

## **EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA FEMALE HOCKEY LEAGUE**

**Fall MEETING September 7, 22**  
**AGENDA – Called to Order @ 6:41 pm**

**1. Presentation of Member Delegates:**

**1.1. Present:**

- 1.1.1. President – Justin Cornet – Cold Lake Minor Hockey
- 1.1.2. Vice President – Brad Hutchinson – Lac La Biche Minor Hockey – N/A
- 1.1.3. Past President – Mike Krips – Vermilion Minor Hockey
- 1.1.4. Treasurer – Nicole Sobchyszyn – Wainwright Minor Hockey
- 1.1.5. Secretary – Carrie Krips – Vermilion Minor Hockey
- 1.1.6. U11 Governor – Mike Krips – Vermilion Minor Hockey
- 1.1.7. U13 Governor – Jenine Ruzicka – Battle River Minor Hockey
- 1.1.8. U15 Governor – Jody McKsimming – Fort McMurray Minor Hockey – N/A
- 1.1.9. U18 Governor – Jill Wallace – Battle River Minor Hockey

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

**2.1. Present:**

- 2.1.1. Cold Lake – No delegate present
- 2.1.2. Bonnyville – No delegate present
- 2.1.3. St. Paul – Deena Machney
- 2.1.4. Lac La Biche – Otto Fayad / Colleen Yurdiga
- 2.1.5. Lloydminster – Scott Forbes / Steven Gehlen
- 2.1.6. Vermilion – Sarah Kastendieck
- 2.1.7. Irma – Shayna Mackay
- 2.1.8. Battle River – Charles Bullee
- 2.1.9. Provost – Dormant – in good standing
- 2.1.10. Kitscoty – Katherine Delisle
- 2.1.11. Wainwright – Brent Walker
- 2.1.12. Dewberry – Krystal Becker
- 2.1.13. Onion Lake – No delegate present
- 2.1.14. Fort McMurray – Don Metz

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

- 3.1. Any additional items to be added – None

**Motion to accept by:** Scott Forbes

**Seconded by:** Jill Wallace

**4. Introduction of Special Guests:**

4.1. Potential Guests at the meeting

- **Vegreville and District Minor Hockey Association** – Zenith Komarniski was in attendance at Spring meeting – No delegate present tonight, therefore they will not be eligible to play in our league this year.
- **Hughenden Minor Sports** – Tyler Pearson  
Justin welcomed Tyler. Tyler advised Hughenden has a U11 female team. They have previously been playing in a boys league. Younger, first year team and hoping to join the league. They are aware of travel and on board. Justin advised a vote will be held tonight as a probationary member for 1 year and then voted in the following year. \$500 bond cheque and \$250 fee.

**5. Reading of Minutes:**

- 5.1. Meeting minutes from the September AGM Meeting were reviewed.

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

**6.1.** Outstanding fines from 2019/2020/2021 Season - None

**6.2.** Lloydminster U13A team Playing U15

Scott informed there were no concerns. They will be playing NEAHL Tier 3 this season, as suggested by HA. Safer to play boys in same caliber and size. Nothing to do with ECAFHL. No out-of-town players will be allowed unless out right released from home association. Scott also advised if there are three U11 female teams, one team will also be going to NEAHL.

**6.3.** U11 Playoff Tournament

Justin advised to reach out to himself or Brad if any association is interested in hosting the U11 tournament. Justin reviewed what was discussed last meeting. Discussion had on the 2 tournaments held due to Lloydminster having such strong teams. Discussion on structure, possible top 4 / bottom 4 pools, or double elimination, and if teams are stronger, it happens.

Decision made for Declaration date of December 15 whether teams are playing in tournament or not. By then the league should have a better understanding of the teams and will decide at that time how to proceed with the tournament.

**Motion** made by Scott Forbes as follows. The league will dictate tournament format by January 1.

**Seconded by:** Jenine Ruzicka.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This year-end tournament does have a fee associated.

**7. Presidents' Report:**

*Justin advised* - This is my last meeting as president and will hand everything over to Brad after the meeting. Brad couldn't make the meeting. Mike is stepping down as U11 Governor. I would like to thank Mike for his years of service with the league. With that said, we are looking for a U11 Governor and a VP.

**8. Numbers of Teams:**

**8.1.** Teams each community plans on registering this 16-game season in the ECAFHL

<b>8.1.1.</b> Cold Lake / Bonnyville -	U11 - 1	U13 - 1	U15 - 1	U18 - 1
<b>8.1.2.</b> St. Paul -	U11 - 0	U13 - 1?	U15 - 1	U18 - 1
<b>8.1.3.</b> Lac La Biche -	U11 - 0	U13 - 1	U15 - 0	U18 - 0
<b>8.1.4.</b> Lloydminster -	U11 - 2	U13 - 2	U15 - 1	U18 - 1 (15 & 18 dependent on Steelers)
<b>8.1.5.</b> Vermilion -	U11 - 0	U13 - 0	U15 - 1	U18 - 1
<b>8.1.6.</b> Irma -	U11 - 1	U13 - 1	U15 - 1	U18 - 0
<b>8.1.7.</b> Battle River -	U11 - 1	U13 - 1	U15 - 1	U18 - 1
<b>8.1.8.</b> Provost -	N/A			
<b>8.1.9.</b> Kitscoty -	U11 - 0	U13 - 1?	U15 - 0	U18 - 0
<b>8.1.10.</b> Wainwright -	U11 - 0	U13 - 0	U15 - 1?	U18 - 0
<b>8.1.11.</b> Onion Lake -	Not in attendance?			
<b>8.1.12.</b> Dewberry / Marwayne -	U11 - 0	U13 - 0	U15 (& U13) - 1?	U18 - 1
<b>8.1.13.</b> Fort McMurray -	U11 - 1	U13 - 1	U15 - 1	U18 - 1?
<b>8.1.14.</b> Hughendon -	U11 - 1	U13 - 0	U15 - 0	U18 - 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>U11 - 7</b>	<b>U13 - 7, 9?</b>	<b>U15 - 7, 9?</b>	<b>U18 - 6, 7?</b>

**9. Treasurers' Report:**

**9.1.** Nicole presented Treasures' report

Nicole advised we did go in the negative last year as banners and RAMP were 2-year fees. Not as much revenue as we should have. Should increase again this year. Fees are \$250 / team. Please bring cheques to scheduling meeting. Or etransfer to: [ecafhl@outlook.com](mailto:ecafhl@outlook.com). Please comment division, town and teams if etransferring. Nicole advised she needs 2 people to review and sign the treasurers report.

Completed by Jill Wallace and Don Metz.

**9.2.** Discussion, comments, concerns about the treasure report - None

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

10.1. No reports

**11. Elections:**

11.1. VP

11.2. U11 Governor

Justin asked for any nominees for Vice President and U11 Governor. Please take back to associations if anybody interested in filling those positions. Rules and responsibilities are listed on website. There is mentorship, past executive is willing to help and guide where needed. We need these positions in place by the scheduling meeting. No U11 start if position not filled by scheduling meeting. No league start if Vice President position not filled by scheduling meeting. Justin advised VP is a 6-year position. 2 years as Vice President, 2 years as President, and 2 years as Past President.

**12. Unfinished Business:**

**12.1 Playoff Format / Overtime Structure in Playoffs**

Justin recapped the discussion at the Spring meeting regarding the playoff structure. Discussion had on format again. Re-seed or go with bracket? Teams don't gain any spots in re-seed. Brackets style allows team to sandbag.

**Motion** made for playoff format structure by Deena Machney as follows. ECAFHL will follow the re-seeding process. If 8 upsets 1, 8 plays 2, and so on.

**Seconded by:** Scott Forbes – 10 in favor

Bryce's wording will get adopted into the OP Guidelines. Justin will look for other wording and get back to Carrie.

**Motion** made for OT playoffs by Charles Bullee as follows. 10 minutes, 5 on 5 play, then flood. 20 minutes, 5 on 5, stop time. Shoot out. Best of 3. Then single shooters. No repeat shooters until all the roster has shot. Players in penalty box excluded from shoot out. This will be updated in op guidelines for 22/23 season.

**Seconded by:** Jill Wallace

**13. New Business:**

**13.1. New Associations to the ECAFHL**

**13.1.1. Vegreville and District Minor Hockey Association**

No attendance by Vegreville therefore unable to join the league.

**13.1.2. Fort McMurray**

Justin advised that they were voted in as probationary 2 years ago, but due to Covid, they stayed as probationary last year.

Don from Fort McMurray was asked to leave the room.

Comments / Concerns:

Great to deal with, good ice times, considerate and accommodating.

**Motion** made by Justin Cornet to make Fort McMurray a full member.

Unanimous decision – adopted.

Don back in room and commented how much they enjoyed the league.

**13.1.3. Hughenden Minor Sports**

Tyler from Hughenden asked to leave the room.

Comments / Concerns:

Trying to promote female hockey, yes allow.

**Motion** made by Justin Cornet that Hughendon join the ECAFHL as probationary members for one year.

Unanimous decision.

**13.2. Website updates & email notifications**

**13.2.1. No concerns**

### 13.3. **Playoff Structure**

13.3.1. U11 – Tournament Style, one weekend, Find an association to host? – Discussed in 6.3.

13.3.2. Last day of regular season is different for most divisions – this is due to HA provincial dates and to allow all series of playoffs the required time to complete the series. Check the “Important dates” on the website to verify your divisions.

13.3.3. **Motion** made by Mike Krips to assist with travel and time in playoffs only for those teams playing Fort McMurray in the second and third rounds. The Team with the highest seed (between them and Ft. Mac.) will have the option for both game 1 and 2 to be either home or away. This is to address the unrealistic expectation that one of the weekends would require both teams to travel to and from their communities. This will be added to the op guidelines in time for the 22/23 season.

**Seconded by:** Scott Forbes

### 13.3.4. **Scheduling Meeting**

October 6, 2022, 6:30 pm @ the Pomeroy in Vermilion – in person and one manager PER division.

13.4. **Any other new business** – None

### 13.5. **Fines**

13.5.1. \$100 fines for non-attendance will be sent to Lakeland Jaguars and Onion Lake.

## 14. **New President:**

**Motion** made by Jill Wallace to make Brad Hutchinson the new ECAFHL President.

**Seconded by:** Scott Forbes.

**Motion** made by Scott Forbes to move Mike Krips out of Past President and Justin Cornet into Past President Role.

**Seconded by:** Katherine Delisle

## **ROUND TABLE:**

Board was asked why there is a Spring and Fall AGM. Spring is to recap how the season went. If there are any concerns, can think about over summer. Fall is to adopt something into the OP Guidelines.

Discussion had on towns reaching out to Fort McMurray before scheduling meeting to book a whole weekend with more than one division. Yes, that’s fine, no issues or concerns.

## 15. **Adjournment:**

15.1. Spring AGM date and time – April 13, 2023, 7:00 pm @ the Pomeroy in Vermilion.

15.2. Adjournment – 8:02 pm

**Motioned by:** Scott Forbes

**Seconded by:** Nicole Sobchyshyn