



Attendees: Kumail Moledina
Rob Buchanan
Brad – NEZ
Andrew – Confed
Duncan MacDougall – Referees
Jenn – SGMHA
Jane Sedo – SAMHA
Marvin Heise – Northstars
Linda H - NSH
Carmen – EFHL Scheduler
Joe Spatafora – KC
Sam Pathirana – Confed
Morgan
Shawn Melnyk
Roxanne Robb – BAHA
KC South

Chris March – EFHL
Andy Connelly – Seera
Charlene – SMHA
Lisa Magera – SAMHA
Pam – FSMH
Jennifer Poyser – Whitemud West
Marc Aubee – KC
Michelle – Discipline
Blaine Bretzlaff – Stony Plain
Curtis Ferguson - Leduc
Gene Connors – Sturgeon Hockey
Brad Benwood
Sharlene Cook – Discipline
Ray Vigneau – Hockey Edmonton
Paul Brown – KC

Call to Order

Chris March called the meeting to order at 8:02pm and Connie Stang, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

Adoption of Agenda

Mike Watt moved acceptance of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Marc Aubee.
Carried unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting (as circulated)

Blaine Bretzlaff moved acceptance of the previous minutes. Seconded by Marc Aubee.
Carried unanimously.

League Correspondence

League correspondence received from Hockey Alberta advising of the wild card selections for Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships, these are posted on the EFHL website playoff page.

New Business

- i. U9-U13 Operations Committee Update
 - U9 began the full ice exhibition series on February 1, 2025, rollout was smooth and kids enjoyed the new experience. Communication was good and rules and regulations were followed for the most part, associations will need to stress with their coaches that rules need to be followed to create consistency within the program.
 - Operations committee convened following the first two weeks and made some minor changes to the rules provide a better and more efficient environment for the players, this was communicated to all associations and coaches and will remain in effect through the end of the season.

- Kumail the U9 EFHL Director provided an update that the process roll out was very good this season and special thanks to the league, associations, officials, and coaches and players on a successful implementation. A great example of what the league can accomplish when we work collaboratively and cooperatively.
- ii. U15-U18 Operations Committee Update
- U15 – U18 met Monday night – talked about standing issues with non-body checking hockey at community level and provided some insight to the recommendations coming from the Hockey Alberta NBC sub committee.
 - Some associations expressed concern over the mandate to provide both options of hockey if they did not have the registration numbers to fulfill that requirement or if their players had the want and ability to play Body Checking hockey, this would leave smaller associations at a disadvantage and could lose players to larger organizations. Majority of associations agreed we needed to communicate to Hockey Alberta that great flexibility was needed when determining numbers of team in each stream. Chris March will communicate this to the NBC Committee.
 - Looking to gain consistency with goalie statistics – suggested might be a good opportunity to rollout mandatory goal statistics – discussion around that and come up with a game plan for the 2025-2026 season.
 - Evaluation of ice times lengths for U15 and U18 and can we look at reducing game times to increase ice availability.
- iii. Female Operations Committee Update
- The Interleague play weekend was successful with all games being competitive with the Calgary opposition, we will continue to work towards enhancing the environment for the female teams with interleague play to provide more varied competition throughout the season.
 - Additionally, Chris is part of a committee looking at introducing more interleague play with other leagues across the province to provide more variety for female teams. Committee will begin meeting at conclusion of season to implement in the 2025-2026 season.
- iv. Playoffs
- Playoff page has been updated with all information including two playoff bulletins outlining the key rules and regulations.
 - Hockey Alberta Provincial qualification has been updated on the page for team and association reference.
 - Final Tiering spreadsheets have been provided.
 - Full final standings with tie-breaking procedures will be updated on completion of regular season.
 - Medals and banners were ordered in December and expected first week of March.
 - Schedule enhancement this season for tiers where full round robin is played, all games are scheduled in home rinks to reduce travel.
 - Chris will be reaching out to associations for assistance in medal and banner presentations.
 - Extra 15 minutes of ice time is to facilitate handing out medals on ice and is not to push the game into extra time, regular 5 minute/2 minute game competitions is still in effect.
- v. Hockey Alberta Committees
- NBC/BC Committee

- Female Leagues Committee
 - Ideal Leagues Committee
- vi. EFHL Tiering Policy
- Placeholder for work that needs to be completed to clean up tiering policy based on feedback from the tiering meetings. Operations Committee's will begin working on policy changes at completion of season.

Reports

a) Committee and Executive

- i. President:
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- ii. Treasurer:
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- iii. League Commissioner/Hockey Alberta Minor:
 - Report circulated
- iv. Referee:
 - Duncan expressed concerns about being able to cover all games due to more officials being required at the Elite levels.
 - Working on resolving issues with Hockey Alberta and RIC's for issues within the RAMP application and submitting officials reports.
- v. Scheduling:
 - Report circulated
 - Several games cancelled that had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather.
 - Still working on a few final games that required the additional 15 minutes of ice time to facilitate medal presentations.
- vi. Discipline:
 - Several games not verified by visiting team, need to consider moving to mandatory verification for all games.
 - Operations committees will be considering new statistics rules for 2025-2026 season as we will be entering our 4th season in the electronic game sheet age.
 - Duncan expressed concerns about the difficulties faced by some officials in completing game incident reports and the issues with the referee app.

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

- Chris to communicate with associations about championship game assistance.

Next Meeting

EFHL General Meeting – April 16, 2025

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm by Marc Aubee and seconded by Trish Sadoway. Carried 25-1.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris March, EFHL Commissioner