



Hinton Minor Hockey Association

MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2023 – 6:00pm

Hinton, Alberta

Board Members

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

Regrets

Dave Switzer

Call the meeting to order

6:05pm

Additions & Adoption of Agenda

Kym makes a motion to adopt the agenda, Brit seconds the motion.

Adoption of Minutes

August 8, 2023, Minutes. Lisa makes a motion to adopt the minutes, Tosha seconds the motion.

Old Business

- Hockey League Update
- Apparel
- Fundraising
- Start of Season

New Business

Officiating Incentives

- Greg proposes a full fee reimbursement from Hinton Minor Hockey Association for registration costs.
- John puts motion forward that after 5 games referees will be reimbursed for their full registration costs. Lisa seconds the motion. All in Favor.

Season Review

- HMHA board agree to seek to move both U18 teams up one tier. This would mean U18-1 would hopefully play in tier 2 contact, from current tier 3 contact. U18-2 would be

moved to tier 3 contact from their current tier 3 non-contact division. John will call NEAHL to see if this change can be made asap. It was discussed that if these changes could be made, that any player that had previously left or stopped playing hockey, could re-join or sign up again, but all fees would be required, and the late fee would be applied.

- Next season, we will have to be more diligent in tiering our teams, bigger associations in the NEAHL, hold tryouts for top team(s) and then divide evenly their bottom teams.
- U7/U9 information on NEAHL website. It was discussed to have contacts for each division on the HEAHL website for other associations to arrange names if required. The decision was made not to have U7 listed and as for U9 it would be left up to the coordinator if he chooses to do that. John will look at Hockey Alberta for rules on U7 game play and what is allowed for travel, etc.

Policy Review

- 60/40 tourney split was discussed, it was brought to the board because some association members felt that it was not enough funds left for the teams. It was discussed that other associations do not give any money or a very small amount to their teams, leaving the teams to pay out of pocket or fundraise for all tournaments and events.
- Tosha provided that Edson gets half of the corporate sponsorship money. This would work out to \$1000.00 for the top team and \$750.00 for each of the lower teams in each division. If the team wished to practice 2 times a week, they would have to pay an additional \$1500.00 to the association. Our teams would have to pay or come up with an additional \$3500.00 if we ran like Edson.
- Whitecourt- if they host a tournament, they get \$300.00 and if the tournament reaches the set threshold for revenue, then the team receives an additional \$150.00. They are allowed to seek out their own team sponsors.
- Drayton Valley- zero tournament funds. They get \$500.00 for any out-of-town tournament they attend, and parents/teams must fund the rest.
- All associations that were looked at all have higher registration fees than Hinton.
- It is decided that for this season we will remain with the 60/40 split from all funds from the team tournaments and if necessary, we will revisit it at the end of the season.
- Tosha will bring examples of other associations refund policies for HMHA to look at and adopt to our own refund policy.
- John advised that because of information that was learned during the week of evaluations, that based on Hockey Canada rules, we will no longer be running evaluations during the first week of school for future seasons.
- Coach selection policy review will be addressed in future meetings. An idea to bring in RIC or a panel to review all required documents to select a head coach when a situation arises when we have 2 or more people wanting to be a head coach.

Executive reports

President:

Nothing to add.

Vice- President:

No Sylvan Lake Hockey Camp for tournament raffle tables this season. As well as Okanagan Hockey Camps. Will try for next season.

Secretary:

Nothing to add.

Treasurer:

\$212,909.00 bank balance.

Gaming Coordinator:

Cash for Christmas raffle will be happening in November.

Referee in Chief:

24 local referees attended the

Registrar:

Numbers currently for the season U7-15, U9-11, U11-25, U13-22, U15-14, U18-17

Equipment Manager:

Canadian Tire has donated 400 pucks with the Hinton 'H' Logo on one side and Canadian Tire logo on the other side, full color.

Coach Coordinator:

Nothing to add

Ways & Means:

Brit & Tosha will sit down to discuss funds from sponsors.

Brit has a possible second sponsor for U15.

Summit Welding has agreed to \$1500 for team sponsorship.

Ice Convenor:

Currently working on getting a practice schedule together, just waiting on final numbers.

All preseason ice has been booked with the town.

We need to discuss the possibility of morning practices.

Round Table

Adjournment: 8:20pm

Next Meeting: October 3, 2023