduced travel for our teams and teams in other leagues.

Rule 11 Letter and Outcomes

- Information was sent out to directors that was to be communicated to teams.
- Hoping to educate players/teams on acceptable behaviour.

New Business

Potential Trial of playoff format for next season (in line with Hockey Canada Mandates) and playoff format discussion

- Hockey Alberta needs to finish the wildcard draws for Provincials and then we will be able to send out to directors the playoff format for every division/tier.
- Next year, Hockey Canada/Hockey Alberta is probably going to mandate that all teams make playoffs. We are trying to figure out within the league, an alternative for teams to continue their season when they have not been successful within their tier. We will be trying this out in U13T4 and some in U11. Will be looking for feedback from members.
- Looking for playoff alternatives for U11 Tier 5 and 6 as well.

Question from Chestermere - In U11, are the playoff games best of 3? If the ice is available, we can do 3 games. If not, 2 game total points for games. In some divisions (U13-U18) we will be unable to do a 3-game series due to the deadline for Provincials.

Venue decisions in February

- We will be doing venue draws for team placements for banners and Provincial playdowns at the February directors meeting.
- We may need to switch some teams around for timing to complete the round within one weekend. Some teams will need to play over 2 weekends or during the week to complete the rounds.

U15/U18 Tier 3 "C" discussion

- We would like to offer the Tier 3 "C" teams within U15 and U18 their own playoff round as we did with U15 last year.

Question from Canmore - Is there any way to make things fair for teams within playdowns so 1 team does not end up with 2 away games and lots of travel? We have a solution from a member to address this issue for this season.

- As per Hockey Alberta regulations, we cannot deny any teams within tier 3 the possibility to go to Provincials. Please talk to your teams if they still want an opportunity to try for Provincials. The option would be to have a consolation round with the "C" teams.

Open discussion/questions

Questions from Vulcan - If U18/U15 tier 3 C teams separate playoffs, would that mean all of the "C" teams would get to compete? Or would we still use our current format that if for example there are under 7 teams, only the top 4 teams make playoffs? All teams would be playing.

Banners have been ordered including all the extra ones from U11.

Question from Olds - When do you need the complaint form filled out by if we would like to find an alternative playoff for a weaker U11 team? Complaint form needs to be in right away. Please include your rationale.

Motion to adjourn at 7:52pm by Kneehill, seconded by Ponoka.

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