

**EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA FEMALE HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Spring MEETING April 12, 22**  
**AGENDA – Called to Order @ 6:39 pm**

**1. Presentation of Member Delegates:**

**Present:**

- President – Justin Cornet – Cold Lake Minor Hockey
- Vice President – Brad Hutchinson – Lac La Biche Minor Hockey
- Past President – Mike Krips – Vermilion Minor Hockey
- Treasurer – Nicole Sobchyshyn – Wainwright Minor Hockey
- Secretary – Carrie Krips – Vermilion Minor Hockey
- U11 Governor – Mike Krips – Vermilion Minor Hockey
- U13 Governor – Jenine Ruzicka – Battle River Minor Hockey
- U15 Governor – Jody McKsimming – Fort McMurray Minor Hockey (via phone)
- U18 Governor – Jill Wallace – Battle River Minor Hockey

**2. Roll Call of Member Delegates:**

**Present:**

- Cold Lake / Bonnyville – Jay Hall
- St.Paul – Bryce Balmer / Deena Machney
- Lac La Biche – (submitted letter - Dormant, in good standing) - Brad Hutchinson
- Lloydminster – Chad Oborowsky / Scott Forbes
- Vermilion – Blair Molsberry
- Irma – Shayna Mackay
- Battle River – Charles Bullee
- Provost – (submitted letter - Dormant, in good standing)
- Kitscoty – Katherine Delisle
- Wainwright – Shaun Murphy
- Dewberry – Rhonda Bates
- Onion Lake – Roxanne Littlewolf
- Fort McMurray – Jody McKsimming (via phone)

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Any additional items to be added - None

- Motion to accept by: Scott Forbes
- Seconded by: Brad Hutchinson
- Passed or Rejected

**4. Introduction of Special Guests:**

Potential Guests at the meeting

4.1 *Vegreville and District Minor Hockey Association – Zenith Komarniski - President. Ryan - Past President, Colin - Active Vice President*

**5. Reading of Minutes:**

Meeting minutes from the September AGM Meeting were read over.

**6. Business Arising From the Minutes:**

6.1 *Outstanding fines from 2019/2020/2021 Season*

Nicole advise all teams are paid.

6.2 *Lloydminster U13A team Playing U15*

Discussion had regarding the U13A team playing up in U15 division. Justin advised the team did well and was looking for

opinions on what other teams thought. Lloydminster happy and thought it was beneficial. Keeps girls playing girls hockey. Close games at end of year. Ended up second in league. No issues as advised from JodyAnn, U15 Govenor. There were some strength concerns. U15 is more aggressive and faster. Some Lloydminster parents were upset, but need to understand that their kids are moving up in the league, they need to expect that in playing up a level. Regarding Provincials, Chad did discuss with Hockey Alberta prior to the girls moving up if they could still participate in Provincials. Was told yes, A Provincials. When it came time, Hockey Alberta changed their decision and said no. Parents and girls were upset. Not a league thing, it was Hockey Alberta. League to help next year and discuss with Hockey Alberta.

**6.3 U11 Playoff Tournament**

Mike, U11 Govenor advised that Chad Oborowsky put on a great tournament. Ended up doing 2 tournaments. Lloydminster teams did round robin and point system. And the other teams did double elimination, guaranteed 2 games. Most teams got 3 games. Overall tournaments went ok, tough situation with Lloydminster having stronger teams. Scheduling nightmare, but worked out. Other teams had fun and enjoyed. Shayna mentioned the cost was difficult as no other teams had fees for playoffs. The team had to come up with the money. Inquired if bids could be put in and teams to be let known upfront the costs so they can budget for it? Or at registration each team pays extra to give to host team at end? Tough as not all associations will know the teams in advance. Teams will just have to budget and know that there will be a year end fee. Discussion had on format. What's best for the league? Top 4 / Bottom 4? Hard to have a tournament structure and won't know until after Christmas the calibre of teams. Possibly have different scenarios done up? There will always be stronger teams. Decided that Govenors / Executive will "decide on the fly" and make the decision. No need for change to bylaws. It is possible that every age division will be a league tournament next year, if mandated by Hockey Alberta.

**6.4 Team fees back to \$250**

No objections to team fees being moved back to \$250.

**7. Presidents' Report:**

Justin reported overall, I think it was a successful season. Some Operational Guideline clarity that needs to be done. I think the U11 tournament went well. May need some changes in the future but we can tweak it over time. We will continue this format as per Hockey Alberta. We had 6 teams represent us at Provincials and 5 ECAFHL teams came home with medals. So that's a huge accomplishment. I know in my home association having the Jaguars teams be successful really opened some people up to the female system and are wanting to move their daughter from mainstream to the female side. So, I think that's a big success there. Hopefully help grow the league even more. With the success of the Female Olympic team and the talk around the female professional teams, we should hopefully see an increase in girls wanting to play over the next few years.

**8. Playoff Report:**

Congratulations to:

- U11 – Lloydminster Blazers Team 1
- U13 – Irma Aces
- U15 – Vermilion Tigers
- U18 – Lakeland Jaguars
  
- Teams each community plans on registering this season in the ECAFHL (finalize at Fall AGM)

	U11	U13	U15	U18
<b>Cold Lake / Bonnyville</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>St. Paul</b>		?1	1	1
<b>Lac La Biche</b>	?1			
<b>Lloydminster</b>	2 ?3	3	1 forsure, more dependent on Steelers	1 forsure, more dependent on Steelers
<b>Vermilion</b>	?1	?1	?1	1
<b>Irma</b>	1	1	?1	
<b>Battle River</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>Provost</b>				

Kitscoty	?1			?1
Wainwright	?1	?1		
Onion Lake			1	?1
Dewberry				?1
Fort McMurray	1 ?2	1	1	?1
Vegreville ???		1	?1	
Hughendon ??? Hoping to come to fall meeting	1			
<b>TOTAL</b>	6 ?11	8 ?11	6 ?9	5 ?9

**9. Treasurers' Report:**

Nicole presented Treasures report

- *Discussion, comments, concerns about the treasure report - None*
  - Motion to accept treasure report - Nicole Sobchysyn
  - Secorder for the treasure report - Scott Forbes

**10. Reports of Councils and Committees:**

No reports

**11. Nominations:**

To be made at Fall Meeting

**12. Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business left to resolve.

**13. New Business:**

*13.1 New Associations to the ECAFHL*

- Vegreville and District Minor Hockey Association

Vegreville has inquired on joining ECAFHL with a U13 team and possibly U15. Years ago they had female teams, but not for a while now. Girls have played with boys in mainstream. They would be voted in next meeting as probationary, then following year become a full member. No objections brought forward, but Justin advised to bring forward to him if there were.

*13.2 Website updates & email notifications*

New website went good. Nicole advised if anybody wants anything added to website, like tournaments, pictures, etc, please forward to her. She is always looking for things to put on.

*13.3 Playoff Structure*

*13.3.1 U11 – Tournament Style, one weekend, Find an association to host?*

Justin advised if any association is interested in hosting to please let him know. Suggested that if it's a tournament style to extend the season to 20 game.

*13.3.2 U13, U15, U18 – Need to use Double elimination style, keep teams playing later*

in the year. Tournament style over multiple weekends, Round Robin, any Ideas?

Discussion had. Decided only U11 to host tournament to work out kinks.

*13.4 Fall AGM*

September 7, 2022, 6:30 pm @ the Pomeroy in Vermilion

*13.5 Any other new business*

*13.5.1 Playoff Format*

*13.5.1.1 Reseed after 1<sup>st</sup> round or Bracket style*

*13.5.1.2 2 tier playoff format so weaker teams play against weaker teams etc.*

I.E U11 format this year

There were some concerns this year which involved the U18's and how the guidelines were interpreted regarding seeding and bracket style. Justin discussed with other leagues. Some wording needs to be changed and made very specific so all teams understand. Discussion had about bracket style or re-seeding style. The following will be brought forward to the Fall meeting.

Motion made by Bryce: Throughout each playoff round, the team that finished with a higher seeding in regular season will maintain the higher seeding in each sub-sequent found of playoffs, and match ups will be determined by their respective rankings. (highest VS Lowest) - SEE BELOW.

ECAFHL · PLAYOFF SERIES LAYOUT  
"PROPOSED"

REGULAR SEASON RESULTS.

1 - A  
2 - B  
3 - C  
4 - D  
5 - E  
6 - F  
7 - G  
8 - H

HOME ICE ADVANTAGE

# vs #

<u>ROUND 1</u>	WINNER	<u>ROUND 2</u>	WINNER
A vs H	A	A vs F	F
B vs G	B	B vs E	B
C vs F	F		
D vs E	E		

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ROUND 3  
B vs F

\* THROUGHOUT EACH PLAYOFF ROUND, THE TEAM THAT FINISHED WITH A HIGHER SEEDING IN REGULAR SEASON WILL MAINTAIN THE HIGHER SEEDING IN EACH SUB-SEQUENT ROUND OF PLAYOFFS, AND MATCH-UPS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE RANKINGS. (HIGHEST VS LOWEST)

One other option taken from RMFHL:

8-team playoff format

- Series 1 First place team vs Eighth place team
  - Series 2 Second place team vs Seventh place team
  - Series 3 Third place Team vs Sixth place team
  - Series 4 Fourth place team vs Fifth place team
- Second Round
- Series 5 Winner of Series 1 vs Winner of Series 4
  - Series 6 Winner of Series 2 vs Winner of Series 3
- Final Round
- Series 7 Winner of Series 5 vs Winner of series 6

(d) THE FOLLOWING IS THE 6 TEAM PLAY-OFF FORMAT

(i) First Round

- Series 1 Third place team vs Sixth place team
- Series 2 Fourth place team vs Fifth place team
- First and Second place teams get a First round By

(ii) Second Round

- Series 3 First place Team vs Winner of Series 2
- Series 4 Second place team vs Winner of Series 1

(iii) Final Round

- Series 5 Winner of Series 3 vs Winner of Series 4

(e) THE FOLLOWING IS THE 4 TEAM PLAY-OFF FORMAT

(i) First Round

- Series 1 First place team vs Fourth place team
- Series 2 Second place team vs Third place team

(ii) Final Round

- Series 3 Winner of Series 1 vs Winner of Series 2

(f) Venue goes to the team, which finished highest in final League standings in all cases. LMHA directors and/or coaches are not allowed to make changes to this format.

(g) PLAY-OFF DEADLINES

(i) 1st round to have first series played by the end of the first weekend of play-offs.

(ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> round to have second series to be completed by the end of the second weekend of Play-offs.

(iii) Final round to be completed by the end of the fourth weekend of play-offs. All games must be completed 10-14 days prior to the start of their respective division's Provincial Championships to allow for rest and as per Hockey One female guidelines.

(iv) All efforts should be made to complete rounds earlier than required to allow for Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships that are in March.

13.5.2 Overtime Rules

Discussion had on Overtime Rules regarding the "if time another period" or shoot out if no time. Decided for playoffs it will be 10 minutes, 20 minutes, then straight to shoot out. In best of 3 games. 2 game total points until final round. Bring forward at Fall Meeting. Discussion had on the 10 goal mercy rule and wording. Applies to both teams whether you play or not. Wording will be changed at Fall Meeting.

13.5.3 General cleanup of Operational Guidelines

13.5.4 Special conditions for Ft. Mac in playoffs (top seed home advantage for both games - reduce travelling as it may not be realistic in some scenarios)

Discussion had on how to move forward with playoffs for Fort McMurray only. Decision made after discussion that the highest seeded community hosts the first 2 games. Host team to take care of ice fees, refs, etc. If game 3 required, it will then move to the lower seed team location.

13.5.5 U15 possibly end season one week early as currently there is only one week to accommodate final best of three series - may not be realistic in some cases.

U15 provincials are usually a week before U13 and U18. League will end one week early as to allow for 2 weekends to do the final round. Not taking games away, just condensing season.

13.6 *Fines*

- \$100 fines for non-attendance will be sent to - *NONE*
  - Motioned by:
  - Seconded by:

**14. Elections (AGM): to be held at the Fall AGM**

*U11 Governor* - U11 side will not start until Governor in place

*VP* - The ECAFHL season will not start until VP in place

**15. Adjournment:**

15.1 *Spring AGM date and time - September 7, 2022, 6:30 pm @ the Pomeroy in Vermilion*

15.2 *Adjournment*

- Motioned by: Scott Forbes
- Seconded by: Chad Oborowsky