



LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex Community Room
LACOMBE, ALBERTA
July 16, 2025

Call to Order. 7:03pm

Attendance: Alyssa Dinter, Curtis Goulet, Nicole Fauria, Ryan Fauria, Joanne Day, Mike Luymes, Stephen Cox, Teri Lynn Amundson, Jordi Stewart, Jody Blokland, Brent Talsma, Brendan Futrell, Robbin Nikiforuk, Stacy Christensen

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Approval of LMH Operating Committee Meeting from June 18, 2025. [Motion to approve by Ryan Fauria, seconded by Jordi Stewart. Motion carried with additions to include Alison Stangeland and Stacy Christensen to the attendance list.](#)

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 Jody Blokland, seconded by Jordi Stewart. Motion carried.](#)

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1 President – Curtis Goulet on behalf of Priscilla Blokland

- **CAW Meeting** - Anticipating a U11 team only. Several U15 females registered for U15NBC. Remainder of the update tabled to CAW Governor update.
- **Emails** - access should be granted.
- **Buddy System** - Operating Committee will have an assigned Executive member to provide support through the year - more in New Business.
- **Excess Funds** - Looking into options for GIC or options to manage our funds; also considering a legacy project (e.g. increase usage of ODR or back to community such as Cranna Lake Shelter). These conversations are just beginning and anticipated to be long term planning.
- **Events** - Used Equipment Sale August 14 and Checking Clinic for U15. There will be a Come Try Hockey event September 20 - targeting younger level players. Looking for date for Welcome Back to Hockey - targeting end of September hosted by Executive and Operating Committee
- **AEHL/CAS/LMHA Meeting** on August 8
- **Chaos for a Cause** - Oilers vs Flames food bank drive between Priscilla and Curtis. Loser has to wear the other jersey to Welcome Back to Hockey. Stay tuned for more details.

4.2 Vice-President – Curtis Goulet

- **U15 NBC Update** - numbers are looking good for supporting a team. Have connected with Ponoka for players who are interested in NBC if they don't have players to form a team and would look at a player transfer. Nearby communities including Wetaskiwin, Stettler, Innisfail, Camrose and a few others are interested which may be enough to form a CAHL league.
- **CAHL** - first meeting anticipating to be in August.
- **HA Meeting Recap** - connected with Hockey Alberta on promoting U15NBC and are supportive of ensuring a league will play if unable to form within CAHL. Event great networking opportunity, particularly with Ponoka and Wetaskiwin for challenges and opportunities.
- **Division Director Orientation Meeting:** August 13 6pm before Operating Committee. Division Directors will be responsible for handing out equipment to teams. Executive member to attend as many of the team kick off meetings.

- **Evaluations** - Cross Ice is on board for paid evaluators. Will be U11-U18 this year to support consistency right from full ice and tiered hockey from the beginning. Ice times - coordinating with Jeremy as Development. Ready for evaluations to be on ice. Directors- if you are in communication with potential coaches, remind them we need help for on ice support. B&W game will have refs.
- **Team Development and On Ice Philosophy:** Hockey associations provide a lot of direction and guidance for Coaches and what their identity is on the ice. LMHA has created the Development Director role - want to utilize it more to focus more on on-ice development (lots of current focus is on off-ice components and want to find better balance). This promotes more consistency and support across divisions and more seamless transition (e.g. to CAS, CAW, affiliates). Hockey has changed and we need to remain relevant. Further work planned to work with CAS, Development Director and Coach Mentors to prepare for the initial Coach meeting.
- 4.3 Treasurer – Joanne Day**
 - Access to Quickbooks and CAFT - waiting on other accounts
 - Reviewing Team Budget and Fundraising Policy
- 4.4 Game & Conduct – Nicole Fauria**
 - Reviewing and preparing for CRC/VSC process
- 4.5 Secretary – Alyssa Dinter**
 - Croc fundraiser has completed - one order outstanding to deliver
 - Bylaws - received feedback from GoA - waiting on clarification of feedback to action
 - Updating Manager Handbook
 - Supporting training preparation for Manager, Treasurer, Parent Liaison training
 - Exec & Operating Committee Bios project underway to increase visibility
- 4.6 Past President – Amy Richter**
 - No update
- 4.7 Administration- Alison Stangeland**
 - **Registrations** steady but we will be down 2 teams - overall in U13 and U15(CAW);Should we put a cap on any level?
 - **Current fee payment:** Reminder will be sent out to get current on fee payment or risk being charge late fee
 - **Position Overview:** Met with president and vice president to go over position, started creating a plan for succession. Shared spreadsheet with executive that quantifies the paid positions by duties. ie ice scheduling per team based on quantity and location
 - **Ice scheduling** is ongoing, AA game ice is due in 2 weeks. Evaluation schedule is 98% ready. Practice schedule in the works just waiting on outside ice commitment. Due to the decrease in teams rockets should be able to play most if not all games in Iacombe.
 - **Equipment** - will be leaning on directors for equipment distribution in the fall
 - **New phone number** - please ensure it is used rather than personal number (new #: 587-378-5642)
 - **Financial:** \$294,412 in registration fees. \$168,224 has been paid; \$126,187 outstanding. Have about \$30,000 in pending charges from payment plans. Doing well for this time of year.

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

- 5.1. Intro to Hockey (U5, U7 and Rocket Launchers) – Brendan Futrell**
 - Unable to access email - will work with Alyssa/Alison to update
- 5.2. U9 – Tara Worobetz**
 - 33 players registered for U9 as of July 13th
 - Email (re: Aug 1 registration deadline date & late fees) sent June 29th to parents of 6 last year's players not yet registered. Of those 6 kids, 2 have now registered and 1 will play in Clive this year. No response from other 3.
- 5.3. U11 – Stephen Cox**
 - 38 Players Registered (33 Players and 5 Goalies)
 - 6 Previous players have not registered. I contacted these families on July 16 and reminded them of the August 1st registration deadline. Awaiting reply.
 - 15 Players and 4 Goalies registered for CAS tryouts.
 - 9 Players registered for August Development

- Discussion with female players trying out for CAS - may need case by case discussions. Will take offline with CAS Governor and LMHA President.
- 5.4. U13 – Jordi Stewart**
 - Current 41 kiddos registered, no response from 12 as of this morning July 16th.
 - 3 goalies - 1 female and the other 2 both trying out for AA
 - Touched base with all registered and non registered players via Email with important notes including coaching info and development sessions with both Kyle and Jeremy.
 - Do we send out individual emails or is the group email with the details good enough?
 - Cleaned up Google drive
 - Just wondering if I can get rid of emails from 2023 and even some of 2024 if they are not relevant for example - old evaluation stuff since we now hire out, old meeting minutes from 2023 and specific tournament stuff like old registrations from previous years etc.
- 5.5. U15 – Ryan Fauria**
 - June 29 Email sent to past players about registration
 - July 5 Email sent to registered players about Powerskate/Development
 - 41 Skaters, 5 Goalies as of July 16, 2025
 - 5 Non Body checking, 3 Prefers non-contact but will play either
 - 17 Registered for CAS Tryouts
 - 16 Registered for August Development
- 5.6. U18 – Joanne Day**
 - Looking good for 2 teams this year but we need a few more registrants to have good numbers on the teams
- 5.7. CAW Governor & Female Director/- Robbin Nikiforuk & Kevin Henderson**
 - 13 players registered in U11, 4 from Lacombe. One will move up from U9 from Blackfalds. Two players interested in Goalie.
 - 5 registered U13, 1 from Lacombe. Gauging interest in some U11 moving up to help form team
 - 3 registered in U15
 - 3 registered in U18
 - Deadline to register Aug 1st.
 - Been in contact with nearby female associations seeing where they are at (looking or have extra)
 - Next CAW meeting is July 30

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. CAHL Governor - Jordi Stewart / Angela Wymann-Richter**
 - Haven't heard anything yet
 - Not a member of Operating Committee - not required to attend but welcome to come, listen and share
- 6.2. Referee in Chief – Jody Blokland**
 - Confirmed clinics for September 7 and 27 - may change as HA is allowing Level 2 Over 19 to do online. If you're over 19, you're automatically Level 2. Will do ref clinic in September again.
 - Mike Luymes and Jody will attend a development camp in August in Calgary. Both going for Level 3 this year - is \$300 each and includes yearly registration.
 - Make sure part of Coach/Manager meeting
- 6.3. Referee Assignor - VACANT**
 - Vacant
- 6.4. Fundraising Convenor – Tara Worobetz**
 - Will apply for AGLC license in early August. No other updates
- 6.5. Sponsorship Chair – Teri Lynn Amundson/Tamara Cox**
 - Looks like we have 10 carry over from 3 year program, just figuring stuff out. Hoping to meet with Jerille soon
- 6.6. Safety Officer - Alasdair Agnew**
 - Nicole met with Alasdair to provide overview. Working on getting sorted to ensure all kits stocked, binders in order. Will partner to run Safety meeting at beginning of season
- 6.7. Social Media Coordinator - Melanie Callihoo**
 - Been working on postings for registration deadlines, NBC and bios
- 6.8. Development Director- Jeremy Dreise**

- Planning development skates in August and getting ready for those. Registered coaches welcome to help out if interested
- For evaluations, will be on ice for all open ice, free skates and skill sessions but not on ice for scrimmages. Need to ensure we have coaches lined up (part of Director Orientation). Have parent coach on opposite benches of where their player is playing. No coaching
- 6.9. Coach Mentor – Jeremy Dreise (Lead) / Joe Bouvier / Casey Calihoo / Jon Sydenham / Tyler Guppy**
 - Planning coach meeting, skills session development planning underway. Links to on ice strategy and philosophy from Curtis' update earlier.
 - Kyle Bailey wants to get more involved in coach and player development. Has Power Skating session last week of August in Lacombe and second last week in Ponoka. Looking at how to get him more involved throughout season to pass on his knowledge.
- 6.10. Central Alberta Selects Governor – Brent Talsma**
 - U11 - at 46 players
 - U13 just past 40
 - U15 over 50
 - U18 approaching 40
 - Because we're budgeted for Chance to do evaluations, need to start thinking about cutting registrations off for numbers.
 - Had Coaches meeting - aligned with Curtis' philosophy previously shared.
 - All Presidents or reps from each association and starting meetings 3x/year. Starting to get buy-in from other associations. Starting with 3 and may consider increasing. Formed a Board.
 - Recognition of Jonathan Anstey and the work he has done for kids - doesn't know hockey but was always there to help develop all kids. Seeing about turning the camp he is planning into a fundraiser for the family and facilitators are donating their time now. Should do something in future or other ongoing memorial recognition.
- 6.11. Tournament Coordinator - Alyssa Dinter**
 - Look at including U18 tournament
 - CAW U11 may want to join U11.
- 6.12. Special Events Coordinator- Erin Fuller**
 - Working on Welcome Back to Hockey - need date
- 6.13. Rockets Give Back Coordinator - Heather Agnew**
 - No update - need to touchbase with Heather for the Foodbank/Chaos for a Cause with Priscilla and Curtis

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1. Tabled to 2025/26 season**
 - Ref Course Reimbursement
 - Referee Awards
 - Bylaw/Paid Position/Administrative Fee Review
 - Safety Updates - Concussion Protocol/Return to Play and Liability Considerations (TBC for 25/26 if required)

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. Jonathan Anstey Recognition**
 - Motion to spend up to \$100 for the Anstey family made by Jordi, seconded by Joanne. Carried
 - Ideas brought forward include a donation box for Used Equipment Sale, Welcome Back Breakfast and an award to recognize his accomplishments
- 8.2. Referee Assignor & Referee In Chief Appointments**
 - Referee Assignor: Priscilla recused herself from the process at the very beginning and was not involved to ensure fairness and transparency. The process was managed by Curtis - Received 4 email inquiries and two applications. Interviews conducted with CAS U18 Director, LMHA VP and Treasurer.
 - Motion to appoint Jody Blokland as the Referee Assignor made by Jordi Stewart, seconded by Ryan Fauria. Jody abstains. No opposed. Motion carried.
 - Referee in Chief

8.2.■.1. Discussion to post this vacancy or motion by Operating Committee. In accordance with bylaws, Operating Committee can appoint. Given limited interest in Referee Assignor and past extensive involvement and strong knowledge of referees, Mike Luymes was nominated for this position.

- Motion to appoint Mike Luymes as the Referee in Chief made by Ryan Fauria, seconded by Brent Talsma. Abstain - Mike Luymes. No opposed. Motion carried.

8.3. Grants Process

- Motion that all applications for grants or funding requests must include the LMHA Treasurer to ensure transparency with grant applications, prevent dual applications, and safeguard, LMHA, CAS and CAW in the event of misappropriation of funds or denied funding due to multiple applications made by Nicole Fauria, seconded by Jordi Stewart. All in favour. No opposed. Motion carried.

8.4. Transfer of Funds - Raffle to Casino Accounts

- Rationale: Completed in new fiscal year to ensure all AGLC funds end up in the same account to spend year over year. Funds from raffles can not be combined while the raffle is in progress as per AGLC these need to remain separate until after raffle closes.
- Motion to remove remaining \$30,194.90 from the LMHA Raffle Account to the LMHA Casino Account made by Teri Lynn Amundson seconded by Jordi Stewart. All in favour. No opposed. Motion carried.

8.5. Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check Process

- All Exec will get CRC, anybody involved with money - passed at last Operational Committee.
- Motion to allow CRC/VSC that were completed within the last 6 months to be used for new volunteers who require either a CRC or CRC/VSC. Once provided the CRC/VSC is valid for three years and an acknowledgement is completed annually that there have been no changes since the check was last completed. If completed within the last 6 months, also submit an acknowledgement that nothing has changed. Motion made by Brent Talsma, seconded by Curtis Goulet. All in favour. Motion carried.

8.6. Buddy System

- Introducing to ensure volunteers feel supported and set up for success in their roles.

Executive Position	Operating Committee Position
President	Events, Sponsorship, Ref Assignor, CAW Governor, Female Director, Referee in Chief
Vice President	CAS Governor, CAHL Governors, Development, Coach Mentor
Treasurer	U11-U18 Directors, Fundraising
Game & Conduct	Safety, Social Media, Rockets Give Back
Secretary	Intro & U9 Directors; Tournament Coordinator

Adjourn at 8:37pm. Next meeting date August 13, 2025 7-9pm Gary Moe Sportsplex

Note: Directors Meeting August 13 6-7pm Gary Moe Sportsplex