

## **HMHA Meeting**

**January 22, 2026**

**Board Members Present:** Kym Sartorius, John Ermel, Serge Cote, Brit Aspell, Matt Aspell, Lisa Brydges, Kyle Cieslikowski, Tosha Desautels, Greg Nagam, Kevin Graham

**Absent:** Brianna Ames

**Call to Order:** 6:38pm

**Additions/Adoption of Agenda:** Matt/Tosha

**Adoption of Minutes:** Lisa/Tosha

**Old Business:** Female Hockey Program

**New Business:**

### **Policy Changes**

- Serge added a policy change-5.1.3 added a sentence
  - Serge made the motion to have the policy changed. Matt seconded the motion. Vote-All In Favor-motion passed (Brianna to see attached change and add to working copy of the policies)

### **U5 Program (Also leave on for Old Business)**

- Greg would like to explore the option of a U5 program for the newest players in U7 to keep them separate during practices and direct game play while developing their skills at an appropriate level. Really keeping focus on the 'Intro To Hockey' Module from Hockey AB
- Things to consider with this would be: Who would run it? Coaches etc, possibly using ½ of U7 ice surface or maybe even a half hour before U7, 1<sup>st</sup> year players are free so registration costs wouldn't be an issue.
- We will keep this as 'old business' and work out the fine details and explore options over the summer

### **Full Circle**

- Full Circle would like to add HMHA as their 'charity of the month' for the month of June. HMHA gets a ton of sponsorship throughout the season so we would prefer to see the funds go elsewhere or to an organization that could really benefit from it. HMHA is a non-profit but not a charitable organization so it is agreed that we will

pass on this opportunity in hopes that another organization is picked who will better benefit. Brit will talk to Deanna at Full Circle in regards to this.

### **Executive Reports:**

#### **President & Vice President:**

- They just attended a NEAHL meeting. There is a big push for respect, discipline & accountability among associations. Hinton is pretty good as far as this goes but we need to keep up on it. NEAHL wants things dealt with on scene. The league will deal with any reffing issue, associations will deal with the rest.
- They are also looking at adopting what the NAI League used to have as far as accumulation of penalty minutes as a team instead of individually.
- No word yet on Provincial wildcards but most likely they will not be given out to tiers where a NEAHL team is the host. Ex: U15B is being hosted by Cold Lake so likely no wildcard.
- Play off formats for U13 & up will be 'Best of 3' series. U11 will be tournament style. Higher seeded team will have opportunity to host.
- As a board we need to support any teams with travel concerns. Ex: If the roads are bad, don't play. As always look at Alberta One for guidance.
- Serge adds that for reffing we are to try and stay away from a 2 man system if we can and no relatives reffing games of family.

**Vice President:** See report with President

**Secretary:** Absent 🤔

**Treasurer:** \$93,807 in the bank. The U11 tournament made \$10,078.01

**Registrar:** Nothing to report.

**Equipment Manager:** We need to clean out old jerseys. Lets set up the date of Feb.9-10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm in the lobby to hand out to whoever wants one.

**Gaming:** Just waiting for raffle tickets to be printed. "Pucks & Luck" raffle will take place March 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Coaching Coordinator:** MCN is coming for power skating Feb.6th

**Sponsorship:** Nothing to report.

**Ice:** Nothing to report.

**Ref In Chief:** Nothing to report.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm**

**Next Meeting: February 19th 6:30pm in the Meeting Room**

Round Table: Spring AGM April 7<sup>th</sup> in the People's Centre 6:30pm meet approx. 30 mins before.

5.1.111 Deferral of Player Evaluations or Move-In Late Evaluation Process. The player will skate at the highest level in their respective division for two practices. The coaches, Coaching Coordinator, and Vice President will determine if the player is a fit to play on the team based on demonstrated skill level. If the player does not qualify, they will follow the same process for the next lower team until the appropriate level is established. If a team is fully registered, the player will be forced to evaluate at the next lower group. The determination of teams and player numbers at the beginning of the season will be based on actual player registrations. No player movement/selection will force another player to move to a lower division.

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If the player does not qualify for that level, the same evaluation process will be followed with the next lower team until the appropriate playing level is determined. If a team is fully registered, the player will be required to evaluate at the next lower level.

Team composition and player numbers at the beginning of the season will be based on actual player registrations. Under no circumstances will the movement or placement of a player result in another player being moved to a lower division.

**5.1.3** All players trying out for a rep team are required to attend all scheduled tryouts. Exceptions may be made in cases of injury, illness, or attendance at other tryouts during the same period. Requests for a Deferral of Player Evaluation must be submitted in writing to the Coaching Coordinator prior to the start of evaluations. *← added.*

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