



Hinton Minor Hockey Association

MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2023
Hinton, Alberta

Present

John Ermel, Amber Kapatch, Tosha Desautels, Sarah Siroski, Matt Aspell, Kym Sartorius, Jenn Bardarson, Greg Nagam, Dave Switzer

Regrets

Adam Ferguson, Alicia Humphries, Jen Greffard

Call the meeting to order

6:38pm

Adoption of Agenda

Greg made a motion to adopt the agenda. Kym seconds the motion.

Adoption of Minutes: Dec 12/22. Amend 1st sentence of Busses section. Tosha made a motion to adopt the minutes with amendment. Sarah seconds the motion.

Old Business

- **Tabled: Buses** - The current HMHA policy states no busses for Tournaments. A discussion needs to be had in regards to revising this policy. Next meeting board members will bring their own thoughts and ideas to the table: **Discussed in New Business**
- **Pictures** - Actioned to look into other Photography options: Amber heard back from 2 photography companies. MVP is willing to do on ice photos, can book in October and guarantee delivery before Christmas. All in favor of booking this tentative date.
- **Timberwolves assistance plan** - John spoke with Ryan and he is planning on attending U11 & U13 practices with the coaches.
- **Tournaments and Tournament Ice** – Ice Coordinator and President had a meeting with the town: Timberwolves have a contract with the town and we do not. More in Presidents report.
- **U7 & U9 Schedule/travel:** Amber spoke with Edson MHA and their U9 NAI team claims to be travelling less than the U9 Rocky Mountain League. They are discussing possibly having all their U9 teams join NAI next season. This will affect our little league.

New Business

Bus Policy:

- Reviewed current Attachment A and Attachment S where bussing was mentioned as this is all the board has had to follow. Does not currently state no bussing to tournaments or the 200 km minimum as was the unwritten rule so we need to clarify in the policy.
 - Discussed findings from other associations such as Edson, Whitecourt, Edmonton, GP & Drayton and no others state no bussing for tournaments.
 - Went around the table to each member to ask if they were in support of or against bussing to tournaments. All members in attendance were in favor of allowing teams to take a bus to a tournament with certain guidelines and case by case approval.
 - Discussed a form or approval process.
 - Discussed adjusting the 200km one way minimum to a 500km round trip minimum.
 - Discussed the idea of a cost sharing scenario, such as every bus trip each family pays \$20 to help with the costs.
 - Discussed a maximum dollar amount to be spent per team each season on buses.
 - Suggested a profit split for tournament profits. If we know each team is giving back to the association, we can allow teams more leniency and less micromanaging from the board.
- Table until next meeting to review Attachment A: Sponsorship, Fundraising & Spending Policies.**
- Taking all discussions into consideration, the bussing policy was revised.
 - Greg made a motion to revise Attachment S Bussing Policy as attached. Sarah seconds. All in favor.

Year End Banquet

- Conversation was had regarding planning a year end banquet to recognize all teams & families, coaches, managers, refs, and sponsors.
- Team awards, esso medals, etc
- Buffet supper or appies
- Plan for early April
- John to organize a banquet sub-committee to put together a plan and have approved by the board

Affiliate Players

- Board has become aware of affiliate policy not being followed.
- Coach coordinator Matt to remind coaches of the policy and to ensure it is adhered to.

Executive reports

President:

Table medals conversation until spring. Maybe do small trophies instead.

President & Ice convener met with the Town to discuss ice. Timberwolves have a contract with the town and are the preferential user of the facilities. We need to write a letter to town council and look into getting a contract. Discussed issue of an extra change room for girls on the SHA side. The town will provide the use of the people centre for no charge.

John had a discussion with NAI regarding other teams not wanting to travel. Ongoing issue. City leagues have stated they will not travel for provincials. Really hoping Hockey AB will stop supporting these types of ultimatums.

Vice President:

As requested, booked a tentative date with MVP photography. Will do on ice photos, we do not pay for travel or set-up/sitting fees, no charge for association, free poster with all teams, proofing available, has October date available and would receive before Christmas.

Secretary:

Absent

Treasurer:

\$151,408.93. Still need sponsor money from Scotiabank. Minich also had said they would provide sponsorship for refs. Ways and Means will follow up.

Registrar:

New U9 and U11 registrants. This was a more difficult process after Jan 10th deadline to register. Had another inquiry about a brand new to hockey and new to town U11 registration. Hockey Alberta rep suggested since they are not a transfer from another association and have never played they likely would not be approved by HA and to recommend waiting until next season.

Equipment Manager:

Prepping for possibility of 3 U11 teams next season

Gaming Coordinator:

Absent

Coach's Coordinator:

MCN Skills sessions scheduled for Feb 10th non-school Friday. Timberwolves were away this day.

Ways and Means:

Ordered Esso Medals. Registered us for Kraft Hockeyville and will add some stuff to our social media pages for our members to share.

Suggestion was given to her from U15 coach to bring in some trainers they have connections with. Board likes the idea. Jenn B will follow up with her to get more information.

Referee in Chief:

Thank-you to the 4 refs that were home to ref the whole U7 jamboree. No complaints this season, so far so good. Working well with Ice to coordinate refs for league and TBA games.

Ice Convener:

Ringette may be hosting the U12 Regionals during the 2nd weekend of play offs which could be challenging to find ice.

Will look for some ice for Trainer sessions.

Round Table:

U9 may only have 17 next season. This level is low due to the covid years. Need to boost registration in that age group. **Action:** Do up a social media post advertising our Free U9 registration for New to Hockey players.

Adjournment:

9:05 pm

Next Meeting:

Monday, February 13th, 2023

Attachment S:

BUSSING POLICY

HMHA recommends the use of buses for long distance away games. It remains a parent's prerogative how they get their own children to games. If they are transporting other players, it is strongly recommended that they contact their insurance companies to discuss liability issues. Players are NOT permitted to transport themselves to games out of town.

- Busses will be approved on a case by case basis by the President or designate.
- A minimum of 500 km round trip travel is an acceptable distance to take a bus.
- If a team is required to travel to Ft. McMurray in regular, preseason or playoff league play, HMHA strongly advises the team to take a bus. HMHA will provide full reimbursement for the cost of a bus to Ft. McMurray.
- In order to be approved for a bus, the team must have projected funds to pay for it.
- If the team does not have enough funds in their team account, parents may pay for the cost of using a bus.
- No soliciting or accepting of sponsorship money is permitted.
- When booking an overnight bus trip, teams must account for booking the driver a hotel room and providing food allowance. This expense will be paid out of the team funds.
- A bus is hired to transport HMHA players to and from hockey games. Do not expect the bus to be a personal taxi for team members and their family members.