



Hinton Minor Hockey Association

MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2024 – 6:30pm
Hinton, Alberta

Board Members

John Ermel, Kym Sartorius, Brit Aspell, Matt Aspell, Kyle Cieslikowski, Sarah Siroski, Lisa Brydges, Tosha Desautels, Jen Greffard

Regrets

Kevin Graham, Greg Nagam

Call the meeting to order

6:37pm

Additions & Adoption of Agenda

Tosha makes a motion to adopt the agenda, Lisa seconds the motion.

Adoption of Minutes

January 25, 2024 minutes. Kym makes a motion to adopt the minutes, Brit seconds the motion.

Old Business

- Stitch N Print
- NEAHL Playoffs
- Team Selection

New Business

Tournament Review

- Our new Tournament Coordinator, Pam Smith, joined the meeting. Pam was mentored by Amanda Legary for the 2022-2023 season.
- Some suggested changes to the tournament policies:
 - Having each team's tournament coordinators listed on our website.
 - Each tournament structure is run the exact same.
 - If possible, have the tournaments more spaced out.
 - 6 teams total per tier.
 - No more booze baskets on the raffle tables.
 - Add Pick a Player for every tournament.

- Possibly add more money to the tournament budget for Loonie sticks. Buying better sticks could make more money.
- Look at **Policy 9.13 Parent Volunteers** before next season.
- Kym mentioned that the Town is going to make up an ice template for each division for the tournaments.
- The application form will be modified. More information will be added.

Executive reports

President:

Nothing to add.

Vice- President:

MVP was asked if they would come to Hinton to just do minor hockey pictures, not ringette on the same night, and they didn't love the idea. Next season we will cancel all practices and use the BTA.

Secretary:

Nothing to add.

Treasurer:

\$174,805 bank balance.

Can teams buy player gifts with extra team funds? The Board approves as long as its for the whole team.

Gaming Coordinator:

All playoffs hosted in Hinton will have a 50/50.

Referee in Chief:

All officials have now officiated 5 games.

Clinic fee reimbursement was paid on the January cheque.

Playoffs are upon us. I am working daily with the Ice Convenor to ensure refs are scheduled for each game. This is especially important now if we have "if necessary" games. Managers should be prepared to accept changes based on ice and referee availability.

Misinformation has been spread around the NEAHL regarding a requirement to have 4 officials at U18 for playoff games. Confirmed with Hockey Alberta that the expectation remains the same- smaller rural associations do the best they can with the resources they have. If they can ice 4 officials, they are encouraged to. If they can only provide 2, that is acceptable.

Good luck to those in playoffs and thanks for a fun season.

Registrar:

Nothing to add.

Equipment Manager:

Absent

Coach Coordinator:

Nothing to add.

Ways & Means:

Pictures to our sponsors will be handed out at the Banquet.

Going to start sending emails to sponsors when their teams are playing.

Could we look at adding our sponsors logos to our weekly Facebook posts?

Will add the Awards Banquet tickets to the Sponsorship package.

Ice Convenor:

Playoffs started and finished for the U18-2 team.

U7 will be done March 1st.

U9 will be done March 6th. Fun game against the ringette team.

U13-1 hosting first round of playoffs first weekend of March.

U13-1 and U15-2 have tournaments at the end of March.

Round Table

AGM tentative date: April 10th. 7:00pm

Adjournment: 7:50pm

Next Meeting: March 20, 2024