



LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex Community Room
LACOMBE, ALBERTA
September 17, 2025

Call to Order 7:03PM

Attendees: Brent Talsma, Jeremy Dreise, Ryan Fauria, Nicola Fauria, Alison Stangeland, Joanne Day, Jordi Stewart, Casey Callihoo, Stephen Cox, Heather Agnew, Tara Worobetz, Erin Fuller, Priscilla Blokland, Alyssa Dinter

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Approval of LMH Operating Committee Meeting from August 13, 2025. [Motion to approve by Ryan Fauria, 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 Nicole Fauria, seconded by Stephen Cox. All in favour. Motion carried.](#)

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1 President – Priscilla Blokland

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself" Henry Ford

"None of us is as smart as all of us" Ken Blanchard

- Attended HA Zoom for MHA Presidents - feel we're in good alignment
- Attempting to be ever-present
 - Used Equipment Drop Off/Sale
 - Evaluations (filling in for Curtis in his absence, minimal work required due to his efficiencies in organizing)
 - Will attend most of upcoming meetings including Manger, Coaches, Parent Liaison/Treasurer, Team Meetings as well as Come Try Hockey & Welcome Back Breakfast
- Battle of Alberta Update - Directors please share with families
- Updating Manager Binders this weekend with Stacy
- Coach Interviews - will happen this weekend & I will be part of U11, U13 & U15; recused from U18 due to conflict of interest with player and head coach applicant
 - Curtis organizing and booking
- Transition of Banking for Teams in advance
- Blanketed support for all executive & ops as required
- Next Meeting is also Fall AGM

4.2 Vice-President – Curtis Goulet

- Evals underway. Going smooth. Directors please provide feedback to Exec committee
- TeamGenius working well but I think we should explore other options for next season. I'd like something a little more user friendly.
- Cross-Ice as evaluators also working well but I think we should explore other options for next year that may be less expensive.
- Looking to adjust/change one Evaluation U13-U18 drill for next season
- First CAHL Meeting September 22nd
- After Evals, will be planning for Coach meeting with Coach Mentors
- After Evals, will be working with Jeremy on Coaching Handbook/LMHA Brand of Hockey

4.3 Treasurer – Joanne Day

- Updated payment policy has been a great success. Remainder is payment plans
- Year end 2025 completed by MNP, will be ready to present at Fall AGM
- Financials as of 09/16/2025
- Bank Balance: Operating \$415885.29 Casino \$22967.75 Raffle \$0.00 Savings \$71882.51
- Paid for Jerseys out of Casino Account.
- Amount Outstanding +/- \$60K (\$12K LMHA) remaining is CAS
- Financial Reports available P&L and Budget vs Actual
- Notes:
 - Have not paid out CAW or CAS reg fees yet that were paid to LMHA.
 - Both refund policy and late fee policy have been used. Will provide number of times after evaluation concludes
 - Not many expenses yet but these will come shortly.
- Used Equipment Sale:
 - We had a number of families use the donate option.
 - 11 Families chose a combination of consign and consign/ donate.
 - Total of \$448.20 paid out to members
 - Kidsport donation \$1113.83
 - Total Sales \$1761.83
 - LMHA 10% \$-49.8
 - LMHA Hockey Bags \$-150
 - Returned to Consignor \$-448.2
 - **Payable to Kidsport \$1113.83**

4.4 Game & Conduct – Nicole Fauria

- Finished a course on conflict management - was good for managing escalating situations.
- Prepping for parent liaison meeting
- Prepping for team meetings to go over codes of conduct and conflict resolution
- Reach for coach interviews this weekend

4.5 Secretary – Alyssa Dinter

- Maintaining LMHA Handbook
- Working with Alison on website updates as time permits
- Seeking additional quotes to lead bylaw review
- Coordinating upcoming meetings
- Lacombe/Sylvan co-leading U7 game scheduling October 8 6-8pm
- Sanctions
 - Home game exhibition sanctions required - ensure these are submitted ASAP - if less than 48 hours you need to text me!
 - Tournament or out of province games - travel permit required
- Fall AGM
 - Wednesday, October 15 7pm - approval of 24/25 year end financial statements. Notice going out shortly (2 weeks notice required) - no bylaws or other new business being tabled
 - Operating Committee meeting to follow

4.6 Past President – Amy Richter

- No update

4.7 Administration- Alison Stangeland

- 75% done evaluations, things have been running quite smooth. Curtis has been amazing at keeping everything flowing.
- 3 teams named - U11CAW, U11AA & U13AA
- Largest growth has been seen in rocket launchers with 34 players registered
- Thank you to the executive for all the support and effort, it has truly been an all hands on deck. They are putting in so much work into policies and season start up, it is very much appreciated.

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

5.1. Intro to Hockey (U5, U7 and Rocket Launchers) – Brendan Futrell

- Planning and preparation for U7 evaluations underway

- 3 teams
- 5.2. U9 – Tara Worobetz
 - 35 kids
 - Evaluation process starts this weekend:
 - 1 practice session,
 - 2 skills evaluations,
 - 2 scrimmages
 - Thank you to Alyssa, Curtis, Alison, Jordi for their help so far!
- 5.3. U11 – Stephen Cox
 - 29 players and 3 goalies making up 2 teams.
 - Evaluations started yesterday. A couple of hiccups with evaluators not signing out before starting the next skill session but in the end we got everything sorted out.
- 5.4. U13 – Jordi Stewart
 - Evals are under away and U13 has a TON of kids.
 - We started the week at 52 players as of Monday eve we are down to 47 (3 teams of 15,15,16) and 5 goalies (1 currently on waitlist which would make 6 - he is from out of town) In my opinion I think 5 is a nice number. 1 on A, 2 on B, 2 on C and then you can pull from B to A if in a pinch. Not sure what we are doing with that.
 - Evals overall have gone smoothly thus far with a couple hiccups with Team Genius but overall good. SO grateful for Curtis's help when I realized the hiccup and he helped figure it out.
 - 9 coach apps - 2 for HC we will see what evals bring as far as where players land.
- 5.5. U15 – Ryan Fauria
 - Skills Evaluations completed and one scrimmage.
 - As of Monday we have one AA player back to LMHA
 - We have 10 coach applications 4 as Head Coach
 - 40 Players including NBC Players. And 3 Goalies
 - We still have 2 goalies in AA tryouts
 - 2 Players are injured as of right now
- 5.6. U18 – Joanne Day
 - Evaluations start this weekend & hopefully tentative teams formed by end of next week.
 - 30 players + 11 attending AA/AAA tryouts + 4 waitlist
 - 3 goalies + 1 attending AA/AAA tryouts + 1 waitlist
 - Looking good number wise and will have full teams
- 5.7. CAW Governor & Female Director/- Robbin Nikiforuk & Kevin Henderson
 - U11 CAW
 - 13 players registered, head coach is Kevin Henderson, registration is still open. Practices rotation starting in October is in Blackfalds and Ponoka. Including tonight they have had 4 skates.
 - HA 1 on 1 meeting
 - Sept 15th Robbin join meeting with Morgen Kidney with HA.
 - Wondering what we are doing to support female coaches and refs with our female teams and mainstream teams, told her nothing at this time that I was aware of between the 3 associations.
 - HA to set up 2 groups
 - Female advisory group to be able to have more 1 on 1 conversations the MHAs (this is to replace the Minor Female Committee that was in place couple years ago.)
 - Microsoft teams group chat with one person from each female MHA to share ideas with each other.
 - HA Female Hockey Leaders Session (Season Puck Drop Virtual Sessions)
 - Michelle and Robbin have both signed up to join Sept 18th.
 - CAW
 - Working on Sponsorship, Raffle and Female Hockey Day (Jan 31st, hopefully in Blackfalds)
 - Sponsorship-two companies to be platinum sponsor - deciding which one to be sponsorship - working well. Two gold sponsors - one has helmet sticker, one has a

crest on jersey.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. CAHL Governor -
 - Has form to complete info
- 6.2. Referee in Chief – Mike Luymes
 - First ref clinic was full and second one likely is. Lots of new officials
- 6.3. Referee Assignor - Jody Blokland
 - Arbiter has some changes in scheduling that is being a challenge but working to overcome it
- 6.4. Fundraising Convenor – Tara Worobetz
 - Raffle tickets are being printed and hoping to be ready for distribution at manager meeting in October
- 6.5. Sponsorship Chair – Teri Lynn Amundson/Tamara Cox
 - Looking for 6 platinum sponsors
 - Most teams have platinum sponsors and a few Gold Sponsors and Friends of Minor Hockey.
 - We're waiting to hear back from Dolman Dental (U13AA) and Kal-Tire (U18AA).
 - We are still looking for platinum sponsors for U7 Blue, U7 Red, U11B, U13C, U15C and U18A.
 - Please feel free to email if you have any leads!
- 6.6. Safety Officer - Alasdair Agnew
 - Med kits came back well stocked last year making it easier for this year - stocked and ready to go
 - Ensure to mention we have frozen sponges in the freezer in the equipment room to let people know
 - Getting binders prepped
 - Nicole is working on concussion meetings to roll out info for parents, players and coaches
 - Need email access still and planning safety meeting
- 6.7. Social Media Coordinator - Melanie Callihoo
 - -Social pages have been active with upcoming events and evaluation information
 - Planning to post more operating committee bios once they are submitted to Alyssa.
 - Please send items that you need posted to social media ahead of time when possible. I have the ability to pre-schedule posts for certain dates/times, so having lead time to create them is beneficial.
- 6.8. Development Director- Jeremy Dreise
 - Goalie development - wants to use some ipads to film goalies to show what they're doing. Will share with parents how it will be used - kept 24 hours, used for development.
 - Would like to use development budget to get individual coaches for goalies. Dylan has a few (e.g. Stable in the Net)
 - Meeting with Kyle and Dylan to iron out who is using what times. See how much ice these two will use and what we can use for skills based.
 - Jason Petrie and Joe Bouvier may offer independent camp for potential teacher strike. They will contact individuals directly - not run through LMHA
- 6.9. Coach Mentor – Jeremy Dreise (Lead) / Joe Bouvier / Casey Calihoo / Jon Sydenham / Tyler Guppy
 - Have the group for the year and will reach out soon to prep for Coach Meeting.
 - Will work with Curtis to go over content of upcoming Coach Meeting. Curtis to send info out. Occurring Sept 30 7-9pm at arena.
- 6.10. Central Alberta Selects Governor – Brent Talsma
 - Going well - one hiccup but ironed out with Zoom call with HUB Associations
 - U11 & U13 done; U15 shortly
 - Honourarium to Alison for evaluation time - independent of admin fee based on commitment. She saved the days! BIG THANK YOU
 - Connected with Stettler President-want to know if there's interest in CAS zone entertaining a female AA division.
 - Stettler County Councillor and Clive arena - getting communities involved to put money into Clive and run our AA system out of Clive. May be taking some wind and potentially a committee together.

- 6.11. Tournament Coordinator - Alyssa Dinter
- Tournament rates approved and posted on website
 - Sanctions received
 - Registration forms are live - they're coming in fast
 - Directors:
 - Please work on finding a Tournament Coordinator for your division no later than October 1
 - Adjusted review timelines for U13 from the posted policy to support early review and assessment
 - Key role - supporting team selection and confirming anticipated LMHA tiers
 - More fulsome update will be emailed to Directors shortly
- 6.12. Special Events Coordinator- Erin Fuller
- **Action**-ensure Erin has the special event budgets
 - Alumni Game Details - Joanne and Alison helping. Need to confirm date - looking at December 19 or Sunday Dec 21 445pm
 - Suggestion to run a coaches game at the end of the year if there is extra ice
 - Question if there will be a Rockets coordinated entry for the Christmas parade. Teams can enter individually as well
 - Welcome Back Breakfast - big thank you to Moe's Pizza and Cilantro and Chive
 - All volunteer spots are filled except jersey sales
- 6.13. Rockets Give Back Coordinator - Heather Agnew
- Promote Battle of Alberta - Flames are winning so far. Alyssa to connect with Mel to promote on Socials
 - List of community events coming up looking for volunteers. Will reach out to special events rep.

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)
- 7.2. Jonathan Anstey Recognition
- 7.3. Official Reimbursement
- 7.4. Mr Mikes Bottle Collection - has gone to another association and will come back if needed. Item concluded
- 7.5. Evaluation Review

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. Upcoming Meetings (Alyssa)
- September 29
 - Manager U11+ 7-8pm
 - Parent Liaison 8-9pm
 - Treasurer 8-9pm
 - September 30
 - Coaches 7-9pm
 - October 7 - Rockets office
 - Manager U7/U9
 - October 14
 - Parent Safety 7-9pm
 - *Open to all LMHA, CAS and CAW*
- 8.2. Fall AGM (Alyssa)
- October 15, 2025 7pm.
 - Operating Committee meeting to follow

- 8.3. Dressing Room Policy (Nicole)
- Policy was reviewed - only sections to keep include electronic devices in dressing rooms, rule of two, and removal of the “caddy” usage.
 - Motion to pass the Policy with the changes as noted above was made by Heather Agnew, seconded by Ryan Fauria. All in favour. Motion carried.
 - Directors are requested to communicate the dressing room changes
 - This item to be highlighted in an upcoming Ops Committee update.
- 8.4. Refund Policy Alignment (Alyssa)
- Discrepancy between Handbook and website on refunds after September 1 with regards to \$150 non-refundable deposit. Handbook updated to align to website.
- 8.5. Waitlist Deposit (Joanne)
- Deposit is refundable if we don't have room
 - Motion: Require a 30% deposit of that division's registration fees to be added to the waitlist. The deposit is refundable if there is no space available on the team. However, if placement is offered and declined, the deposit is not refunded. Made by Erin Fuller, seconded by Casey Callihoo. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 8.6. Concussion Protocol (Nicole)
- Hockey Canada has provided greater clarity on concussion protocol. Coach, parent and player information is provided as well as who is in charge of clearing the player to return to ice (must be physician, NP or other licensed medical professional who has direct access to a physician).
 - Reiterating the resources are available at upcoming team meetings and return to play (focus is on safety of the player).
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Adjourned 8:21pm

Adjourn. Next meeting date October 15, 2025 7-9pm Gary Moe Sportsplex