



Attendees:

Elton Davidge	Chris March	John Putters
Christy Rake	Duncan MacDougall	Elton Davidge
Mikaul - DMHA	Michelle Malbeuf	Mike Watt - SGMHA
Charlene - SMHA	Amanda - Confed	Gene Connors - SMHA
Curtis Ferguson-Leduc	Linda H - NSH	Sharlene Cook
Carmen-EFHL	Mike Watt – SGMHA	HA Minor Admin-Michelle
Marc Aubee - KC	Brad Benfield – FHA	Lacy Soparlo - WMW
Ray Vigneau - HE	Colin Kuca – SPMHA	Andy Connelly – SEERA
Tyler - KC North	Joe Spatafora-KC	

Ask that only the delegate or alternate delegate vote in favour of any motions.

Call to Order

Chris March called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and minutes were recorded electronically.

Adoption of Agenda

Robert moved acceptance of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Marc.

Approved by majority (virtual) vote and carried unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting (as circulated)

Marc moved acceptance of the minutes of the previous EFHL General Meeting. Seconded Elton Davidge.

Approved by majority (virtual) vote and carried unanimously.

New Business

- i) Secretary Vacant Position
 - a. The position remains vacant, please reach out to Chris March for additional details if you know of anyone interested in sitting on EFHL Executive in this role.
- ii) AGM Agenda has been posted on EFHL website.
 - a. EFHL VP and Treasurer Positions up for election and Elton Davidge and Christy Rake have put their names forward to continue in those roles.
- iii) Operations Committee Feedback
 - a. Female Committee voting on acceptance of Vegreville and Thorold to accept at U13 and U15 age divisions.
 - b. All committees providing feedback on tiering review including the following:
 - i. Small tiering thresholds.
 - ii. Overall tier threshold for review.
 - iii. Tiering committee review for teams between 4-6 differential.
 - iv. Continue with strength of schedule tool.
 - v. Additional tools in the tiering committee toolbox.
 - c. Uncompetitive game feedback where goals are more than 7.
 - i. Not to be used during tiering round.
 - ii. Only in third period when game is 7 or more goals for one team.
 - iii. Seeking feedback from officials as well.

- iv. Decisions to be made on June 8th meeting.
 - d. League Start for U9-U13 by one week.
 - i. Carmen working with ice allocators to determine what is possible.
 - e. U15 and U18 Feedback on adding 4th tier to NBC
 - i. Hockey Alberta would not permit 4th tier in Body Checking hockey.
 - ii. Hockey Alberta would permit 4th tier for NBC to assist in growing that stream of hockey.
 - iii. Associations to provide feedback on implementation for next season.
 - f. Discipline Feedback on IPPM.
 - i. Looking to reduce IPPM threshold and reduction of additional thresholds being reviewed by associations for feedback on June 8th for implementation in the 2026-2027 season.
 - ii. Implement a total team penalty minute threshold to be discussed where coach suspensions would result from a certain number of accumulated team penalties.
- iv) EFHL Executive meeting with Hockey Alberta on April 28, 2026.

Reports

- a) Committee and Executive Reports
 - i. President
 - No report submitted.
 - ii. Treasurer
 - Christy working on full financial report due at the May 4th AGM. Financial picture is strong for the league.
 - iii. League Commissioner/Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues
 - Report circulated, no additional question from board.
 - iv. Referee
 - No report circulated. Duncan wanted to ensure that officials were involved in discussion for run time for uncompetitive games as well as the four-official system at some of the higher levels of U18.
 - Playoffs seem to produce a lot more issues with coaches/parents and their behaviour against officials.
 - There are two new RICS in the Edmonton area in Southwest Edmonton and SAMHA.
 - Chris and Duncan will agree to meet over the next six weeks.
 - v. Scheduling
 - Scheduling has been pre-circulated.
 - Working with RAMP conversion to new website and suspension notifications.
 - Lessons learned this season for process improvements for next season.
 - Link provided to draft calendar.
 - vi. Discipline
 - Report pre-circulated.
 - Sharlene and Michelle provided additional information and expressed their appreciation for working with EFHL Member associations.

Division Director Reports

1. No reports provided.
2. 7 Match on Officials in EFHL during the 2025-2026 season which is the highest it has ever been, needs to be reiterated that contact with officials is not acceptable.
3. Reduction of IPPM second phase thresholds.

Next Meeting

— *Annual (AGM) May 4, 2026*

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm by Lisa and seconded by Robert.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris March, EFHL Commissioner