

Red Deer Pond Hockey

AGM Meeting Minutes April 18, 2023 – 6:00PM – Alberta Sports Hall of Fame

Present: John Obelienius, Lori McGowan, Karen Unterschultz, Michelle Moore, Erin Sather, Valerie Gill, Jordan Collier, Tara Moore, Joel Nelson

Regrets: Mike Williams, Sharlene Fraser, Randi Dale

Guests: Brian and Marianne Ennis

1. Call to order – 6:02pm

Motion to Approve Agenda – Erin Sather, seconded – Joel Nelson

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from 2022 AGM – Lori McGowan, Seconded – Karen Unterschultz

Welcome Introductions – Brian & Marianne Ennis – Team Alex update successful year, thank you to RDPH for being the first organization to offer coaches their training and programming, and to wear the Team Alex Mental Health patch. Presented John O, with a thank you gift on behalf of Team Alex. 14 Board members and coaches attended the Team Alex Training this past season, and we will continue to support this initiative and will endeavor to offer multiple sessions throughout next years season to allow more opportunities for more coaches to sign up.

PRESIDENT REPORT OF SEASON- 490 players, 119 coaches and team managers, 36 teams.

We hosted 2 goalie camps, a very successful equipment swap, skate-a-rama, as well as the first time out Division 6 teams played against other leagues within our area against Rocky Mountain House and Sylvan Lake. These games were very successful and very well received by both players and parents. We will continue to try and make these games happen within our area. We also for the first time added referees to Division 2 games for the second half of the season. This was a huge help to the players to begin to help them prepare for the transition to Division 3 so the players have a better understanding of offsides, and shift changes, penalties etc. We had 38 officials this season and we successfully applied for and received a grant from the City of Red Deer to assist us in covering the costs for referees to take the Hockey Alberta mandatory clinics. We also received an additional grant for the City of Red We had a very good season.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jordan Collier – Skate-A-Rama earned almost \$30,000 this season, was a huge success. We also had additional fund raising by the new Blackfalds Bulldogs 50/50. We also were successful in securing a couple of grants from the City fo Red Deer as well. We purchased some new jerseys this season which all have the Team Alex mental health patch.

There will be no fee increases for the 2023 -2024 season.

BUDGET – We anticipate a minimum 4% increase in ice fees this year within the City of Red Deer facilities. Exact increases have still not been released by the City so we are waiting for final confirmation of fees. We are hoping for a 30% increase in registrations. We will also be purchasing more jerseys to account for increased registration numbers and will continue to host skate-a-rama as our primary fundraiser. We will also continue to apply for the grants offered by the City in hopes to again be able to offset the costs for the referee clinics as they are now required annually. Financial report and budget attached.

Motion by Jordan Collier to accept the 2023-2024 Budget as presented – Approved by Jessica Belter & Seconded by Erin Sather. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS-

Updates – Fee structure – no changes to registration fees for 2023 – 2024 season

Ice Fees – unknown at this time but anticipating a minimum 4% increase. Increases are expected due to the opening of the new Dawe arena. We will continue to use all Red Deer facilities, as well as Red Deer Polytechnic, Penhold & Blackfalds. The Kinex arena is officially closed.

Registration Date will open August 1st – September 15th

We will be hosting a parents meeting at the season start in order to try and assist with flow of information to families so they know how the league works and what is expected.

We will host coaches meetings and a managers meeting once teams are made. This to ensure we convey information and everyone is organized to help with clear directions and responsibilities. We will also convey to coaches that while not mandatory it is strongly encouraged that all coaches attend the Team Alex training.

We will host another goalie camp for the start of the season, as well we will also be hosting a player development workshop for non goalies to help improve skills for all RDPH players. John is in talks with a local skate program and more info will follow.

We will continue to referee Division 2 for the second half of the season.

We will continue to implement the first two ice times of the season to be used as a practice time and a “get to know you” opportunity at the start of the season. We received extremely positive feedback from both coaches and families. They want this every year.

Season start date will be the week of October 14th

We will be looking to host an outdoor tournament again this year as we’ve had coaches approach us to get the tournament running again and the coaches have offered to take leadership of the tournament and research and spearhead the planning. Hopefully to happen in February 2024

ODR and practices, this was a bit of a mess this year as many of the various outdoor rinks are managed and operated by local community groups, and during Covid many of these groups were disbanded and no one was assigned or responsible for the operation of the rinks. The City did not have contacts for the groups or the communities operating them so many were not open or running. This is being sorted out within the city management and should be more organized for next year now that new groups have taken over management of the ODR’s.

We will be hosting the equipment swap again this year

New jerseys – we will be ordering new jerseys for division 4, 5 & 6. All to have the Team Alex patch. Additionally we were successful in an application to receive the support of the McDonald Atomic hockey program. McDonalds will provide up to 8 free sets of jerseys for the division 3 age range every season.

We can also add our RDPH logo as well as the Team Alex Logo. Order has been placed and should arrive in June.

We will look at adding a coaches team again next season, but this will be decided once registration closes and we determine how many Div 6 teams we have.

We hosted a coaches appreciate night and will look at doing so again next season.

We are communicating with the Red Deer Rebels to get back into the partnership with them to have some of our younger Div 1&2 teams to play at half time. We are working at growing our presence and collaboration within the community.

Fundraising – we will continue to try and get new sponsors as well as look at new fundraising opportunities. Will partner again with Blackfalds Bulldogs for their 50/50 ticket sales and will look at other fundraising alternatives. Jessica Belter suggested we do Bingos. And she offered to research what is involved in getting approval for this and what the commitments are.

GOVERNANCE & POLICY- Erin Sather – We are always reviewing and updating our policies and procedures as our league evolves and grows. Governance is currently working at updating our operational procedures and policies at a board level. Specifically the piece with respect to board member expectations and what fulfillment requirements are necessary in order to earn the refund of their player fees for their volunteer time. We are trying to clarify the process as well as what the required expectation is for how many events they must assist with, how many meetings must be attended etc. Additionally we will be implementing a refund form that is to be completed and submitted at the end of the season once the board member fulfills their commitment of time and attendance. If the requirements are not met, then the board member will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Additional policy update and change regarding maltreatment and harassment policies to confirm with Hockey Alberta requirements and guidelines and to provide clarity of the processes and procedures surrounding complaints etc.

We will also be creating and implementing an organizational chart for the board and its structure and roles and positions.

BOARD POSITIONS AND VOTING-

Voting Positions Open –

President – 1 nomination – John Obelienius – Motion by Michelle Moore to appoint John Obelienius by acclamation – All in favor – motion carried.

Vice President – 2 nominations – Corrie Baillon (Ryder) And Jessica Belter – Both nominees made presentations of their experience and involvement in RDPH. A closed vote was held, ballots counted. Vote as follows: 9 votes in favor of Corrie Baillon (Ryder) and 5 votes in favor of Jessica Belter. Motion to appoint Corrie Baillon as Vice President – All in favor – motion carried

Governance & Policy – No nominations received. Position is still open Erin Sather agreed to remain as acting Governance & Policy in the interim until a replacement is found

Registrar – No nominations received – position remains open

NON-Voting positions – Call for nominations

Events Coordinator – Nomination – Jessica Belter – Motion to appoint Jessica Belter as events coordinator – All in favor – motion carried

Division Coordinators 3 open positions – Nomination – Kaiden hunter & Stephanie Taylor – Motion to appoint Kaiden Hunter & Stephanie Taylor as division coordinators – all in favor – motion carried.

Coach Liaison – No nominations – position remains open

Information/Inquiries – No nominations – position remains open.

John Obelienius made motion to add Corrie Baillon(Ryder) to signing authority on the Red Deer Pond Hockey Bank account – All in Favor Motion Carried

John Obelienius made motion to remove Erin Sather from Red Deer Pond Hockey Bank account signing authority – All in favor – motion carried.

INTRODUCITON OF THE 23-24 RED DEER POND HOCKEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – John Obelienius

Vice President – Corrie Baillon (Ryder)

Treasurer – Jordan Collier

Governance – Interim Acting – Erin Sather

Secretary – Michelle Moore

Registrar – Open

Division 1-6 Coordinators – Lori McGowan, Karen Unterschultz, Tara Moore, Kaiden Hunter, Stephanie Taylor

Equipment Coordinator – Sharlene Fraser

Scheduler – Randi Dale

Sponsorship – Mike Williams

Referee Coordinator – Valerie Gill

Events Coordinator – Jessica Belter

Coach Liaison – Open

Open Discussion –

Suggested that during the registration process we need to add a role for team manager sign up, so that people interested in team manager can sign up and register the same way the coaches do. This will be added to the registration options.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25PM

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President – John Obleinius

Date

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Vice President – Corrie Baillon

Date