

## ECMHL – Spring Meeting

7:30PM, Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Lanigan Legion, 71 Main Street

1. Call to Order- 7:32 PM
2. Attendance-
  - Missing:
  - Foam Lake
  - Allan
  - Humboldt
  - Watrous
  - Dalmeny
  - Kelvington
  - Total fines: \$600
3. Adopt Agenda- Adopt: Lake Lenore 2<sup>nd</sup>: Colonsay
4. New Business to Add-
5. Minutes from previous meeting- October. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
6. Business arising from minutes-
7. President's message- Holly Jensen
  - a. Huge thank you to Dean and Rob for their hours of dedication and work
  - b. Congratulations to the League Champions
    - i. **U9- Humboldt 5**
    - ii. **U11- Division 1- Allan**
    - iii. **U11 – Division 2- Bruno**
    - iv. **U13- Southey**
    - v. **U15- Muenster**
    - vi. **U18- Foam Lake/ Ituna**
    - vii. **U18 – Aberdeen Provincial C Title**
  - c. Flow of information back to associations
    - i. The website and constitution, as well as the HockeySask handbook- [www.eastcentralmhl.com](http://www.eastcentralmhl.com)
    - ii. Use league reps as your first point of contact
  - d. Coach/ association education- AP players, game sheets, off ice officials, puck out of play. U18 ref assignment went over well
  - e. Trophies- please return trophies at schedule meeting
    - i. Winning associations are to update the plates on the trophy
  - f. Stats from Rob

**1267 players (not including U7) (1164 last year)**

U9 - 34 teams (27 Last year), 384 players (336 last year)

U11 - 19 teams( 21 last year), 251 players (274 last year)

U13 - 16 teams (15 last year), 224 players (218 last year)

U15 - 9 teams ( 11 last year), 165 players (191 last year)

U18 – 13 teams ( 8 last year), 243 players (145 last year)

**Total of 1003 games played this season, as follows: (817 played last year)**

U9 - 329 games - 256 RS, 66 PO and 7 PO mini games (215 last year)

U11 - 209 games - 164 RS, 28 PO and 7 PO mini games (200 last year)

U13 - 176 games - 176 RS, 40 PO and 3 PO mini games (171 last year)

U15 - 136 games - 72 RS, 24 PO and 2 PO mini games (136 last year)

U18 – 148 games - 117 RS, 24 PO and 7 PO mini games (95 las year)

8. Financial Report- Trevor Wilson (see attached)

Motion: Cupar

2<sup>nd</sup> : Hanley

9. Ref report/ SHA Updates- Dean Elmy

a. Ref report – Question – why are coaches a 1/3 of suspensions?

- How are associations going to fix the problem with coaches as well as parents in the stands?

b. Provincials/Playoffs- playoffs went well and a lot of mini games happen all from U9 to U18.

- Dean is going to talk to HockeySask about reffing clinics communicating to refs that they are not allowed to call penalties in U9.

c. Official abuse- Should not be tolerated at any level

d. HockeySask Review Policy – for video review in minor hockey, it has nothing to do with the league. Each association is to submit the video to Hockey Sask directly and pay a \$100 fee. If the call is overturned, \$50 comes back to the association.

10. New Business

a. Items for voting

- i. Motion: Ituna Minor Sports be admitted to the league with a U18 team for the 2025/26 season. PASSED
- ii. Motion: Cudworth/Aberdeen be admitted to the league with a U15 team for the 2025/26 season.- TABLED to the fall
- iii. Motion: Hanley be admitted to the league with a U9 team for the 2025/26 season. RETRACTED
- iv. Motion: Hanley be admitted to the league with a U11 team for the 2025/26 season. PASSED
- v. Motion: Hanley be admitted to the league with a U13 team for the 2025/26 season. PASSED
- vi. Motion: Hanley be admitted to the league with a U18 team for the 2025/26 season. PASSED
- vii. Motion: Davidson be admitted to the league with a U9 team for the 2025/26 season. PASSED

- viii. Motion: Davidson be admitted to the league with a U11 team for the 2025/26 season. PASSED
- b. Items for discussion
  - i. Watson-Limiting U9 Players to 3 goals per game
    - Was noted watching games in the North league where there is a 3-goal rule, kids learned more about the game and plays to make.
    - Mentioned that it is a coaching issue, and associations should be discussing this with their coaches.
    - One comment made was that if there is a cap on goals, more kids might go to academy hockey.
    - Discussion is to put the motion in for the fall meeting to be voted on.
  - ii. Foam Lake- Making U9 a 2-ref system
  - iii. Foam Lake-Making u11 a 4-ref system
    - While everyone agreed that ref development is important, it was mentioned that it is not feasible to always have the above-mentioned ref systems.
    - As long as teams are meeting the minimum requirements that are set by Hockey Sask, that is all that can be asked for scheduling refs.
    - Discussed that this should be a motion brought forward at the fall meeting.
- c. Changes to the constitution
  - i. Motion: To remove all instances of Saskatchewan Hockey Association (SHA), and be replaced by Hockey Saskatchewan (Hockey Sask) eg. Sections 2, 8(c), 8(e), 9(d), 13(a & b), 17(e), 18(a), 25(a)
    - Motion: Lake Lenore
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Colonsay
  - ii. Motion: To update section 14 (Postponements) PASSED
    - and section 16 (Referee Systems)
    - Motion: Davison
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Raymore
  - iii. Motion: To update U9 Playing Regulations
    - Motion: Wynyard
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Muenster

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Existing:

14. Postponements

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B. Postponements, except for weather, must be arranged at least twelve hours before the game has been scheduled. Postponements of regular scheduled games will not be allowed in order for a team to attend a tournament, unless mutually agreed to and the game has been rescheduled. Should evidence be presented to the league executive showing that a team did in fact cancel and attend a tournament and didn't reschedule the game, the executive will award the scheduled game to the opposing team and assess a fine of \$200.00. If the opposing team was the home team they will be awarded the \$200.00. If not, the fine will be retained by the league.

C. The penalty for cancelling a game without proper notice will be \$200.00. The team who has had the game improperly cancelled shall report it to the league executive immediately.

D. If two teams cannot agree on a new date for a postponed game due to weather within 48 hours of the postponed game, the executive may be contacted and shall set the new date.

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C. The penalty for cancelling a game without proper notice **will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, with a potential fine to the cancelling team** of \$200.00. The team who has had the game improperly cancelled shall report it to the league executive immediately.

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Existing:

16. Referee Systems

- A. For all age divisions, at least one referee must be at least two age divisions above the division they are reffing.
- B. At least one linesman must be at least one age division above the age division they are working.
- C. During regular season it is unadvisable to use parent or sibling refs. During playoffs it is prohibited to use parent or sibling refs unless approved by the Referee in Chief at least 24 hours prior to the game.
- D. If a team requests a neutral official for any regular season game, the requesting team will pay for all costs for all officials (fee + mileage). Neutral officials must be requested at least 72 hours prior to the start of the game.
- E. The required number of officials for each age division are:
  - a. U9 (Half Ice) shall use one OR two officials.
  - b. U9 (Full Ice) & U11 shall use one referee and two linesmen OR two referees and one linesman.
  - c. U13 & U15 shall use two referees and one linesman OR two referees and two linesman.
  - d. U18 shall use two referees and two linesman. One ref must be a senior age division.

Proposed:

16. Referee Systems

- A. For all age divisions, at least one referee must be **at least a minimum of** two age divisions above the division they are reffing. **It is recommended to pair new officials with more experienced officials whenever possible to encourage personal development with the newer officials.**
- B. At least one linesman ~~man~~ **person** must be **at least a minimum of** one age division above the age division they are ~~working~~ **linesing**.

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a. U9 shall use one OR two officials.

b. ~~U9 (Full Ice) &~~ U11 shall use ~~one referee two referees~~ and ~~two linesman one linesperson~~ OR two referees and ~~one linesman two linespersons~~.

c. U13 & U15 shall use two referees and one linesman OR two referees and two linespersons.

d. U18 shall use two referees and two linespersons. One referee must be a senior aged division.

## 17. U9 Playing Regulations

11. All games will be played in the half-ice format.
12. Shifts shall be three (3) minutes in length, and the buzzer will sound at the end of each shift.
13. The clock shall be straight time for the duration on the game.
14. After goals have been scored, the **attacking team will back off to half ice** and allow the defending team to take possession of the puck.
15. Game time shall be a minimum game time of 48 minutes to a maximum of 60 minutes, coaches are to discuss before game time.
16. Mini nets are recommended, but regular ones are accepted.

D. New Executive- Incoming executives, Nokomis/ Davidson

Adjournment: 9:23 PM



# ECMHL Financial Statement

## October 2/2024 - April 16/2024

Balance Forward	20,986.87
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Income 2024/2025 Season	
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Team Fees	1140.00
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Team Bonds (Aberdean,Dalmeny,Hague,Waldheim)	2000.00
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Total Income	3140.00
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Expenses 2024/2025 Season	
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SHA Fee	25.00
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RAMP Website	446.25
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Conexus Etransfer Fees	1.50
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Banners	899.10
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Hall rentals	596.13
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Total Expenses	1967.98
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Current Balance	22158.89
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Team Bonds	17,000.00
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Actual Balance	5158.89
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