

**Red Deer Pond Hockey**  
**2017 AGM Minutes - Westerner Chalet**  
**May 31, 2017 6:30pm**

- ❖ Call to Order: 6:30pm
- ❖ Attendees: Lori McGowtal, Waneta Usher, Rachel Lavoy, John Jenkins, Jason Hoffman, Ken Wizniak, Dave Bain, Sam Sterling, Brandi McGrath, Kevin McGrath, James Donnelly, Niki Burkinshaw, Jennifer Curran, Grant Paterson, Roberta Stang, David Foster, Jeremy Slobodan, Michelle Bazylinski, Michael Tueody, Jim Billyard, Kelly Frere, Jason Chillibeck, Ryan Morcom
- ❖ Welcome and Introduction of current board/Executive members in attendance
- ❖ Review of what is currently going well; level of play, good amount of girls playing, over 800 participants.
- ❖ Improvements in the last year such as
  - LMS System
  - mid year coaches meeting
  - team sponsored team party
  - Div I ½ ice until Feb.
  - Ice time in Alix was well received
  - New jerseys
  - Coaches can receive RDPH apparel at 50% off
- ❖ What we are working on for next year
  - coaches booklet
  - concussion session
  - additional coaches training
  - tweaking the PEM and ensure it is followed
- ❖ Areas to improve:
  - More communications
  - Timeliness of Skatarama awards
  - Registration support: allocating funding for admin support has been approved.
- ❖ Explanation of the Barry Ennis Scholarship of \$500
- ❖ Open Positions on the Board/Executive
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Scheduler (1 name submitted)
  - Events Coordinator
  - Referee Coordinator (1 name submitted)
- ❖ Questions/Comments from the floor
  - Can there be a supplement insert of the rules of the game (ie half ice) in the coaches booklet?
  - Create a Parent Handbook outlining the responsibilities, how to's, and an explanation of how off sides work in Div I

- Concern about teams not being equal (some teams are losing most games) - game sheets will be used for all divisions going forward so that can be monitored.
- Financials: Why was there no financials presented or released? People need to see outgoing costs, etc. People would maybe be more inclined to support Skatarama if they were released and can see that this fundraiser is needed. Need to be as transparent as possible with financials.
- Schedule released until Dec and hold off releasing second half of the season so team sheets can be reviewed and the schedule can be made to match up equal skilled teams
- Can the scores be posted on the website?
- Suggest having a Team Building meeting prior to the season starting so suggestions can be made (ie reducing the amount of requests or have the requests numbered in order of importance)
- Work on skill development rather than competition
- Consider having an Off Ice Official?
- Use LMS system so that concerns are documented
- Consider having the AGM in Feb or March before the end of the season so that ideas, thought and concerns are fresh.
- Would it be possible to have tournaments in Alix?
- Consider having a volunteer/jersey bond
- Require every team to assign a team manager (they could be in charge of the bond cheques for each team)
- Has Pond Hockey considered raising fees?

❖ Motion to adjourn: Brandi

❖ Adjourn: 7:48pm