



Attendees:

Elton Davidge – EFHL VP	Chris March – EFHL
Mike Watt – SGMHA	Carmen – EFHL Scheduler
John Putters – EFHL President	Curtis Ferguson – Leduc
Brad Nelislick – NEZ	Brad Benwood – EGHA
Stephen Avivi - SWAT	Marcus Morin
Brad Butterfield - SWZ	Codie Richard
Michelle - Discipline	Gene Connors – Sturgeon
Pam – Fort Sask	Natalie Williams - Strathcona
Ray Vigneau – Hockey Edmonton	Mikaul - DMHA
Ray Saruk – Stony Plain Hockey	Barbara – EFHL U15 Director
Sharlene Cook – Discipline	Don Chanski – SAMHA
Mike Watt – Spruce Grove	Collin Kuca – Stony Plain

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 7:05pm and meeting was recorded for minutes.

Adoption of Agenda

Mike Watt, Spruce Grove, moved acceptance of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Elton Davidge, EFHL VP, Carried unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting (as circulated)

Mike Watt, Spruce Grove, moved acceptance of the previous minutes. Seconded by Collin Kuca, Stony Plain. Carried unanimously.

League Correspondence

From Hockey Alberta: EFHL Member Associations will be responsible for hosting U18 NBC Tier 1 Provincials in 2025 and 2027. EFHL Member Associations will be responsible for hosting U15 NBC Tier 1 Provincials in 2026 and 2028. This was decided based on EFHL and Hockey Calgary predominately having all NBC teams in these two categories of play. Interested associations can reach to to Chris March for additional information.

New Business

1. Female Operations Committee Update

- As a pilot this year, we are partnering with Hockey Calgary and we have implemented interleague games between the U18 and U15 A category. First weekend the end of January went well in Calgary.
- EFHL will be hosting the 10 Calgary teams the last weekend in February 2024 for 2 games in Edmonton.
- Will consider moving to three tiers at U18 and U15 Tier 2 (B) for next season.

2. Operations Committee Update

- Tiering Meeting Review
 - Look at different options when teams are moving at the January deadline to see if something can be done with scheduling to allow them to play some games in their new tier, to be discussed over the spring and summer with recommendations.
 - Suggestions from the U9 / U13 committee to include some cooperation from the officials.
- Enhancements being considered for the 2024 – 2025 season
 - Nothing approved or voted on but looking to maybe front loading the first part of season with more practices and not starting league games until after Thanksgiving.
 - Looking at recommendations for the 2024 – 2025 calendar now.
 - One of the items for discussion is the possibility of adding another tiering round.
 - Feedback for U9 – continue to push Hockey Alberta on Full Ice U9 later in the season and making them part of league play.
- U15 / U18 age divisions
 - No appetite to travel outside the EFHL boundaries with exception of U18 interested in some possible interleague play with surrounding leagues.

3. Deadline for changes to the 2024-2025 season for consideration for BOD

- No new changes being recommend that would have an impact on cot of registration.

4. EFHL Championship games

- Medals and banners have been ordered and will be reaching out to all Division Directors and associations hosting final games for assistance in handing out medals and banners.
- Schedules will be posted on EFHL website on or about February 15, 2024.

5. Support for Leduc Minor Hockey to host U11 HADP Showcase in 2024-2025 season. Motion provided by Elton from Sherwood Park and Seconded by Collin from Stony Plain.

- EFHL Board unanimously support's Leduc's application to Hockey Alberta to host a 32 team HADP tournament in February of 2025.
- EFHL would support by blacking out U11 HADP games for that weekend.
- There would be no required support from any other EFHL members other than entry fees.
- Sherwood Park suggestion that EFHL associations look to host a U11 HADP showcase each year.

Reports

a) Committee and Executive

- i. President – Nothing to report, although seems to be less incidents of inappropriate bvehaviour compared to previous seasons so league seems to be running every smoothly.
- ii. Treasurer - Nothing to report.
- iii. League Commissioner/Hockey Alberta Minor – report circulated.
- iv. Referee – Report as circulated.
- v. Scheduling – Currently completing playoff scheduling and will be posted on or about February 15, 2024.
- vi. Discipline – things going well, hiccup with RAMP system – managers are having problems, referees are still having problems sending discipline reports on RAMP, increase in maltreatment and discrimination. Several “Matfch on Officials” and abuse of officials that is concerning. Lots

of emails from Coaches and Managers wanting to appeal infractions and suspensions which are not permitted or appealable.

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

Next Meeting

EFHL – April 10, 2024, 7:00pm

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm by Collin from Stony Plain and seconded by Ron from EFA. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris March, EFHL Commissioner