



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes**

**Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex Community Room
LACOMBE, ALBERTA
January 21, 2026**

Call to Order. 7:02 PM

Attendance: Priscilla Blokland, Nicole Fauria, Ryan Fauria, Mike Luymes, Jordi Stewawrt, Jeremy Dreise, Alison Stangeland, Stacy Christensen, Curtis Goulet, Alyssa Dinter, Joanne Day, Tara Worobetz, Erin Fuller

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Approval of LMH Operating Committee Meeting from November 19, 2025. [Motion to approve by Erin Fuller, seconded by Jordi Stewart. All in favour. Motion carried.](#)

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 2.1 Additions to Unfinished Business.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3.1 Additions to New Business
3.2 Approval of Agenda [motion to approve by Ryan Fauria, seconded by Curtis Goulet. All in favour. Motion carried.](#)

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- 4.1 President – Priscilla Blokland.
- LMHA Life Savers- thanks to Nicole for ongoing support, research and investigation support has been awesome. Tara for meeting with Priscilla and Stacy to teach about raffle reporting, checks and balances.
 - Past month has been a period of growth via experience & education
 - AGLC Reporting with Tara & Stacy
 - Pathways for HA video review requests (worth reviewing by all members)
 - Tournaments-Behind the scenes workings, roles/responsibilities, providing support and guidance
 - Next season planning to start soon
 - Looking at new positions; Equipment Manager/Director and Photography (may be linked to Special Events)
 - Reviewing year end awards, creating criteria and constructing a rubric to guide the process (Currently in the preliminary stages; a committee may be formed to review?)
 - Christmas message and link to mid year survey being sent by Friday; closing submissions on January 2, 2026. Received 47 responses to the mid year survey.
 - Curtis & Priscilla to review soon; many other pressing issues have surfaced in the past 2 weeks that have required attention
 - Awards Night U13-U18 Confirmed for Thursday, April 9th
 - Planning with Erin soon and volunteers required
 - Awards Night U11 - tentatively April 11th contingent on pool and community room booking
 - Team Support Sessions - U15 Division
 - Directors, ask teams if they're interested and reach out to Priscilla for more info
 - **Actions:**
 - Social media shoutout to Moe's for supporting with food and beverages
 - Directors share with teams that there are opportunities on a variety of topics available. Reach out to Priscilla for more details.
- 4.2 Vice-President – Curtis Goulet

- CAHL potential tiering realignment-some happened and some didn't. Questions if our U11T2 playing T1 -decided not to.
 - Looking at Eval drills for next season including goalie drills, changing a player drill
 - Planning for next year - things like Coach Handbook, NBC for U15 and U18, what to do with U9 and U9A regarding travel.
 - U15NBC game equality - seems to have evened out a bit so will be a wash in the end. Very positive interactions with RDMH.
 - Lack of engagement by Coaches with coach mentors - have some good resources and not using as much as like and looking for ways to increase it this year and next year
 - Feb 9 next CAHL meeting - let Curtis know if there's something to bring forward
 - CAHL email today about game conduct filtering through Directors. Feel lack of respect in minor hockey leagues across board for opponents, officials, coaches and way they play the game. Looking for us to be leaders and preach good things to coaches and players.
 - Planning for next year - some vacancies on Executive committee, maybe some changes for Directors and other Ops members. Start thinking of people who may be interested in the role, if you're thinking of returning. Ensure you have a positive outlook -many of the positions aren't hard, take time and capacity but have people around to provide support.
 - **Action:** Ask CAHL when they are invoicing league fees
- 4.3 Treasurer & Bookkeeper – Joanne Day & Stacy Christensen
- Team tracking spreadsheets - discussion on including Directors and decided only as needed if there are challenges.
 - Tournament tracking spreadsheets - looking to do the same with tournaments next year as we are doing with teams this year from a budget management perspective.
 - Exploring other banking options for the association.
 - Stacy - most of outstanding is development in January.
 - Paid CAS for tryouts and registration fees to LMHA. Had just over \$21,000 in tryout fees and \$39,000 registration fees that came to us
 - **Motion to spend up to \$500 for LMHA tournament supplies for the season. Motion made by Jordi Stewart, second by Erin Fuller. All in favour. Motion carried.**
 - Funds come from surplus funds from the tournament registration fees. For next year, looking at including a consumable line for LMHA (e.g. like repair shops) to provide supplies for everybody. This provides better use of supplies and less duplication.
 - **Motion: Provide up to \$250 per Rockets team from U13-U18, including U15AA as an exception based on recent events in the community, and up to \$500 for officials for team support sessions. Motion made by Nicole Fauria, seconded by Jordi Stewart. All in favour. Motion carried.**
 - **Action:** Mike to share with Priscilla what some key topics would be for ref sessions.
 - Let Stacy know if there's anything to be considered in next years budget please share. E.g. new equipment or things that need to be fixed.
 - There are 3 teams that have an extra coach so they'll be billed extra (each team gets 5 and after that gets charged back to the team). If a coach is on multiple teams, we don't bill them as they're covered elsewhere. Don't charge if a female coach is required.
 - LMHA Raffle complete, CAW will be completed shortly.
- 4.4 Game & Conduct – Nicole Fauria
- Learning a lot about the different processes of communication between CAHL, Hockey AB, and RDMH
 - Updated and expanded a few of our policies, will discuss later, information was there but needed more clarification to leave less up to interpretation and to solidify flow of information for some G&C items
 - Will get back to updating resource manual - took a backseat to more pressing matters
- 4.5 Secretary – Alyssa Dinter
- Bylaw Update
 - Scope of Work prepared and reviewed
 - Waiting quotes from three local firms - floated idea of sponsoring a team (e.g. U7 division) as part of fund payment
- 4.6 Past President – Amy Richter
- No update
- 4.7 Administration- Alison Stangeland
- Awards-April 11 confirmed for U11.
 - Roy's Retirement after 27 years. Jersey with his name will be LMHA gift.

- Volunteer Appreciation-will be a Generals game. Waiting on date confirmation and will communicate and plan. For Coaches, Managers, Ops and Exec.
- **Action** - Alison/Erin to share with Mel to promote on FB. Alison to send save the date.
- End of season tournaments - City are unsure if they want to keep ice in for last weekend in March. Alison following up - will let Erin know
- Brainstorming on development ice next year, how many kids we might have for next year, potential changes to practices etc.

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

- 5.1. Intro to Hockey (U5, U7 and Rocket Launchers) – Brendan Futrell
- Rocket Launchers - working with Sylvan for end of year game. Working well for the game format.
 - U7 tournament went well. Suggestion to give a 15 minute buffer after the last game next year to get the next game on.
- 5.2. U9 – Tara Worobetz
- Parents vs kids game clarification - adults need helmets and gloves. Players need full equipment. Coaches to determine if other kids beyond players attend.
 - Ongoing feedback on goalie equipment: Kids can wear their own pants, there is a left handed blocker available - connect with Alison. The pads are really hard to fit when there are really tiny kids.
 - Ongoing discussions about U9 in CAHL including A team travel distances and number of home games compared to other U9 teams who received more home ice assigned by CAHL.
 - Transitioning to U9 full ice Feb 1
 - Home tournament Feb 7-9 coming up.
 - Overall, things are going well
- 5.3. U11 – Stephen Cox
- Our home tournament was January 2nd-4th. It was a great weekend and fun for all who participated. I received positive feedback from teams that attended. CAW won Gold, Rockets Tier 2 won Silver and Tier 4 won Bronze. I would like to extend a BIG thank you to Priscilla and Stacy for their support before and during the tournament. It was truly appreciated.
 - Tier 2 - Is currently second in their division. Games are always close and competitive. Their final tournament is this weekend in Warburg.
 - Tier 4 - Is currently last in their division. They have had close games with no blowout losses, but have yet to win a league game. Staying in Tier 5 may have given this team more wins but the coaches are happy with how the kids are developing and being pushed in Tier 4. Some parents have expressed their concerns about the teams winless season but acknowledge that the kids have significantly improved. Hopefully this team will get some wins on the homestretch of the season.
- 5.4. U13 – Jordi Stewart
- Been quiet but things are going well.
 - Shoutout to Priscilla for the help and support
- 5.5. U15 – Ryan Fauria
- U15 A went to Brooks last weekend and came home with Gold. League games have been tough in Tier 1 they were hoping to stay in Tier 2 but that didn't work out. The team is pushing forward and hoping for a more balanced last half of the season.
 - U15 B has attended two tournaments. One is Delburne which they did not place in the medals. Second tournament attended was Carstairs which they took a Silver place finish. This team has managed to stay in the middle of their Tier 3 group which seems like a good fit for them.
 - U15 NBC attended a tournament in Kimberly BC. Came home with a Gold. Manager has been asked from several families about the cost of registration due to the amount of games played with in the Red Deer City league, this doesn't compare with the amount of games the other two teams play in CAHL
- 5.6. U18 – Joanne Day
- Both teams took part in at Knee Hill Tournament before Christmas. U18A came home with the gold.
 - U18A went to Trail, BC for a tournament after Christmas.
 - U18B will host a year end tournament March 20-22
 - Both teams are competitive in their tiers

- U18B and U15NBC end of year tournaments - Stacy will share a spreadsheet so we know where money is coming from if accepting e-transfers.
- 5.7. CAW Governor & Female Director/- Robbin Nikiforuk & Kevin Henderson
- Female Hockey Day - HA grant was approved. Hosting in Blackfalds on Jan 31st. Showcase with the U11 CAW team, St. Albert and Red Deer teams attending. 3 games total and fun skills competition.
 - Receiving lots of support from the U11 CAW team, raffle table items and volunteer hours.
 - Raffle table will be set up from 9am-4pm. Stop on by :) Stacy will be pulling the raffle lic for us and offered us to use some of the LMHA tournament supplies. Thank you!
 - CAW Raffle - Sold out. Draw will be Jan 31st. Thank you to Stacy for apply for the AGLC lic this season. The CAW association is not able to do this as per AGLC. Last season the U15 CAW team pulled it.
 - HA grant opportunity (partnership with Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation). She Leads Hockey Micro Grant - new initiative designed to empower, create meaningful opportunities for girls and women in hockey, both on and off the ice across Oil Country. 20 team grants of \$1000, 10 individual grants of \$500 (female coach, official, athletic trainer, team staff, etc.) Considering applying for U11 CAW - closes Feb 2nd.
 - **Action:** Reminder of the recent process change motioned at Ops. Alyssa to share motion with Robbin and Kevin
 - **Action:** Alison to email female refs and coaches to share the individual opportunities.
 - U11 CAW - Tournaments - came in first in a tournament in Okotoks in November, and their home tournament in Lacombe! They will be attending another tournament in Olds at the end of the season.
 - U9 players from the 3 associations have been invited to join power skating sessions in Blackfalds. Special Events permit was applied for. Thank you Alison for helping with this!
 - The team is currently in 3rd place out of 5 teams in their league group. They are in competitive grouping with 4 wins, 5 losses and 3 ties and from what I hear the girls are having lots of fun. Reg season ends Feb 15th.
 - Playoffs - The RMFHL playoffs run Feb 20-Mar 15th. New this season the league is running a modified consolation bracket to the teams that lose out after the first round.
 - RMFHL goes by points not goals like CAHL.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. Referee in Chief – Mike Luymes
- Thanks to Stacy to getting the survey done and ready to go out. Hoping to send it out soon to get input and feedback. Will allow us to support refs who need it.
 - Planning to do similar ref awards separate from awards nights (will do ahead of LMHA awards and will be acknowledged at the awards ceremony)
- 6.2. Referee Assignor - Jody Blokland
- Going well
 - Received similar feedback to Mike on refs
- 6.3. Fundraising Convenor – Tara Worobetz
- Cash raffle draw held last week
 - 4640 tickets sold
 - \$24,800 to LMHA
 - Anticipating next casino to be 2027
- 6.4. Sponsorship Chair – Teri Lynn Amundson/Tamara Cox
- No updates
- 6.5. Safety Officer - Alasdair Agnew
- No updates
- 6.6. Social Media Coordinator - Melanie Callihoo

- Starting to share team sponsor information. Melanie reaching out to Teri Lynn to get the sponsors. Stacy/Alison to share with Mel
 - Ok to share team fundraising social media fundraising posts, but not create the posts
 - Was posting player profiles and “player of the game” highlights to the main page, but I’ve since decided those are better suited to individual team pages. I think the main page should focus on team photos, team events, and game results, as the personal details feel a bit too specific to share broadly.
- 6.7. Development Director- Jeremy Dreise
- Going well and promotion is working
 - Need to start thinking about evaluations for next year
 - **Action:** For Directors-if they have an age group transitioning to something new next year and need help reach out. E.g. Full ice, hitting.
- 6.8. Coach Mentor – Jeremy Dreise (Lead) / Joe Bouvier / Casey Calihoo / Jon Sydenham / Tyler Guppy
- Seeking ideas on how to engage coaches to seek support. Better identification of who needs help and finding somebody to help with that. Lot of it stems from people not wanting help
 - **Action:** Jeremy to draft and send to Directors (Directors to Coaches) of what is available and sample of what they can offer.
- 6.9. Central Alberta Selects Governor – Brent Talsma
- No update
- 6.10. Tournament Coordinator - Alyssa Dinter
- U7 & U9
 - Thanks to Priscilla, Stacy and Alison for support and finalizing game schedules and ensuring committees set up with supplies
 - U13 Outcome
 - Total to LMHA: \$2,462.72
 - \$1078.68 (Fundraising income - 20%)
 - \$1,384.04 (Surplus registration fees)
 - Fundraising to teams: \$1,438.24 per team
 - Primary income - raffle table
 - U11 Outcome
 - Went well - registration and fundraising budgets outcomes TBD
 - U7 Outcome
 - Total to LMHA (ROUGH estimate): \$787
 - \$687 (fundraising income-20%)
 - \$100 (surplus registration fees)
 - Estimated fundraising to teams: \$916 (\$2,748 total)
 - Year-end tournaments
 - U18B-March 20-22
 - U15NBC-March 27-29
 - Wrap-Up
 - Preparing year-end summary of tournaments - comparison to registration fees, fundraising income, etc as well as lessons learned debriefs with Chairs
 - Looking at creating more detailed position overview for next year
- 6.11. Special Events Coordinator- Erin Fuller
- Parade: We had over 50 players + more than 10 adults participate in the parade. Have notes for how to make things run smoother next year. Dispersed over 2000 suckers.
 - Alumni Game Dec 21 at 4:45pm. Went well - 22 players, 2 goalies. Ended up a bit over budget with limited edition cup but have extra supplies for future years.
 - Coaches Game: Do we want to set this up? What Dates work? Erin will send out feelers
 - Do we want to do something for 45 years? Apparel and push it through the season, do some things through the season. Stacy confirming the society paperwork.
 - Moms night - Play it by ear
- 6.12. Rockets Give Back Coordinator - Heather Agnew
- 20 Rockets served at the Community Supper tonight
 - Looking at roses theme for February at seniors lodges
 - Looking at a skills competition fundraiser and donate. Still exploring options

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1. Official Reimbursement

MOTION

The LMHA will reimburse officials for referee course fees based on the following guidelines:

1. Eligibility Based on Experience

- **New Officials (First Year):** Eligible for a reimbursement of **\$100** once they have officiated **5 games**.
- **Second-Year Officials and Beyond:** Eligible for a reimbursement of **\$100** once they have officiated **10 games** within the season.

2. Annual Limit

- Officials are eligible for **one reimbursement per season**.

3. Additional Requirements

- The official must have **completed the referee course** and submitted the **course receipt** to the LMHA Ref Assignor.
- The official must **primarily officiate with LMHA and its hub associations**.
- There is **no age restriction** for reimbursement.
- Receipt must be submitted by February 20 of each year to qualify.

4. Qualifying Games

- **LMHA, CAS, and CAW** games count toward the officiated game total.
- Eligible games include all games **scheduled by the LMHA assignor**. This list will be **reviewed annually**.

- Motion made by Ryan Fauria, seconded by Jordi Steawrt. One abstention. One no. 9 in favour. Motion passes.

- Discussion: Not sure 10 game is attainable. Want to focus on accountability to officiating. Will try for a year and can always make changes in future. , seconded by Jordi. One abstain. One no. Struggle as not sure 10 games is attainable.

7.2. Jonathan Anstey Recognition & LMHA Awards Program

- Preparing an outline of all awards available, including a description of each award and selection criteria. This includes all association, team, referee and memorial awards. Will work with families for the memorial awards to come up with a standard description. This will help us to document the awards given, the intention behind them, and help create more objective selection.
- Exploring an ongoing award for Jonathan

7.3. Safety Updates - Concussion Protocol and Return to Play

- Updated concussion protocol implemented by HA May 6 and included in all RAMP registrations (auto generated by HA)
- Obligation of LMHA to ensure protocol is followed
- To raise more awareness, Executive will work on adding information to the website, include in an upcoming communication, and add for an upcoming Coaches meeting

7.4. 2026 Provincials Bid

- Did not receive

7.5. Outstanding Items:

- Evaluation Review
- Sponsorship & Apparel - U7 Jersey Sponsor approach; apparel sponsorship clarification

7.6. Tabled to future planning for 2026/27 (new year)

- Promo Budget & Potential Items (e.g. Special Event giveaways)
- Volunteer Bond/Requirements
- Baseline Concussion Testing
- Bylaw Update
- Paid Position Job Description Review
- Fundraising Convenor exemption from raffle

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. Half Ice boards - repair & replacement planning
 - **Motion** to spend up to \$700 to repair the half ice boards for front and back. Motion made by Ryan Fauria, seconded by Heather Agnew. All in favour. Motion carried
 - **Action:** Add to future planning for planning replacement of boards to ensure we don't get caught off guard
- 8.2. LMHA Handbook Amendments -Game and Conduct Updates
 - Tabled to next meeting
- 8.3. Bereavement Donations
 - **Motion: LMHA**, at the discretion of the Executive, may provide a condolence gesture (such as a donation or flowers) of up to **\$100** for a bereavement/hardship affecting the Association's community, including members, volunteers, coaches, or another local minor hockey association. The cost will be funded from the Association's operating budget. Motion made by Heather Agnew seconded by Nicole Fauria. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 8.4. Volunteer Appreciation
 - Discussed during Administration update.

Adjourn 8:51pm. Next meeting date February 18, 2026 7-9pm Gary Moe Sportsplex