

Hinton Minor Hockey Association

October 12/2022

Hinton Alberta

Present: John Ermel, Matt Aspell, Amber Kapatch, Alicia Humphries, Jenn Bardarson, Dave Switzer, Nicole Fellows, Tosha Desautels, Sarah Siroski, Jen Greffard

Absent: Greg Nagam

Call the meeting to order: 6:36pm

Adoption of Agenda: Tosha made a motion to adopt the agenda. Matt second the motion.

Adoption of Minutes: Sept 21/22 . Alicia made a motion to adopt the minutes. Jenn second the motion.

Nicole Fellows resignation from the board and intern appointment of Kym Sartorius. All in favor of Nicole Fellows resignation. Kym Sartorius to take Ice Convenor position. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Evenly distributing tournament fees. Amber makes motion to pool all \$50 tournament fees collected and divide equally between each division. Tosha seconds motion. All in favor.
- Additional coaches for teams. 5 coaches on the roster, can add a trainer on the roster if need be.
- Free first year of play for U7/U9- Into to Hockey program. John makes a motion. Tosha seconds the motion. All in favor.
- NAI meeting update- Interleague games are a go. Hinton and Jasper not a part of it but can plan our own interleague games. U15/U18 checking can be tiered down, but not up. Digital game sheets a possibility for association. Regular ice times need to be submitted by Thanksgiving. Blackout dates will be Nov 1-11.

New Business:

- Tournament Policies- Amber makes motion to increase the donation amount for tournaments to \$1500.00 from \$1000.00. Amber makes motion to increase the value of the raffle table to \$3000.00 from \$2500.00. All in favor. Amber makes motion to remove the \$15.00 per player medallion/trophy/goodie bag rule in the tournament policies and procedures. All in favor.

- Tournaments & Bussing- Jenn is trying to get discount rates from the Holiday Inn for all home tournaments. Still working on a sponsor for U13-2 team. Minich Oilfield would like to donate \$1000.00 to put towards officials. For U18 tournament participants Dino is going to decrease entry to the Timberwolves game to \$8.00 and add free piece of pizza. There are some complaints on what we need/use busses for.
- Overage/oversize updates- 2 overage players in U13-2 has been approved. Nothing approved yet for the oversize.
- No School Fridays- Will have to look in to doing something in the New Year. Ryan and Dino with the Timberwolves are open to working with HMHA for no school Fridays. Ryan is also willing to help coaches with some tips.
- Volunteer coordinator for winter parade- Carla Nichol is our volunteer coordinator. John makes a motion to set a \$1500.00 float budget. All in favor.
- Discussion on possible early registration for next year- Could look at opening registration a month or 2 earlier. Based on prior history it didnt seem to make a difference if registration was opened earlier.

Executive reports

President: Nothing to add

Vice President: Going to try and book pictures for Nov 2/3.

Secretary: Nothing to add

Treasurer: Bank balance is \$209, 177.29 as of Oct 12/22.

Registrar: Some coaches still need to register on ramp. We had one U7 player and one U18 player drop out.

Equipment Manager: Nothing to add

Gaming Coordinator: Nothing to add

Coach's Coordinator: Nothing to add

Ways and Means: Nothing to add

Referee in Chief: The first weekend of hockey is behind us. It was difficult to assign on short notice and the fact that it was a long weekend. Numerous officials were unavailable and I had to bring in officials from Grande Cache and Jasper to cover the games. Having multiple games at the same time on both ice surfaces presents a huge challenge when assigning referees and I will be working with our ice scheduler to try and prevent this

whenever possible. The ref clinic is set for this Sunday. As of Oct 12, 2022, there are 22 registered for the junior clinic and 5 registered in the senior class. We have gained a couple new adult officials. Over 70% of our local officials will have 1 year or less of experience heading into this season. Parents and coaches should be reminded to remain patient and respectful when dealing with our newer officials, both young and old. I have voiced my concerns about the availability of officials for a U18 tournament. I have notified the U18 tournament coordinator to budget for at least \$1000 extra to bring in out of town officials and will do my best to find qualified referees from neighboring towns willing to travel here. Jasper is hosting a clinic on Nov. 12 and I will continue to recruit more officials to help out.

Ice Convener: Nothing to add

Round Table: More complaints from the Town of Hinton in regards to spitting and mess being left in the change rooms.

Adjournment: 8:16pm

Next Meeting: Nov 16, 2022