



Attendees:

Connie Stang	Chris March	John Putters
David Linman	Nathashya Shewchuk	Miranda Niebergall
Kris Gladue	Robert Stecyk	Richard Chamberland
Mike Watt	Joseph Spatafora	Shauna Hudec
Curtis Ferguson	Gene Connors	Jordan Courtepatte
Derrick Zimmer	Sharlene Cook	Brad - SWZ
Andy Connelly	Elton Davidge	Ray Vigneau
Kerry Heise	Brandon	Bryn Jones
Stephen Avivi	Tyler Hennessey	Duncan MacDougall
Nathan Schauerte	Trevor – MWA	Jane Sedo
Aimee Skye	Nathan Schauerte	Pauline Hughes

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

Call to Order

John Putters, called the meeting to order at 6:31pm and Connie Stang, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

Adoption of Agenda

Trevor – MWA – Mill Woods moved acceptance of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Elton Davidge. Approved by majority (virtual) vote and carried.

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting (as circulated)

Miranda Niebergall moved acceptance of the 2021 AGM minutes. Seconded by Elton Davidge. Approved by majority (virtual) vote and carried.

New Business

i) Elections – 2021

Vice-President

Elton Davidge has let his name stand for Vice-President.

No nominations put forward for President

Brad - SWZ put forward a motion to accept Elton Davidge as Vice-President of EFHL for the 2022-2023 and 2023 – 2024 years, seconded by Nathan Schauerte. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer

Christy Rake has let his name stand for Treasurer.

No nominations put forward for Treasurer

Brad – SWZ put forward a motion to accept Christy Rake as Treasurer of EFHL for the 2022-2023 and 2023 – 2024 years, seconded by Nathan Schauerte. Carried unanimously.

ii) Recommendations from EFHL Operations Committee

- Reduction of Travel for Divisions and Tiers. The EFHL Operations Committee recommends that the league operations (Ice Scheduled and Commissioner) create two, three or four conferences, with consideration to numbers of teams available to support sufficient variety and appropriate competition, considering team and player interest to be reviewed and approved by the EFHL Operations Committee prior to scheduling tiering and regular season rounds at the following Divisions and Tiers:
 - U9 Tiers 2-6
 - U11 Tiers 3-6
 - U13 Tiers 5-6 (Non-Provincial Categories)
 - Trevor – MWA makes a motion to amend the EFHL division in tiers at U9 to be 3 – 6 tiers instead of 2 – 6. Seconded by Tyler Hennessey. Recommendation has been amended.
- The EFHL Operations Committee recommend that teams be permitted to submit black-out dates to attend tournament and events prior to the published blackout date deadline by submitting the dates required and the \$100.00 league blackout fee payable via the EFHL website.
 - Blackout date deadline will be approximately two weeks before the tiering round and two weeks before the season is supposed to start.
- The EFHL Operations Committee recommend that teams submitting League Game Change Requests be charged a \$50.00 League Fee for each game change submitted for both the tiering and regular season round. No League Game changes will be permitted during playoff schedules.
 - Trevor – MWA makes a motion to amend that the \$50.00 league fee for game changes does not apply to game swaps but only applies to added ice time for league games.
- The EFHL Operations Committee recommend no changes to the U11 Tier 1/AA program or the U11 Tier 2 program for the 2022-2023 season.
 - Hockey Alberta announced an HADP program for U11. It will be HADP and tiers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; subtle change.

Mike Watt put forward a motion to accept the recommendations with amendments from the EFHL Operations Committee. Seconded by Elton Davidge. Carried unanimously.

iii) Recommendations from EFHL Female Operations Committee

- They are putting a lot of great work into looking at ways to grow the game and diligently looking at creating a nice environment for female players to participate against other female players at the different age groups. There will be more work done on this and we will see some changes for the upcoming season.
- One change that has been voted in is in different situations helping other associations outside of our boundaries. The female committee has agreed to accept for the upcoming season 2 teams from Whitecourt at the U13 and U15 level. They were added under the stipulation that they purchase ice for their home games from a full member partner of the EFHL; or depending on cooperation with EFHL associations, they can agree to go to Whitecourt.

Reports

a) Committee and Executive Reports

- i. President – Thank everyone for their commitment to making this first year to a new structured year successful. Chris and all the support guys, you have done a wonderful job and I appreciate everybody's efforts. I'm really excited about the upcoming year and some of the recommendations. This is going to grow and get better so thank you everybody.
In terms of involvement, I'm working with Kids Sport, they got \$2,000,000 from the Oilers Community Foundation, some of which is earmarked for marketing. This is a very important program, there's a big pot of money there. They are not just providing \$250 this year but are covering the whole registration. We want to get this information out; they also want to do a "Try it" program so I'll be reaching out to Chris and Dave about ice. It will also involve some marketing so Pass and Corus Entertainment will give us and the program exposure. The only other thing is I caught wind of a conversation with regard to the rec program and where the registrations should be going. Maybe Chris and I can have a conversation about that so I have a better understanding about what is going on.
- ii. Treasurer – Christy Rake was not able to make the meeting. The financial report was provided in advance for the past year (attached).
- iii. League Commissioner/Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues – The report was circulated about a month ago (attached). The only updates are:
 - 1) U18 body checking line instituted across Alberta - the only change for us is non-body checking U18 will go to provincials this year.
 - 2) RAMP is providing us with a free website. Chris March, Dave Linman, and Duncan MacDougall has a meeting scheduled with RAMP. We are looking at an integrated system this year where everything can be updated in one location so nothing falls through the cracks. Website has been a work in progress for Chris March.
- iv. Referee - I am waiting on Hockey Alberta to give us a provincial rate sheet; I am going to speak to some of the people in Red Deer about that as I think it's been way too long delayed.
Chris has an update – I've been in touch with Hockey Alberta and had sent them some back and forth with them, they asked to hold on until first week of June. I will send it to you tonight so you can review and give comment.
- v. Scheduling – I met with area schedulers and referees. Overall, the response from the schedulers, the season went fairly well. Their biggest concern was internally in terms of improving the communication next year. So we are looking at some systems to be able to make that better. Also, we want to look at trying to fix the playoffs a little better to have winning teams at semi finals and finals for particular category play in a rink that's closer, more central. With the referees, there is a number of teams, in Edmonton specifically where teams don't necessarily play homes games in their own zone. I need to work with Ray in terms of re-aligning those rinks so that everybody can in fact have a home game in a home rink.

- vi. Discipline – We had a good year, not a lot of serious incidents or extensive suspensions to those players. Michelle and I are both looking forward to coming back in and working with the EFHL and being a contributing factor to the league. It was a great year I think and thank you.
- Elton Davidge – I know we had talked earlier in the season about approaching the non-sanctioned leagues to create a memorandum of understanding to identify “Red Flagged Players” that perhaps try to hop leagues due to suspensions or conduct issues. Have there been any conversations potentially on this from a discipline perspective? Sharlene Cook – the discipline directors have not had those conversations but I will take it on to see if I can reach out to those leagues and get some information.

Next Meeting

EFHL – June 22, 2022, 6:30pm

EFHL AGM – May 10, 2023, 6:30pm

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm by Robert Stecyk and seconded by Trevor – MWA.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Stang, Secretary