

Fall MEETING September 23, 2020

AGENDA – Called to Order @ 7:04 pm

1. Presentation of Member Delegates:

Present:

- 1.1 President – Mike Krips – Vermilion Minor Hockey – is stepping down
- 1.2 Vice President – Justin Cornet – Bonnyville Minor Hockey
- 1.3 Treasurer – Nicole Sobchyshyn – Wainwright Minor Hockey
- 1.4 Secretary – Heather Hebert – Lakeland Jaguars – is stepping down
- 1.5 Atom Governor – Vacant
- 1.6 Peewee Governor – Vacant
- 1.7 Bantam Governor – Vacant
- 1.8 Midget Governor – Jill Wallace – Battle River

Absent:

- 1.1 Past President – Dusty Ermel - Wainwright

2. Roll Call of Member Delegates:

Present:

- 2.1 Lakeland (Bonnyville,/Cold Lake) – no one present
- 2.2 St. Paul – present
- 2.3 Lac La Biche – present
- 2.4 Lloydminster – present
- 2.5 Vermilion – present
- 2.6 Irma – present
- 2.7 Wainwright – present
- 2.8 Battle River – present
- 2.9 Kitscoty – present
- 2.10 Provost – Idle (letter on file, they will resume if they are able to ice teams in the future)
- 2.11 Dewberry - present
- 2.12 Onion Lake – present

3. Approval of Agenda:

- 3.1 Any additional items to be added
 - 3.1.1 Motion to accept: Nicole
 - 3.1.2 Seconded: Shaun
 - 3.1.3 Meeting minutes passed

4. Introduction of Special Guests:

- 4.1 **Potential Guests at meeting** – Oyen was present at meeting to observe for potential entry
- 4.2 Ft. Mac Minor Hockey Association– want to join our Association

5. Reading of Minutes:

- 5.1 Spring AGM meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 Restrictions
- 5.2 Reading and review of Sept. 4/19 Fall AGM minutes by Mike

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

6.1 Outstanding fines from 2017/2018/2019 seasons

6.1.1 Are there any? – Lloyd has an outstanding fine for flooding penalty during and Atom 3 team game,
All other fines have been paid

6.1.2 Has the EACFHL books been audited as per the request at the Fall meeting and if so by whom

- Books just have to be reviewed by 2 and then signed off. Will find people in the fall to do this.
- This was documented and done.

7. **Presidents' Report:**

All in all I think everyone had a great season. Watching some of the outcomes of the different tournaments that our teams attended it is clear that we have a very competitive league. I watched some mid and lower level teams travel to tournaments and end up getting first or second place. This to me reinforces our rural female leagues are alive and doing very well. So much so that the cities want to make a C event for provincials. The ASG was a huge success we would like to thank all the volunteers from LLB for making that a great event. There were a lot of suspensions last season. Overall the amount of other issues the executive had to deal with was down. We contribute the reduction in issues largely due to the changes that were adopted in the operational guidelines. I think we eliminated many of the reoccurring issues with the changes. I will be moving to the Past President a little later on in this meeting. I would like to thank everyone for their support and passion to keep this league growing year over year. We will have many challenges in the coming months at a minimum, but if we are able to think more with a global approach we will come up with workable solutions. Due to many of the restrictions we are currently facing the executive may be forced to stray a little from the OP Guidelines in order to complete a season and playoffs. I look forward to staying engaged with the league in some capacity for years to come.

8. **Playoff Report:**

Playoffs went well. Unfortunately, the PW teams were cut short, but both teams agreed prior to the start that if hockey was to be shut down it was going to be a winner take all night.

8.1 This season the Atom's will be a tournament style playoff. There are no Provincials for Atom's this year as decided by Hockey Alberta. This year the executive may be forced to alter the playoff format due to Covid restrictions. I encourage everyone to work with the executive as we always do our best to come up with a solution. If the playoff format does require altering the executive will communicate with the teams prior to playoffs. We do not know when or if restrictions will be lifted this season.

8.2. Teams each community plans on registering this season in the ECAFHL: **(Team Size is also requested at this time).**

8.2.1 Lakeland – 1-U11 (16), 1-U13 (14), 1-U15 (14), 1-U18(18)

8.2.2 St. Paul – 1-U15 (13)

8.2.3 Lac La Biche – 1-U18 (14 +1 goalie)

8.2.4 Lloydminster -4-U11 (12.75/team), 3-U13 (14 each), 2-U15 (15-16/team) 1-U18 (10 no goalie)

8.2.5 Vermilion – 1-U11 (13 +goalie), 1-U13 (11 or 12), 1-U15 (14 + 1 goalie), 1-U18 (7 +1 goalie)

8.2.6 Irma – 1-U11 (13)

8.2.7 Battle River – 1-U11 (13 + 1 goalie), 1-U13 (11 or 12), 1-U15 (10)

8.2.8 Provost – idle (letter on file)

8.2.9 Kitscoty – 1-U15 (16 or 17)

8.2.10 Wainwright – 1-U11 (12), 1-U13 (15)

- 8.2.11 Onion Lake – 1-U13 (not sure how many players)
- 8.2.12 Dewberry – 1-U18 (7 +1 goalie)
- 8.2.13

9. Treasurers' Report:

- 9.1 Nicole presented Treasurer's report.
 - There are lots of funds available. There was a net loss on last year's ASG.
- 9.2 Discussion, comments, concerns about the Treasurer report
 - 9.2.1 Motion to accept Treasurer report - Shawn
 - 9.2.2 Seconder of the report – Jeanine

10. Reports of Councils and Committees:

- 10.1 No reports

11. Nominations:

- 11.1 Atom Governor (no Governor-no start to season)-Jody (Ft. Mac nominated)
- 11.2 PeeWee Governor (no Governor-no start to season)- Jeanine (Dewberry nominated)
- 11.3 Bantam Governor (no Governor-no start to season) - Jody nominated
- 11.4 Vice President (No VP NO TEAMS will start the season) -Brad (LLB) nominated
- 11.5 Secretary (No secretary – Keri nominated)

12. Unfinished Business:

- 12.1 No unfinished business left to resolve
 - 12.1.1 None
 - 12.1.2

13. New Business:

- 13.1.1 New Associations to the ECAFHL**-Introduction of the Association, how many teams, what divisions, previous league experience, etc.
 - Ft. Mac would like to join with 1-U11 team of 14, 1-U13 of 18 (16 players, 2 goalies), 1-U18 team possibly
 - last year they had a U11 &U13 team for girls in Ft. Mac
- 13.1.2** Ask all new association members to leave the room so discussion can be had with good standing Associations.
 - conditions on games – double headers
 - 13.1.2.1** Motion to allow Ft. Mac into the ECAFHL by: Jeanine
 - 13.1.2.2** Motion seconded by: Shawn
- 13.1.3** Invite association members back into room and deliver the good or bad news to them
 - Fort Mac has been accepted into association for a probationary year
 - will be very willing to schedule whatever would work for teams
- 13.2** ECAFHL will suspend the ASG this 20-21 season due to Covid restrictions
- 13.3** ECAFHL needs to update the Bylaws and OP Guidelines to the new U Division names and remove the old division names. We also need to change the bylaws to reflect the current members as there are some new additions and some old to remove.
 - Jill made the motion to change the division names and bylaws reflecting members. Shawn seconded the motion.

13.4 One person wrote in (in lieu of the Spring AGM) could the minimum size of a team be increased From ten? This year as it stands right now there are no AP's allowed at all. Open discussion held.

-Jill made the motion that the minimum size of a team be increased from 10 to 12.

-Shayna seconded motion. Motion carried.

13.5 Justin to hold discussion on cohorts and Pod play. What we know about officiating. Season Structure. 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 to accommodate small teams this year? Still waiting on HA to approve, but the executive feels in these circumstances we need to be open to other options in order to work with Associations and do what we can to keep rural female hockey going.

-Justin shared teams will be built on cohorts with cohorts being a group of 50 people. Coaches can coach multiple teams (can be a main coach on one team and can help other teams but must wear a mask when helping non-cohort teams). The fewer coaches on the benches the better. Scheduled season begins: Nov. 6/20 for U11 and U13 -will be staggered start.

Nov. 16/20 for U15 and U18

Schedule runs until Christmas.

-Play is 2 weeks on 2 weeks off.

-Some confusion about Cohorts and Rosters and how they are different. Justin will speak to HA to sort it out.

13.6 Website updates & email notifications

13.6.1 All forms can be found on the ECAFHL website this season, there are descriptions below each link on what form is to be used for what purpose. Please take the time to ensure you are familiar with these forms and locations and pass this information onto your managers.

-Registration forms are on there and are due before the scheduling meeting

13.6.2 Open discussion – moving website to Ramp from Goal Line (which we already have).

13.6.2.1 Motion made by: Shawn to move League website over to Ramp from Goal Line

13.6.2.2 Seconded by: Nicole

Motion carried

13.7 All Star Game

13.7.1 ECAFHL is suspending the ASG for the 20-21 season

13.1.1 Motion made by: no motion needed

13.1.2 Seconded by: no seconder needed

13.8 Hockey Alberta Provincials

13.8.1 We have been told by HA that as of Sept. 22/20 that HA has not given the green light to hold Provincials this year. That being said, they continue to plan in hopes that the restrictions will be lifted and provincials can be held. U11 will not have Provincials. The leagues will select their U13, U15 and U18 teams to send to Provincials. The leagues are able to select teams to represent A and B. ECAFHL will hold playoffs (of some sort) to determine who is selected to represent our league in Provincials should they be held. League Champs will go to Provincials. There are no more zone playoffs.

13.8.2 Open discussion, questions, grumblings

13.8.3 One option to speed things up may be to have top teams form a cohort, or Tournament style (over multiple weekends). We will have to see what the restrictions are at that time. Be open to possible changes.

13.8.3.1 No motion required – this is an information item

13.9 Any other new business

13.9.1 Open call for any other new business-Mike thanked everyone who has helped out on the executive.

13.9.2 Mike Kripps steps down as President and moves to Past President. Justin Cornet moves to President.

13.9.2.1 Motion for Mike to move to Past President and Justin to President made by: Shawn

13.9.2.2 Motion seconded by: Nicole

13.10 Fines

13.10.1 \$100 Fines for non-attendance will be sent to: Lakeland – no rep for Fall AGM

14. Elections (AGM):

14.1 U11 Governor-Mike Kripps

14.2 U13 Governor-Jeanine

14.3 U15 Governor-Jody

14.4 Vice President-Brad

14.5 Secretary-Keri

15. Adjournment

15.1 Scheduling meeting will be held on Oct. 14 at the Pomeroy Hotel. Limit attendance to 1 Person per team

15.2 Adjournment of meeting: 8: 57 pm

15.2.1 Motion to adjourn meeting made by: Jill

15.2.2 Seconded by: Shawn