

**Hockey Regina Inc**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday December 5**

**Attendance:**

Cory Shaw (Chair), Garnett Volk, , Darcy Olynyk, Ron Reinhart, Kenric Exner, Dave Diwold, Bill Semchuk, Sean Kilback, Michele Ellingsen-Ailsby, Krista Strueby, Larry Wees (Ref Assignor), Ken Buhnai (Ref committee), Blair Watson (Staff)

**Regrets:** Kayla Edgerton, Becky Palandri,

**1. Call to order**

Cory called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

**2. Board Minutes**

*MOTION: To approve the November 7 minutes. Moved Darcy, Seconded Bill*  
*CARRIED*

**3. Ref Mentorship**

- Larry and Ken made presentation on referee mentorship, etc
- Official committee meet 3 times a year; Larry, Ken, Bob Henry, Cory Brossart, Kurtis Lindskog, Mark Folk on committee. Krista will also sit on the committee
- HRI age limit is 12 year olds,
- There are 150 new officials, 80% 12 + 13 year olds
- Mentorship can be done on-ice or off-ice

**4. Coach engagement and feedback**

- Kenric will look to bring in coaches to get their feedback
- It will include all divisions and all tiers
- The sessions will be approx. one hour in length, 4-5 questions,
- Look to hold them sometime in New Year

**5. Sponsorship**

- General discussion on sponsorship revenue and how much HRI gets from sponsorship revenue.
- *MOTION: To internalize the sponsorship. Moved Kenric, Seconded Bill.*  
*CARRIED*

**6. Fundraising opportunities (bingo replacement)**

- With Bingo being down, need to look at additional fundraising options for the membership
- Need brainstorming to come up with alternatives

**7. U7 tweak**

- Ron would like to make a tweak to the U7 game day starting in the New Year
- Only have one game going on instead of 2 games, two minute buzzer
- Use regulation size nets
- Ron to put a communication to the U7 teams

**8. U13AA Number of teams (Appendix A)**

- Blair prepared a letter to Hockey Sask with respect to the number of U13AA teams Regina has
- HRI is looking to reduce the number of AA teams from 5 to 4.
- The reduction is solely based on the number of registered players. Currently Regina has a disproportionate number of AA teams. Regina has 24% of the U13 players playing AA compared to 15-19% of the other larger centres

**9. Executive Director report**

- Criminal record checks (CRC)
  - There are a number of coaches missing their CRC. The office has sent out a number of reminders to the coaches. The office will notify the coach and team that they are no longer able to participate with the team until the CRC is received. The division director will be cc'd on the communication
- Hockey Fights Cancer
  - The AAA Pat C's and Rebels had their Hockey Fights Cancer game. The raised close to \$8,000
  - The total raised by HRI teams to date is in excess of \$12,000
  - HRI is the only Minor Hockey Association in western Canada that does Hockey Fight Cancer as an organization
- U15B Provincials
  - Hockey Sask has informed HRI and Saskatoon that if Moose Jaw enters U15B provincials it will be full body-checking as Moose Jaw plays in a checking league.
  - There is a possibility that Moose Jaw could agree to make it non-body checking. Blair will keep the teams informed.
- Pense U11B
  - Pense formed 2 U11B teams with small rosters. As they did last year, they are looking to be able to AP from U9, for regular season games only
  - The Board was in agreement with this
- Other
  - Mental Wellness presentations are half done
  - We are working on a newsletter before Christmas
  - We will be getting Food Bank boxes to be placed outside the HRI office
  - There will be an HRI Open House the week before Christmas

**10. Next Meeting**

December 19



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December 1, 2023

To: Hockey Sask AA Committee

From: Hockey Regina Inc (HRI) Board of Directors

RE: Hockey Sask Regulation 6.03.01 (c)  
Number of U13AA teams in Regina

The HRI Board of Directors is asking the Hockey Sask AA Committee to consider changing the number of teams that Regina is required to field at the U13AA level.

In 2012/13, when Regina went to five U13AA teams, there were 389 U13 players in Regina, of which 22% were playing AA. From 2012/13 through 2022/23, the number of U13 players have averaged around 400 players, with apprx 21% playing U13AA.

The 2023/24 season saw our number of U13 players drop to 340. This is a direct result of the two COVID years (2020/21 + 2021/22) where our U9 and U11 numbers declined. We do not anticipate our U13 numbers to get close to 400 players for a few years.

In looking at the 2023/24 U13 numbers (see below) in the larger centers in Saskatchewan (Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw), it can be seen that there is a disproportionate number of players at U13AA in Regina.

	<b>U13</b>			
	<u><b>Regina</b></u>	<u><b>Saskatoon</b></u>	<u><b>Prince Albert</b></u>	<u><b>Moose Jaw</b></u>
Total # of Teams	21	32	6	7
# of AA teams	5	6	1	1
% of players playing Tier 1	24%	19%	17%	15%

In looking at the 2023/24 U13 numbers (see below) in the larger bedroom communities around Regina and Saskatoon (Martinsville, Warman, Prairie Storm) it can be seen that the bedroom communities have a lower % of players playing AA than Regina.

	<b>U13</b>		
	<u><b>Martinsville</b></u>	<u><b>Warman</b></u>	<u><b>Prairie Storm</b></u>
Total # of Teams	5	6	6
# of AA teams	1	1	1
% of players playing AA	20%	17%	17%

Based on the 2023/24 registration numbers, the proportionate number of U13AA teams in Regina should be four (4). This will bring the % of players in U13AA to 19%, which brings Regina in line with the other larger centers.

The HRI Board wishes to emphasize that this request is not based on the ability of the Regina teams to compete at the U13AA level, but rather it is based on having an equal playing field for our U13 teams.

For reference purposes, here are our projections for the number of U13 players in the next few years. These are based on our current registration numbers in U9 through 1<sup>st</sup> year U13.

	<b>U13</b>		<b>% AA teams</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Registration #</b>	<b># Teams</b>	<b>5 teams</b>	<b>4 teams</b>
2022/23	375	23	22%	17%
2023/24	340	21	24%	19%
(Project) 2024/25	325	21	24%	19%
(Project) 2025/26	315	20	25%	20%
(Project) 2026/27	340	21	24%	19%
(Project) 2027/28	360	22	23%	18%

Thank you for considering our request of reducing the number of U13AA teams.

Yours truly,

Cory Shaw  
President, Hockey Regina Inc