



Attendees: Connie Stang – EFHL
John Putters
Christy Rake
Derrick – LMHA
Dylan – NEZ
Jordan Courtepatte
Ryan Bresden
Bryn Jones – Confederation
Joe Spatafora
April MacKinnon – EGHA
Tyler Hennessey
Kris Gladue – Hawks
Ryan Weyland
Chris March – EFHL
Sharlene Cook
David Salmon
Don Chanski
Jennifer - WMW
Stephen Avivi
Angela – SHC
Elton Davidge
Monte – MWHA
Mike Watt – SGMHA
Andy – North Seera
Ray Vigneau
Duncan McDougall

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

Don Chanski moved acceptance of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Bryn Jones.
Carried unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting (as circulated)

David Salmon moved acceptance of the previous minutes. Seconded by Don Chanski.
Carried unanimously.

League Correspondence

Received correspondence from Hockey Alberta in response to the U9 letter submitted on behalf of all EFHL members requesting a revisit of the U9 Intro to Hockey program. Specifically, a review to enable leagues in Alberta to use, for mixed programming, the option to deliver half ice programming with transition to full ice January 15th or later with the understanding that 7 year olds would repeat the program as an 8 year old. It was received by the minor leagues and would be forwarded to the development committee (who is reviewing this) and also that we discussed at our minor leagues meeting last week and most of the members felt it was good that we put the letter forward but felt that associations (especially ones that felt strongly about this) should be contacting Justin Fessick at Hockey Alberta directly, as he sits on the development committee, with concerns to change.

New Business

1. Application for League Membership for Hockey Edmonton “Female Hockey Alliance” and Member Vote
 - Received application from Hockey Edmonton with respect to the change to the operating association for certain female league will all go under the new female hockey association for the 23/24 season all female teams coming out of Hockey Edmonton. Additional teams will move under that but that they will have the option to determine who will move.
 - Q: Is this different from EGHA?
 - A: Chris’ understanding is all female players on female teams would go to this all female alliance.
 - A: April McKinnon – it will be a bigger version of EGHA but not running at the same time as EGHA.
 - There is really 2-prong. We have received the application, however EFHL has a moratorium to accept anything before the 23/24 season. Of the people voting tonight, we would need a motion with 66% approval to accept them into the league.
 - First motion: to temporarily remove the current moratorium on new members to assess the female hockey alliance request for membership. Elton Davidge will put the motion forward and Andy seconded.
 - ❖ Roll call vote:
 - Beaumont – in favor
 - Confederation Hockey - in favor
 - Devon – no response
 - EGHA – in favor
 - ENOCH – no response
 - Fort Sask – in favor
 - Hawks – no response
 - KC Rep and KC Sabres – in favor
 - St. Matthews – in favor
 - St. Charles – in favor
 - KC Southwest – no response
 - Leduc – in favor
 - Millwoods – in favor
 - NEZ – in favor
 - North Seera – in favor
 - NWZ – no response
 - Seera – no response
 - Sherwood Park – in favor
 - Fusion – no response
 - Spruce Grove – in favor
 - Stony Plain – no response
 - SAMHA - in favor
 - Strathcona – no response
 - Sturgeon – in favor
 - SWAT – in favor
 - WMW – in favor
 - RIC – no response
 - ❖ 497 in favor / 0 against - motion passed
 - Q: Does this mean that EFHL will have an all-female division?
 - A: Yes this is specifically change within Hockey Edmonton. All female teams at U13 will all belong to the female alliance association.
 - Q: Since we are moving the EGHA to the female hockey alliance, we’re not putting in a new association?
 - A: Not correct, both EGHA and the female hockey alliance will have a vote.

- Second motion: to vote on the application of the female hockey alliance to join the EFHL for the 23/24 season. April MacKinnon will put the motion forward and Monty seconded.

- ❖ Roll call:

- Beaumont – in favor
- Confederation – in favor
- Devon – no response
- EGHA – in favor
- ENOCH – in favor
- Fort Sask – in favor
- Hawks – no response
- KC and Sabres = in favor
- St Matthews – in favor
- St. Charles – in favor
- KC Southwest – no response
- Leduc – in favor
- Millwoods - in favor
- NEZ - in favor
- North Seera - in favor
- NWZ – no response
- Seera – no response
- Sherwood Park – in favor
- Fusion – no response
- Spruce grove – in favor
- Stony Plain – no response
- St. Albert – in favor
- Strathcona – in favor
- Sturgeon – in favor
- SWAT – in favor
- SWZ – in favor
- WMW – in favor
- RIC – no response

- ❖ Motion passes with 562 in favor / 0 against – motion passed

2. EFHL Operations Committee recommendations for the 2023-2024 season

- Please see the “EFHL Operating Committee recommendations to EFHL Board” report
- Discussion:
 - Number of Games being changed has, overall, not been received well.
 - Handshakes before games – Sherwood Park, Millwoods, Ryan Weyland – opposed to it; SWAT feels it warrants further discussion before making the change; KC feels it doesn't matter when you have the handshake, leave it as is.
 - We can have a roll call vote or send it back to the operations committee for further review to get all associations on side - decision to send it back to the operations committee for further review.

3. U11 HADP Discussion of Number of teams required by association

- Hockey Alberta sent out communication to all associations. Determine how many teams, our expectation is you'll abide by those and if not able to make your submission to Hockey Alberta. Any questions for contraction, we would go to other members of EFHL for comments and send back to Hockey Alberta

4. Operations Committee Changes

- Because of the big disconnect, had a thought if we had an operations committee to look at U9, U11, U13 issues, then an operations committee for U15, U18, U21 issues, then an operations committee for female issues.
- Don Chanski made the motion and Stephen Avivi seconds the motion to create one operations committee for U9 to U13 and one for U15 to U21 effective immediately and have each association have a member sit on that committee.
- Vote – 18 in favor / 1 against, motion carried

Reports

a) Committee and Executive

- i. President – thank you Chris, fabulous job this year, extremely pleased given what we had to face and how you guided the EFHL through its infancy, same to Sharlene and Michelle
- ii. Treasurer – Christy will have a full financial report, as required at the AGM on May 10, 2023.
- iii. League Commissioner/Hockey Alberta Minor – report circulated
- iv. Referee – nothing to report
- v. Scheduling – conversation with the executive and Carmen, Dave's wife. Carmen will be handling the contract with DC. Nothing urgent, conditions fulfilled for this year. Any questions over the next month or so can be directed to Chris.
- vi. Discipline – Teams outside the boundaries of the city may have already received their carry-over suspensions from Michelle; Sharlene is still waiting for the Hockey Edmonton teams for reports out of the native provincials and the treaty games. Michelle and I are grateful to work with EFHL and truly appreciate the league and everything it does and thank you for having us again.

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

Next Meeting

EFHL AGM – May 10, 2023, 7:00pm

EFHL – August 9, 2023, 7:00pm

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm by David Salmon of Confederation and seconded by Angela of White Mud West.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Stang, Secretary