



**Attendees:**

Connie Stang – EFHL	Chris March – EFHL
John Putters	Brad NEZ Hockey
Carmen – EFHL Scheduler	Charlene - SMHA
Andrew – Confed	Elton Davidge
Gene Connors – Sturgeon Hockey	Linda H – NSH
Lisa Magera – SAMHA	Lorraine
Mike Watt – SGMHA	SMGHA
Shar – Discipline	Shawn Melnyk
Trish Sadoway – SPMHA	Matt
Andrew Westervelt – KC	Brad Butterfield – SWZ
Ray Vigneau – Hockey Edmonton	Aimee Skye
Joe Spatafora – KC	Kumail Moledina – EFHL – U9
Tyler - KC	

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 8:02pm and Connie Stang, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Lisa Magera moved acceptance of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trish Sadoway.  
Carried unanimously.

### **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting (as circulated)**

Tyler – KC moved acceptance of the previous minutes. Seconded by Elton Davidge - SPMHA.  
Carried unanimously.

### **League Correspondence**

- No league correspondence
- The discipline chairs have sent the carryover suspensions out to the appropriate Hockey Alberta discipline chairs and will be communicated to the associations.

### **New Business**

- i. U9-U13 Operations Committee Update
  - Report circulated
  - Operations Committee main discussion is they are looking at further clarification around U-9 with the possibility of beginning the full ice season at January 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Chris March has put on the agenda for the Minor Leagues Executive meeting tomorrow night as a discussion point and then review with respect to the tiering changes based on a proposal that was put forward and discussed at all three operations committee meetings.
- ii. U15-U18 Operations Committee Update
  - Report circulated
  - The item for tonight, the tiering grid update discussion and vote to approve.

iii. Tiering Grid Update Discussion and Vote to Approve

- This was initially part of the non body checking group that was put forward for adoption, that we, as a league based on feedback, rejected, as did the Central Alberta Hockey League, the All-piece Hockey League, and the Northeast Alberta Hockey League. The reason it was rejected was because it was a hard rule.
- Although the above grid indicates the maximum number of Teams association can put in body checking, associations may be granted flexibility to recategorize teams required to be non-body checking as body checking with the request made to the EFHL at U-15 and U-18 for reasons for approval. If approval is attained from the EFHL the association must follow the tiering grid for placement of teams.
- This does two things: 1. it puts a grid in place that 98% of our associations are following; 2. and if an association isn't necessarily following that based on their parents and players choice of where they want to play, it allows that association to make a quick proposal to the EFHL committee who can approve it and permit the team to play. Once that's done, it also provides in Section 2A a very clear tiering grid of where the teams need to be placed going forward.
- It will provide consistency there, and it is essential put into writing a very similar process we've been following. We do have a note to where associations are permitted to deviate from the above grid if their competitive level cannot support teams at the required tiers.
- Vote to accept recommendation, with changes to notes made offering flexibility to adopt as a league for 2025 – 2026 season
  - Aimee Skye put forth a motion to accept recommendations as put forth, seconded by Shawn Melnyk. Carried unanimously.

iv. Female Operations Committee Update

- Report circulated

v. EFHL Tiering Policy Updates and Recommendations

- Engaging your operations committee members
- Reduce teams movement
- Provide feedback
  - Lisa Magera – received positively by our board members
  - Chris March – special thanks to SPMHA who did the background work on it and put a lot of work into it forming a good basis; received well by all members of the board

vi. EFHL Draft Team Fees 2025-2026

- Report circulated
- Looking at a 20% reduction in fees this year
- Putting ownness on teams when they are requiring additional services
- Ancillary fees went up
- Cross Pool Play and Interleague play – additional one-time fee of \$100 (no team will be hit with both – one or the other)
  - Mike Watt put forth a motion to approve draft fees for the 2025 – 2026 season, seconded by Elton Davidge. Carried unanimously.

vii. Hockey Alberta Committee Updates

- None of the committees that Hockey Alberta seem to put together have come forth, other than the non-body checking committee that came forth with a proposal. It wasn't accepted by the League.

## Reports

### a) Committee and Executive

#### i. President:

- Congratulations to associations in the playoffs that participated in championships and also to those teams who went onto provincials and performed well there.
- Always impressed by the decision making process and the ultimate decisions we make and that's why we're successful as a League. I just want to thank everybody for having their part and appreciate it.

#### ii. Treasurer:

- Christy Rake was not able to make this meeting
- The full financial report to be circulated approximately 2 weeks prior to the May 14<sup>th</sup> AGM
- Financials are in good shape and all team fees have been paid

#### iii. League Commissioner/Hockey Alberta Minor:

- Report circulated

#### iv. Referee:

- Report circulated
- John Putters thought the games and the officials went well during playoffs and Chris March seconded that. Players, spectators, and referees, did a wonderful job which led to a really nice experience for the kids.

#### v. Scheduling:

- Will have a full report for the May 14<sup>th</sup> AGM
- Had a really productive meeting with RAMP. The new system is looking really good. There is a lot of improvements that are going to increase communication and they're going to increase the speed.

#### vi. Discipline:

- Will have a full report for the May 14<sup>th</sup> AGM
- Completed a carry over list that will be shared with all associations by Chris March
- Thank you again for having us

### b) Division Directors

- i. U9 – nothing to report
- ii. U11 – nothing to report
- iii. U13 – nothing to report
- iv. U15 – nothing to report
- v. U18 – nothing to report
- vi. U21 – nothing to report
- vii. Female – nothing to report

**Action Items**

- As part of the AGM, Chris March advises that he has reached out to the two executives whose positions are up this year, the President and the Secretary positions
  - John Putters, who's been President since the inception of the EFHL on its own, will be putting his name forward for another 2-year term
  - Connie Stang, will be stepping down. We thank her for her exceptional service to the EFHL and her support.

**Next Meeting**

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm by Mike Watt - SGMHA and seconded by Trish – SGMHA. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Stang, Secretary