

# **Cochrane Recreational Hockey League**

## **2024-2025 Annual General Meeting – Minutes**

### **7PM April 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 at SLSC – Hillside Room**

**Invited:** All Members

**In Attendance:** Bruce Alexander, Brandon Schwartz, Joy Eaton, Ben McColl, Martha Perry, Nicole Power, Robin Parkinson, Jeremy Holterman, Summer Halwa, Karen Domett, Corey Banman, Lisa Constantineau, Brendan Shea, Aaron Russell, Josh Lambden, Bryce Rosborough, Gary Wiewer, Justin Pearce, Garrett Rees, Torei Carlson

1. Call to Order 7:04pm
2. Approval of Agenda
  - **MOTION** made by Josh Lambden, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Constantineau
  - ALL in FAVOUR
3. Approval of the previous AGM Minutes
  - **MOTION** made by Karen Domett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Lambden
  - ALL in FAVOUR
4. **Presidents Report**
  - another successful year
  - great to see new faces keen and involved and lots of help and support
  - attended (sort of) an October scheduling meeting, will look to make this more successful
  - we need more ice to grow (if you know of any available ice please let Brandon know)
  - we updated/put in place 7 policy's to keep the league running smoothly and to align to Hockey Alberta Policies (these are posted on the website)
  - general trend from Hockey AB to help manage a growing league/rec program
  - current secretary is resigning to move to a new director position

*Questions/Discussion:*

- Hockey AB putting in more support for refs to avoid issues/suspensions
- change to request policy for team building (accommodate coaches/siblings then try to adjust )
- coaches need to be at all evaluation ice times
- can we get earlier ice time (in September) from SLS on Fridays to make teams a little earlier (we will be asking/looking for ice from Ringette if it comes available)

**MOTION** to accept report made by Justin Robin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Parkinson  
- ALL in FAVOUR

**5. Treasurers Report**

- refer to the financial report to see the year report
- \$38 479.95 in equity an approximately \$12 0000 income over the year
- there will be an 3 year audit happening this Spring

- fundraising changes to be made for liquor raffle
- fundraising total was \$18 000 (an increase from last year) with liquor raffle, 2 50/50 and tournament raffles
- ice is the main cost and increases every year (increasing by 5.6 % next year)
- look to continue to increase profit to be able to purchase ice if available (the goal is to be able to upfront pay for ice costs at the start of each season)

*Questions/Discussion:*

- unknown increases with the potential YMCA take over
- we need to do casino application for future fundraising
- inquired about approximate number of players with funding (approx. 20-25)
- has the league applied for grants in the past (was talked about but not pursued)
- asked if anyone has a connection to a CPWA

**MOTION** to accept made by Martha Perry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryce Rosborough  
 - ALL in FAVOUR

6. Motion for the President to conduct an election for a new Board member – Secretary position  
**MOTION** made by Lisa Constantineau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Parkinson

7. Election of Board of Director  
 Secretary: Brendan Shea nominated by Gary Wiewer  
 - acclamation, none opposed  
 - ALL in FAVOUR

**8. New Business**

- A. New Motion (proposed by active Cougar family) - I motion that the named Executive Members (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) of the Cochrane Cougars have their Cougar Hockey fees covered for one of their children. The executive would still be responsible to pay their portion of the fees Hockey Alberta fees.

**Amendment:**

- Include the director positions (in the motion above)
- MOTION** to expand to these new positions (so 7 positions in total) made by Lisa Constantineau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Dommett
- MOTION** to add the above to the CRHL Bylaws by Martha Perry 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Power
- ALL in FAVOUR

*Questions/Discussion:*

- are we financially sound to support this?
- what is the consequence to people not following through on commitment?

B. 2025 proposed Registration changes

- a. E-transfers will no longer be accepted for registration. Credit card or Jumpstart/Kidsport funding (application #'s required) at the time of registration only.

*Questions/Discussion:*

- 85% already credit card payment (fee increase wise)
- without e-transfers there will be no chasing

**ALL ACCEPTED**

- b. Registration will open via RAMP middle of May for all previously registered families only. This will be open for two weeks and then general registration will commence.

*Questions/Discussion:*

- Bruce would send out emails to returning families
- RAMP cannot recognize if returning or not
- social media advertisement will start at open registration time

**ALL ACCEPTED**

- c. No early registration being offered.

*Questions/Discussion:*

- fees not set now but could be close to early bird from this year or closer to general

**ALL ACCEPTED**

- d. Registration rate for 2025 to be determined still. Update - SLSC ice costs will increase 5.5% for next season. Hockey Canada per player rates will increase 40% for next season (see attached). No update on Springbank ice costs at this time.

C. 2025 proposed Fundraising changes:

- a. Elimination of the holiday liquor raffle and associated \$30 per player registration cost and simply conduct a 50/50 raffle for Christmas.

*Questions/Discussion:*

- look to just run 50/50 (2/year) and tournament
- new fundraising manager could come in with new suggestions
- reduction of \$30/player at registration
- a little unclear on expenses/income for fundraising

**ALL ACCEPTED to remove liquor raffle**

D. 2025 proposed U14 Division change:

- a. Move to a U15 Division to match surrounding Communities – Cremona, Didsbury, Sundre

*Questions/Discussion:*

- many small communities do this and we need to match up to them to be competitive
- discussion around how we decide who plays down

- people from each town need to discuss who we have even matched games
- how do we keep our teams competitive
- less than ideal but have to move to U15 to match other leagues
- can we look at running goalie clinics to build skill and investment

9. 2025 League Manager Volunteer roles (non-voting rules):

- a. Seeking volunteers to assume the following 3 roles that would work closely with the Board for the upcoming season.
  1. Operations Manager – oversees the team managers and communication with parents when needed.  
**Martha Perry**
  2. Scheduling Manager – coordinates scheduling for all teams in the CRHL and coordinates the refereeing schedule.  
**Joy Eaton**
  3. Fundraising Manager – oversees and plans fundraising events under the direction of the Board.  
**Robin Parkinson**

**General Discussion:**

- how do we make even teams
- tweaks to evaluation system
- look at skill level and years played
- look at some focussed time on offside for U8's moving up

Thank you to the board

10. Adjournment 8:30pm

Motion to close: everybody



2025-26

# HOCKEY CANADA PARTICIPANT SERVICE FEES

Effective for the 2025-26 season, Hockey Canada participants will notice a change in the structure of their annual service fees that directly support benefits provided by the national governing body, including sport safety and hockey development initiatives.

Participants will pay \$41.41 in service fees next season, including insurance, which is an increase of \$11.68.\*

The majority of the increase is related to the participant assessment fee, which has not been raised in over 20 years.

**The participant fees will be structured as follows:**

- Assessment fee will increase from \$3.00/participant to \$10.00/participant
- Sport Integrity fee will increase from \$2.94/participant to \$4.50/participant
- Hockey Canada Registry fee will be \$3.12/participant
- Participant insurance fees **will not** increase for the 2025-26 season and remain \$23.79/participant.

We thank you for your understanding of these changes to our service fees for next season that are necessary to ensure the development, sustainability and safety of Canada's hockey system.

*\*In Quebec, participants will pay \$39.00, which is an increase of \$10.12, as they have a different fee structure based on provincial legislation.*

