

NAI AGM Meeting May 15, 2021
Done via Zoom invitation

Meeting called to order at 10:09 AM.

Karen went through previous AGM minutes by reading them. (Online display was not working.) Moved to be accepted as read by Chris from Slave Lake, 2nd Mike from Mayerthorpe, carried.

Chuck presented his President's Report. Not much to report without having a season. He was able to speak with most associations and open the doors to communication. His mandate is to make NAI enviable to others by creating a good league that works hard on resolving issues and is driven by the member's needs. He hopes that as we build this that we will attract more members and have previous members return to us.

With the Treasurer, Glenna, unable to attend, Karen presented the Financial Report. (see attachment). Items of note are that the net income includes the \$3500 bond from the U11 group that is being held for their final tournament and is being carried over for this year. The net income of \$9000 is also due to not having to purchase banners. Subtracting both these items, we are very close to breaking even for this year. Discussed the desire to decrease registration price for 21/22 because we won't have to purchase game and ref books. Still at the trial level for live online gamebook reporting. The financial report moved by Jack from Bashaw, 2nd Darcie from Thunderstars. Darcie from Thunderstars and Denise from Wabasca offered to audit the books. Carried.

Karen then presented the U11 Tier 1 summary on behalf of Randy Mak who was unable to be here. U11 T1 was generated from a desire from outside associations who wanted more competition for their youngsters who are more talented. Hockey Alberta is allowing us to oversee this. Randy Mak is the contact person if you think you have a team that would join. They only played one weekend this past year before they were shut down. Looking to get it rolling again this year. It follows the U11 Pathways, but is a little more customized because of the vast travel - weekends will consist of multiple games at various host sites and everyone will take a turn.

Randy Hupka, Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Coordinator for Northeast and North Central, provided updates on behalf of Hockey Alberta. He reviewed the Alberta One progress, and went through a few Memorandums that Associations should have received. Noted are the HCR 3.0 release to streamline with all leagues in Alberta and the Provincials undecided at the moment but if we have a season, would like to bring them back.

Executive elections

Secretary/Treasurer - no one volunteered. Karen will do it for now and we will continue to try to recruit someone. Job description discussed and displayed.

Discipline - losing both Shawn and Matt. Again, no volunteers but will actively pursue some people to get in place for the fall. Job description discussed and displayed.

Scheduling - Nick presented some of his thoughts. Much is undecided right now as we do not know what the season will look like - cohorts, travel restrictions, Alberta Health Services requirements, etc. Karen reviewed the committee recommendations from 2020 including a reduction in the number of hockey weekends, better use of subdivisions, and better utilization of ice times to accommodate travel distances.

Question about Interleague play and if Edmonton will be included. Answer from Chuck was that Edmonton does not want to participate in Interleague as it is no benefit to them. Interleague would benefit those on the rim of us and another league. This is still a new idea and being discussed but we are unsure if we can do it this year.

Question about the schedule release needing to be quicker. Answer we will see what we can do to get it posted as soon as possible and maybe give certain traveling teams a heads up before it is posted so that they can have an easier time booking bus and hotel rooms if necessary.

More comments about travel in our league and that is why Fort Sask and Leduc left us. Randy Hupka commented that the Minor Leagues committee is working hard on the Alberta One project to standardize the number of games, the season timeline, and even what some of the weekends look like across all of the leagues in Alberta. Would like to see a trial in 21/22 of some tournament style play in the regular season and in playoffs. Again too much is unknown about what Covid-19 will do to our hockey season. No-one is wanting to stick their neck out and promise anything at this point.

Next meeting will be held in September. Watch emails and announcements. Please also remember to send us any new contact info for your executives that you want us to email and be in contact with.

Adjournment at 11:48 AM