



# Hinton Minor Hockey Association

## SPRING AGM MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2025 7:00pm  
Hinton, Alberta

### Executive Present

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

### Executive Absent

Serge Cote

### Call the meeting to order

7:00pm

### Adoption of Agenda

Joceyln makes a motion to adopt the agenda, Pam seconds the motion.

### Adoption of Minutes:

Cheryl makes a motion to adopt the October 8, 2024 minutes, Nancy seconds the motion.

### Old Business

- 2023/2024 Season Overview

### New Business

#### Season Overview

- Another successful season with the NEAHL. Travel has always been a concern and there may be changes next season. Possibly 12-14 games per season. Hockey Alberta is pushing the 3hr travel radius. More teams from the east are having issues with travel than west. HMHA and members agrees that we would rather have more competitive games than less travel. Provincials dictate season timeline so the season cannot be stretched out.

Member asks if the amount of games decrease, will the fees? John says not in the short term.

- U7/U9 are developmental years. U9 had 3 teams this year. U11-U18 had 2 teams each division. U11-1 came home with the league banner as well as U13-1 winning the league banner and finishing second in provincials. We have had very successful season and

HMHA teams have been competing in higher tiers than the last few years. Keep up the good work! Thank you to all coaches, managers and parents.

- John asks members if there are any issues specifically with the NEAHL.

Member replies U11 tier 6 deputy/governor lack of communication and no response at times. U11 playoff structure is also an issue. Member suggests the NEAHL should not choose the host team so early in the season.

- Member asks if there will be a checking clinic for U15.

Matt replies yes, checking clinic will be held for second year U13's and U15's.

Member asks if there will be a checking clinic for the U18s before evaluations?

Matt replies that we can look at adding an additional clinic. Not many U18s attend the checking clinics in previous years.

John adds that society is leaning towards non-contact. There is a push from Hockey Canada to have more non-contact teams. A lot of the city teams have moved towards non-contact and have moved ahead. U18 we will likely see more NBC tier 1/2/3 teams.

Matt suggests coaches come out to the checking clinics so they can learn and show their players.

## Executive reports

### President:

John will attend the NEAHL AGM first week of May.

Member asks if there are any teams leaving the NEAHL.

John replies, Drayton Valley is wanting to join the CAHL, this has happened in the past but they did not switch leagues.

### Vice President:

Thank you, great success this year.

### Secretary:

Nothing to add.

### Treasurer:

Waiting to finish financial reports. Next season by-law 2 Registration and Fees will be enforced.

### Registrar:

U7 – 37 players, U9 – 41 players, U11 – 32 players, U13 – 43 players (some moved to U15), U15 – 24 players, U18 – 41 players.

### Equipment Manager:

Nothing to add.

### Gaming Coordinator:

Question: Will there be a casino this year? Lisa replies, not this year, we are on the list.

Question: Was having 2 raffles a better profit? Lisa: Yes.

### Coach's Coordinator:

Coaching was a success. Looking for U7/U9 coordinators. Will have the Stanton brothers out again next year. Currently looking into Steve Stirnacki power skating. There may be a cost for that, this will likely be a non-school Friday session. We are always looking for more coaches, coaches will be fully reimbursed for any courses and travel.

### Sponsorship:

If registration is paid in full by Aug 15, your players from U9-U18 will be receiving a HMHA hockey bag. We are still finalizing the details but will be ready for the fall. Thank you to all our sponsors!

### Referee in Chief:

30 officials this seasons, 8 brand new. 160 games refed. We supplied officials to Edson and Jasper, and vice versa. Most of the negative behavior was seen from visiting towns. Remember who you represent when you are out of town. Ref clinic will be late Sept, early Oct. Fees will be reimbursed once 5 games are officiated. Greatest need for refs in the older age groups and adults. Thanks to Freson Brothers for supplying snacks for the refs all season.

### Ice Convener:

Overall, the season went well with no Timberwolves. However, they are back next season. U7/U9 tournament was hosted together. I appreciate the feedback. There were a lot of miscommunications this year and will re-evaluate next year. Will also re-evaluate not having U18 practice times not at 9pm.

Question: Chances of moving U7/U9 earlier? A: There is a certain number of coaches to kid ration that needs to be met, with the younger groups having more kids on the ice, this is harder to obtain with work schedules.

Question: Goalie clinic changing date? A: It is very hard for him to adjust his schedule.

## Nominations

### Registrar

Kyle Cielikowski would like to remain on the executive, no other nominations.

### Gaming

Lisa Brydges would like to remain on the executive, no other nominations.

### Sponsorship

Britt Aspell would like to remain on the executive. Kim Hoovers nominated Sadie Ripper, Jillian Bancroft seconds the nomination. Members vote. Britt Aspell remains sponsorship executive member.

### Ice

Kym Sartorius would like to remain on the executive, no other nominations.

### Vice President

Serge Cote would like to remain on the executive, although absent at the meeting, Serge wrote a letter to the members. No other nominations.

### Round Table

Banquet is April 12! Kym has tickets.

Question: Is the town letting us put anything on the boards? A: Depends on the Timberwolves and their contract. Waiting to see what happens with them. Working on trying to get in there.

Free registration draw winner: Kim Hoovers!

### Adjournment:

8:05 pm

### Next Meeting:

TBA