



Hinton Minor Hockey Association

MEETING MINUTES

May 13 6:30pm
Hinton, Alberta

Executive Present

Tosha Desatuels, Matt Aspell, Kevin Graham, Serge Cote, John Ermel, Kyle Cieslikowski, Britt Aspell, Lisa Brydges, Greg Nagam, Kym Sartorius

Regrets

Brianna Ames

Call the meeting to order

6:28pm

Adoption of Agenda

Kyle requests to add 'API Hockey Canada' to the minutes, Adopted by Tosha, seconded by Brit.

Adoption of Minutes:

Adopted by Lisa, seconded by Tosha

Old Business

- Bylaw Review
- Registration timelines

New Business

API

- Kyle had a meeting with RAMP and Hockey Canada is enforcing an API fee to upload rosters into HCR. Currently the cost is \$5/player/coach/manager. Kyle is currently entering them in manually himself to save the cost.
- HMHA is willing to pay this fee for the 2025/2026 season and Kyle will try and find out how to integrate it into registration fees for the 2026/2027 season, possibly as an 'API/HC fee'

Oil Kings Update

- The Oil Kings weekend (Sept 5-7) is officially a go. Brit has secured hotel rooms and Kym had Kevin from the Oil Kings come down last weekend to do a hotel and arena tour. This

weekend will consist of 2 games on the Friday and Sunday as well as autograph sessions, public skates etc.

- Saturday Sept 6, 2025 HMHA will be hosting a street hockey tournament in the parking lot of the rec centre to coincide with the Oil Kings Weekend. It has been decided that WHL players will be making appearances. There will be food trucks, games, possible vendors etc. Cynthia Hore is the main organizer for this event working along side Kym to make it successful.

Live Barn Update

- Live Barn has installed their Wifi connection at the arena and all equipment has been delivered to the town. Town of Hinton is just waiting for install but that should happen soon and we will be able to offer Live Barn for the 2025/2026 season!

2025/2026 Tournament Dates

- Currently all tournament dates are looking as though they will stay the same with the exception of U18.
- It was discussed and decided that U7 & U9 will continue to share a weekend and with better planning it will prove to be more successful.
- A few U18 parents had suggested last season that we move the U18 tournament date to earlier in the year as an 'Ice Breaker' style tournament. Kym suggested Thanksgiving weekend but we are unable to play in tournaments during tiering as per NEAHL rules. October 3-5 was the decided date. It is early after forming teams but we usually know where teams will be tiered and may prove to be a great kick off to the season.
- Serge will work on getting the dates posted to the Hockey AB website asap and Brit will work on organizing a tournament coordinator early on to make this successful.

NEAHL Update

NEAHL had their spring AGM meeting last week and here are the highlights

- The way reffing complaints will be handled is changing. Usually, HA used to take ref complaints and they will no longer be accepting them. All complaints will go to the association's referee in chief. Discipline will still stay with Hockey Alberta.
- There will also be no reffing of family members. This has been a rule in the past but will be more enforced going forward especially with the U13-U18 age groups. Due to ref shortages the league will be a little more lenient on the U11 age group.
- Due to travel purposes the max games played this season for age groups will be 18.
- Going forward the U18 age group will mirror what the U15 are doing with Non Body Contact (NBC). Tiers 1-3 will be contact and Tiers 4-6 will be NBC
- Fines will be going up. There will be a fine of \$2500 for the no-show of a game, as well as the suspension of a coach etc.

- Hockey Alberta has an off-ice social media policy that the NEAHL is looking to adopt as there have been issues with other associations in the NEAHL in regard to social media bullying and disrespect.
- Drayton Valley will still be a part of the NEAHL for the 2025/2026 season

Jasper Meeting

- Jasper board members had spoken with John about possibly 'joining forces' with HMHA top teams to have their players play 'better hockey' After much discussion it was decided that kids from Jasper can try out in Hinton with no guarantees to make the team that they want for this season but at this moment in time we don't have enough information to make a decision about what a co-association would look like. This is something that we are all open to looking at in the future as there are definite pros and cons. HMHA can't stop kids from trying out or playing in Hinton but Jasper Minor Sports always has the opportunity to say no.

It was brought up at the AGM about U7/U9 possibly going down to 1 practice per week. Greg thought this was a good idea and Kym agreed. It was then discussed that particularly U7 would have 1 ice time during the week and 1 guaranteed ice time on the weekend.

Executive reports

President:

The U13/15 girls did a spring hockey team this year and there is lots of talk amongst the parents about a possible U15 girls hockey team. John told these parents that they first must register for co-ed HMHA hockey and if the numbers make sense, we can discuss an all-girls team or at the very least a tournament team for the season.

Vice President:

Serge has sent out season evaluation forms for the 24/25 season. Response has been slow so it has been suggested that we make it a Google Document so its easier to fill out and send in. Both Tosha and Brit have agreed to help do that.

Secretary:

Absent

Treasurer:

Tosha has yet to receive an ice bill for Feb or March as the town is behind due to their systems being hacked.

The bank balance is \$146,260.

U18-1 wanted their \$50 tournament fee back as they did not get to host but they would still like to use their team funds to host a year end party

Tosha would like to get a POS machine for raffle tables, 50/50 etc. Everyone agreed to this so she will look into it and have it up for next season

Registrar:

There have been a couple of complaints from U7 parents that there is no camp for that age group this summer. It was explained that it is too hard to control, teach that many kids all at once with limited coaching staff so for this year and reason there is no U7 option at our camp.

Equipment Manager:

Still waiting on 2 coaches to return keys but Kevin has made arrangements with them for that.

Gaming Coordinator:

Nothing to report.

Coach's Coordinator:

Camp dates have been set and registration is open. Brit is going to look at getting participants something like a t-shirt or jersey for attending.

Evaluations will be September 9-12th 2025 with the checking clinic happening the week after. With U7 & U9 to start the week after evaluations.

Sponsorship:

Brit & Terri still dealing with hockey bags to have for the season

Apparel- Terri is trying to get a sizing kit before evaluations. The earlier the better.

Brit suggest not exclusively going with Bauer/CCM. This would help us get items in earlier. Bauer and CCM will still be available but HMHA will not be exclusive to those brands. Everyone agrees it's a great idea.

The Holiday Inn wants to do an agreement of sorts, kind of like a 'stay n play' or a 'preferred hotel' situation with group rates etc. Brit is working on getting that in place

For Tournaments, Brit and Kym will work together to clean up the templates as they worked well last year but could use some minor adjustments. As well she is working on getting all tournaments more streamlined for better success.

Referee in Chief:

Greg has submitted dates to Hockey AB for the ref clinic. Hockey Alberta has announced that Level 2 refs with more than 5 years experience can now take their clinic online.

Ice Convener:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

8:18 pm

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June 17th 6:30pm at the Golf Course unless there is an Oilers Game