

CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Directors Meeting Minutes - October 1, 2024



Online via Google Meet

President: Terry Siverson
Vice President: Ryan Robertson
Vice President: Trevor McFarlane (absent)
Vice President: Melanie Jackson (absent)
Secretary: Debra Grosfield
Treasurer: Shannon Chilvers
Registrar: Suzanne Wemp

Vice President U18: Allison Arsenault
Vice President U15: David Schmidt
Vice President U13: Derek Sager
Vice President U11: Tracey Luking
Vice President U9: Amanda Hatto (absent)
Governor in Chief: Cole Aylwin
Administration: Pam Hartman

ABSENT ASSOCIATIONS: 3C's MHA, Canmore MH, Cardston MHA, Crowsnest Pass MH, Endmoor MHA, Foothills MHA, Fort Macleod MH, Kainai MHA, Maskwacis MHA, Medicine Hat MHA, Nanton MH, Olds MH, Rocky MHA, Siksika MHA, Vauxhall MH.

1. Meeting called to Order at 7:04pm by Terry Siverson
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Previous Minutes - Minutes from April's AGM were not circulated prior to the meeting. Will be on the next meeting's Agenda.
4. Hockey Alberta Report - New information on expected changes with Hockey Alberta has not been released prior to tonight's meeting. Hockey AB will now come up in new business as no representatives will be attending anymore. Minor Leagues is now listed in New Business.
5. Treasurer's Report: Shannon Chilvers
 - Balance Forward: \$32,287, Bond Account is \$63,867, Expenses to date \$12,000 and Income is \$452.
 - The financial review is ongoing. Updating processes.
 - *Darren Black (Innisfail) made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jon Stronge (Lethbridge) seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
 - *Peter Fenrich (Camrose) made a motion to present the Team Fees Budget at tonight's meeting. Dallas Smith (Raymond) seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
 - Budget presented by Terry Siverson. We have been invoicing out based on fees per player which is demanding heavy administering needs. We have run the numbers, researched other organizations, and are requesting to invoice on Team Fees instead (\$250 per team U11-U18), \$220 (U9). Tonight's budget reflects the unaudited surplus

of \$19,000 which we are able to use 40% of those funds for operating expenses. An audit group is in place to complete this process.

- Trevor (Innisfail) made a motion to approve the CAHL 2024-2025 Operating Budget “B”, based on Team Fees, as presented. Huub Wooldrik (Fort Macleod) seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- Issues with RAMP, contact Melanie Jackson. Books needed, order them through Shannon Chilvers.

6. Discipline Report - Brian Monkman, Natasha Haluck and Nathan McCullough

- 96 carry over suspensions listed on the website. If there is an “expired” beside a listed suspension, it still needs to be served. If, over the summer, a suspension was served, you must get the filed paperwork to Hockey Alberta and to CAHL Discipline to reflect that served suspension. Anything Hockey Alberta related already would have been accounted for.
- Exhibition games do not count towards served games.
- If your association submits an appeal, let our Discipline group know about it.

7. Old Business

- Committee Work - Suzanne Wemp, Registrar, is taking names of those interested in piloting a different rostering process. Contact her directly, contact on website.

8. Governor Reports - Governor in Chief - Cole Aylwin

- Meeting for Governors on October 2. If you haven't submitted your governors, please do so asap.
- Governors do not have teams assigned; members should not be calling governors at this time.

9. New Business

- Future Tiering Naming Convention - Hockey Canada is returning to the Policy of ABCD levels of play for the 2025-2026 season. More to come this year on the impacts to our League next year.
- U9, U11 AA and U16 Updates - Hockey Alberta is keeping to half ice for U9. We will follow the process to our abilities. U11AA - contact Drew Dixon with HA with any questions. U16 - potential for 8 teams. More information to come.
- U13 Tier 1 - Doesn't have a tiering break as approved by the Directors last season. No black out dates will be approved during this time.
- U15, U18 Tier 3 Weak Process - Declarations needed for either Strong or Weak, the middle teams will be no longer. Which means no provincials for the Weak teams. If a team declares Weak, but tiers into Strong, they will then move into Strong and qualify for provincials.
- Emergency Goalies - Hockey Alberta process online and notification to CAHL. More information to be sent to Directors.

- Overage - Maximum of 3 on rosters. Notification to CAHL only. Can be reviewed on a complaint basis, and through game protests, if strengthening the team.
- Affiliation - Notification to CAHL only, we do not approve them. Can be reviewed on a complaint basis if strengthening the team.
- U15 and U18 NBC - Terry will contact teams updating directly, U15 but should be good to run this season. U18 will not be able to continue this season.
- Website - reminder there are two: RAMP for U9 & NBC, and Goaline for U11-U18. Contacts, handbooks, regulations, minutes - all on website!
- Communications Protocol and Complaints procedure - Re-send Communications Flow Chart to members. Parents are not to call CAHL directly, they MUST go through their Association appointed CAHL Directors and Governors. Complaints are to be in writing on form through the website. This form must be signed by the Local Minor Hockey president and CAHL director and send to Terry (CAHL President) or a VP Operations level in CAHL.
- Declaration of Drop Clock and Ice Flood regulations - form to submit to CAHL
- Weather policy - if one team does not want to travel, we need to accept that and follow the process to cancel, ensuring CAHL is notified as per the procedure (manager/manager to CAHL Director/CAHL Director to Age Group Leads, etc.
- Tiering Process - Governor recommendations get sent to Directors on Sunday before the Tiering Meetings. NO FEELINGS in placing, FACTS only! There was a 3.3% error out of the 450 teams that were tiered last year. The Competitive Model we attain to: win 4 out of 5 games, and lose less than 1 out of 5 games. There is a process to move teams if they are in the wrong tier, until January. Teams can always move up. The teams that want to move down following the facts and data, take a risk in being removed from playoffs. The process will be sent to Directors.

*Cory Anderson (Pincher Creek) made a motion to approve a new process where an Agreement Letter is signed by the Coach, CAHL Director and Local MHA President agreeing to missing playoffs if they refuse to move to the recommended tier. Jason Stephens (Red Deer) seconded the motion. **Motion carried.***

- Playoffs - we have to meet Hockey Alberta deadlines.
- Mentors - contact VP's Allison or Ryan.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm by Jamie Steer, Seconded by Kaleigh Knievel.