

## EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA FEMALE HOCKEY LEAGUE

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Spring MEETING May 1, 2024

AGENDA – Called to Order @ 6:30 \_\_\_\_ pm

1. **Presentation of Member Delegates:**

1.1. **Present:**

- 1.1.1. President – Jill Wallace – Battle River Minor Hockey
- 1.1.2. Vice President – Deena Machney - St. Paul (**Regrets**)
- 1.1.3. Past President – Justin Cornet – Cold Lake Minor Hockey (**Regrets**)
- 1.1.4. Treasurer – Jill Wallace – Battle River Minor Hockey
- 1.1.5. Secretary – Crystal Amundson – Hughenden Minor Hockey (**Regrets**)
- 1.1.6. U11 Governor – Trevor Sonfloo
- 1.1.7. U13 Governor – Jenine Ruzicka – Battle River Minor Hockey
- 1.1.8. U15 Governor – Jacinda Davis – Fort McMurray Minor Hockey
- 1.1.9. U18 Governor – Chad Byrne - Irma Minor Hockey
- 1.1.10. Website Administration - JodyAnn McSkimming – Fort McMurray Minor Hockey

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

2.1. **Present:**

- 2.1.1. Cold Lake – Gord Cooper
- 2.1.2. Bonnyville – Gord Cooper
- 2.1.3. St. Paul – Deirdre Myshaniuk
- 2.1.4. Lac La Biche – Otto Fayad
- 2.1.5. Lloydminster – Dan Auckenberg
- 2.1.6. Vermilion – Trevor Hill
- 2.1.7. Irma – Jess Fenton
- 2.1.8. Battle River – Charles Bullee
- 2.1.9. Provost – Dormant – in good standing
- 2.1.10. Kitscoty – Erin Labiuk
- 2.1.11. Wainwright – Brent Walker
- 2.1.12. Dewberry –
- 2.1.13. Onion Lake – Dusty McClellan
- 2.1.14. Fort McMurray – Steve Schreyer
- 2.1.15. Hughenden – Tyler Pearson

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

- 3.1. Any additional items to be added – None
  - 3.1.1. Motion to accept by: Deirdre Myshaniuk
  - 3.1.2. Seconded by: Jacinda Davis
  - 3.1.3. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

4. **Introduction of Special Guests:**

- 4.1. Potential Guests at the meeting – None

5. **Reading of Minutes:**

- 5.1. Meeting minutes from the Fall AGM Meeting were read over and membership offered opportunity to raise concerns or ask questions – none.
  - 5.1.1. **Motion to accept by:** Jill Wallace
  - 5.1.2. **Seconded by:** JodyAnn McSkimming
  - 5.1.3. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

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

- 6.1. *Outstanding Fines from 2023/24 season: NONE*
- 6.2. *Vegreville couldn't get a team together in the end so are tabled until this coming year again.*
- 6.3. *Playoff structure was changed to split tiering for U15 and U18 with much success, and can be discussed on a yearly basis. We also changed the playoff structure for U13 with lack of teams and mileage for playoffs, and decided to go ahead with a tournament style playoff. This is open to discussion under new business.*
- 6.4. *Vermilion hosted U11 tournament successfully, thank you for hosting.*

**7. Presidents' Report:**

*Overall we had another successful season in the ECAFHL and provincially, we had so many changes with the AB1 structure. We saw some things that were missed in the structure that we would like to impose, and also found some rules that are new to us.*

*Starting with the split tiering, we had 2 age groups do it in U18 and U15. All teams played to the best of their abilities, we had some upsets and some surprises, but everyone represented our tiers well at provincials. We came home with champions and many runners up.*

*We handed out banners in the 2 divisions in u11 Fort McMurray in the A division and BRK in the B division*

- *St Paul u18 won Tier 1*
- *BRK u18 were silver Tier 2*
- *Irma u15 won Tier 1*
- *Lloydminster 3 U15 made it semis in Tier 2*
- *St. Paul u13 made it to semis in Tier 1*
- *Fort McMurray u13 were silver Tier 2*

*We are a league that can take on all the leagues in the province in both levels, what an accomplishment, and the kids, coaches and parents should be so proud of that. With the PWHL the girls get to set their sights on something more, and the sport is growing stronger all the time.*

**8. Playoff Report:**

- 8.1. *Congratulations to;*
- 8.2. *U11 – Fort McMurray Huskies A Banner winners and Battle River Knights B banner winners*
- 8.3. *U13 – St. Paul Canadiens T1 and Fort McMurray Huskies T2*
- 8.4. *U15 – Lakeland Jaguars T1 and Lloydminster Blazers 3 T2*
- 8.5. *U18 – St. Paul Canadiens T1 and Battle River Knights T2*
- 8.6. *Teams each community plans on registering this season in the ECAFHL (will leave till Fall AGM)*
  - 8.6.1. *Cold Lake – U11 (1) – U13(1) – U15(1) – U18(1)- (Concerns around numbers with U13 AA)*
  - 8.6.2. *Bonnyville – Combined with Cold Lake*
  - 8.6.3. *St.Paul – U11 (1) – U13(1) – U15(1) – U18(1)*
  - 8.6.4. *Lac La Biche – U11 (1) – U13(0) – U15(0) – U18(0)*
  - 8.6.5. *Lloydminster – U11 (0) – U13(1) – U15(2) – U18(2)- (u11 staying in local House league)*
  - 8.6.6. *Vermilion – U11 (1) – U13(1) – U15(1) – U18(1)*
  - 8.6.7. *Irma – U11 (1) – U13(1) – U15(1) – U18(1)*
  - 8.6.8. *Battle River – U11 (1) – U13(1) – U15(1) – U18(1)*
  - 8.6.9. *Provost – N/A*
  - 8.6.10. *Kitscoty U11 (0) – U13(0) – U15(0) – U18(1)*
  - 8.6.11. *Wainwright – U11 (1) – U13(1) – U15(1) – U18(0)*
  - 8.6.12. *Saddle Lake – U11 (1) – U13(0) – U15(0) – U18(1)*
  - 8.6.13. *Onion Lake – U11 (0) – U13(0) – U15(0) – U18(1)*
  - 8.6.14. *\_Dewberry/Marwayne- U11 (0) – U13(0) – U15(0) – U18(1)*
  - 8.6.15. *\_Fort McMurray- U11 (1) – U13(1) – U15(1) – U18(1)*
  - 8.6.16. *\_Hughenden U11 (1) – U13(0) – U15(0) – U18(0)*
  - 8.6.17.
  - 8.6.18.

**9. Treasurers' Report:**

- 9.1. Jill to present a Treasures report.
- 9.2. Two members were asked to review and audit the report, which was completed by Jacinda Davis and Brent Walker
- 9.3. *Discussion, comments, concerns about the treasure report*
  - 9.3.1. Motion to accept treasure report
  - 9.3.2. Secorder for the treasure report

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

- 10.1. No reports

**11. Nominations:**

**12. Unfinished Business:**

None

**13. New Business:**

**13.1. New Directives to be added Zero Tolerance**

- 13.1.1. Open discussion – draft directive was reviewed. There was an extensive discussion regarding the definition of bullying and the necessity for a non-bias incident review process. It was agreed upon that the executive board will collaborate on developing a comprehensive process and refining the definitions. The revised proposal will be presented at the upcoming Fall AGM.

**13.2. ECAFHL Supplemental Discipline Adjustment**

- 13.2.1. Player penalty minutes –Discussion to adjust the minimum penalty minutes for discipline.
- 13.2.2. Open Discussion that League governors follow Hockey Alberta Minimum suspension guidelines and direction from our discipline coordinator, these suspensions are non-appealable.  
*No Concerns Raised – Directive to be adjusted and presented at fall AGM*

**13.3. ECAFHL playoff structure**

- 13.3.1. U11 Tournament went well with a few issues, that seemed specific to team discipline and appropriate experience/age of officials. These learnings will be captured and passed to the host community next season.
- 13.3.2. Open Discussion around U13 playdown tournament - U13 was low in teams this season and would have resulted in a lot of travel for teams to play each other 4 times in the current playoff format. A decision was made to do a playdown style tournament in a neutral location. Overall, this event went well with some struggles around a long gap between last league game and tournament and sorting out some logistics such as ref fees. Agreement to bring a motion to all AGM that any age group with 6 teams or less follows this structure.
- 13.3.3. Open Discussion around tier 1 and Tier 2 split – Executive board stayed in contact with Hockey Alberta and pushed the decisions for each; level as far as they could so governors can analyze what was happening across their teams. This structure will need to be reviewed each season as there are many variables in considering if we can support sending a team to Tier 1.

**13.4. Introduction of Electronic Gamesheets**

- 13.4.1. Open discussion around the use and the idea of the league moving to electronic game sheets and officials reporting. Members discussed how it was working with other leagues that their community is a part of and a few concerns and positives were raised
  - Concerns around player count and adding a player not on the game sheet to the game.
  - Wireless connectivity & device issues – recommendation to have a backup paper game sheet process for at least one season.
  - Excitement around cleaner game sheets and faster turnaround as its near real time
  - Excitement around officials' reports being readable and in near real time.Agreement that Website Admin would explore options and bring back to fall AGM.

**13.5. Fines**

**13.5.1.** No fines issues these season

**13.6. Scheduled Meetings**

**13.6.1.** Fall meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2024, 6:30pm @ the Pomeroy in Vermillion

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

*U11 Governor needed*

*Discipline Committee Members*

*Treasurer needed*

*VP*

*President*

**15. Adjournment:**

**15.1.** Adjournment @ 7:18PM

**15.1.1. Motion to accept by:** Jill Wallace

**15.1.2. Seconded by:** JodyAnn McSkimming

**15.1.3. Motion Passed Unanimously**