

AGM July 20, 2022

Agenda :

- 1) Introduction & Call to order
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Motion to approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- 4) Executive Elections
 - Secretary Treasurer
 - Discipline Coordinators 1 & 2
 - Vice President
 - President
- 5) Year in Review (handout sent in advance, opportunity for questions and comments on the record)
- 6) Treasurer Report (handout will be sent in advance, opportunity for questions and comments on the record, motion to accept financials as presented, motion to accept a registration fee of \$250 per team)
- 7) Discipline Report
- 8) Old Business if any
- 9) New Business
 - Female Teams
 - U9 program
 - U18 Non-body checking
 - Alberta One & Interleague play
 - Tiering and Scheduling
 - Anything else?
- 10) Next meeting will be held early September - need to set the date

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM via Zoom. Roll call taken, every association was represented except CR Knights, Redwater, Viking*, and Wabasca*. (see list *unsure if they joined another league)
- 2) Agenda was shown on screen and also distributed prior, no additions.
- 3) Minutes from last year were handed out prior to the meeting. Fort McMurray moved the minutes be adopted as presented, 2nd by Slave Lake, All in favor, carried.
- 4) Elections
 - Secretary Treasurer - Jennifer Batdorf from Barrhead volunteered. Anyone else? Asked 3 times, no other volunteers. Acclaimed.
 - Discipline Coordinators - Don Shaw from Whitecourt and Serge Cote from Hinton expressed interest. No other volunteers. Nominated by Deb Ewart, Senior Governor U15, Seconded by Nicole Suchy, Senior Governor U13. All in favor, carried.
 - Vice President - Neil is resigning from VP. Looking for volunteers. None from the floor. Karen Gabel will fill in as acting VP until the executive can fill this position. Anyone interested, please contact us. Note - must not be a member of a current association board, bi-partisan, unbiased.
 - President - Neil Rogers volunteered to be President. Any other nominations? Asked 3 times, no response. Neil is President by Acclamation. His phone number is 780-728-8564 please call him - he is available to all of you.
- 5) Year in Review
 - Question about LaCrete and if they are joining us again. Answer is no, they are back in the All Peace League this year. Comment about them was that they were a good, well-mannered team to play against it's just too bad they are so far out.
- 6) Financial Report was shown and presented by Karen.
 - Last year we had 198 teams at \$200 each and 8 U11AA teams at \$235 each for registration. The registration fees cover contracts for schedulers and books and banners. Edson and Thorhild moved for the financials to be accepted as presented and they volunteered to audit. Carried.
 - Discussion about banners. Slave Lake motioned to forego the consolation banners and make them optional - if the team wants them, they can order the banner after the win. Second by Don. Discussion - CNN disagrees as the consolation is just as important for the teams that are not top tier teams and it gives them something to work for and show off with after a big win in the end. Question about the cost - each banner cost us \$35 per large banner and \$7 each for the mini gold banners that each player gets as a souvenir. More discussion held about what the playoff rounds will look like this year since we will have fewer teams. Decided to table this discussion for later in the season when we know what the playoff formats look like and how our budget is looking.
 - Karen and Neil then brought up the registration fee and the need for an increase. Athabasca questioned the increase stating that many associations are hurting from the results of covid shutdowns and now is not the time for an increase. Discussion held that the fee increase is not excessive. Fort McMurray moved that

the Registration fees for 2022-23 will be \$250 per team. Seconded by Edson. Vote held, carried with 19 out of 24 in favor.

7) Discipline Report

- Nathan Brown presented a summary of discipline for the year. He thanked everyone for a good year and said most teams were very easy to work with. He explained due to personal commitments is why he had to step down, nothing to do with the league itself. Encouraged everyone to go through the proper channels for communication and let Don and Serge learn the job as they go. He said it is a busy but rewarding job and the fewer phone calls the guys have to deal with, the faster they will be at getting the answers for the teams.

8) Old Business - none

9) New Business

- Female Teams - conversation every year. The female teams can integrate with the boys especially easier in non-checking divisions. All Peace League has a few teams that are quite far out away from Rocky Mountain Female League. At this point, there are very few all-female teams in our area and they are playing in their own league. Registration numbers are still coming in and so far it looks like we don't have enough to host anything and teams will integrate with the boys.
- U9 program - Last season NAI did a sort of re-tier of the U9 teams midway through their season due to demand because so many teams were not happy with where they were playing. It appears that some associations did not place their teams properly but travel and unequal-sized teams were the biggest complaints. This made for some games to be very lopsided and resulted in discouraged players. Even though the HA document states that small teams are encouraged, some of our associations found the teams with larger rosters worked very well. Due to our travel commitments, illness, parent commitments, etc larger teams work well in rural hockey. Encouraged our associations to list all players on one HCR and can swap players around once they start to develop. Fun is preferred and the tournament style weekends might be a good way to alleviate some of the further travel for a short game. Survey will be distributed to associations once the registration numbers come in to ask if teams want more than one game per day, single site weekends, or other brainstorming from the tiering and scheduling committee.
- U18 Non-checking discussion - that Hockey Alberta has made it so tiers 4,5,6 in both U15 and U18 are non-checking. Will skew our team placements as some lower caliber teams will want to register in tier 3 so they can continue with checking hockey. Concern is the number of teams that are true to the tier or the ones that are there just because. Committee will look at the registrations and ask associations to declare their teams' strengths, also preseason will help to sort this out. We will discuss more at the registration meeting in the fall about ways to handle this.
- Alberta One and Interleague play - basically they are both happening this year. AB 1 will have a set of guidelines released to the associations. The idea is to streamline many of the operational issues of leagues and get them all doing the

same things. Interleague play will have a set of rules and our league will be participating at all levels U11 to U18. Good opportunity for some of our teams, however some of our outliers and core may not benefit as they either have no other teams nearby to play or have a large variety to play already in their home league so there would not be any benefit to playing outside. Main reason is to save km for travel and have more variety of teams to play that are of similar caliber. Remember interleague depends on registration and how many teams are in the tier. It needs to work for each league, not just us or them. CAHL, NEAHL are on board with us. All Peace is unsure. More to come later.

- Tiering and Scheduling - Nick Taylor has retired. There is no single replacement but Ryan Koehli is willing to lead a tiering and scheduling committee so peer members can help give feedback on the tiering and scheduling components. Executive will meet and discuss how this committee will be formed but we will be looking for about 5 volunteers. There will be several meetings and discussions throughout the year for the committee members and they will help to place teams and give ideas on the schedules. Considerations will be for travel so there may be some weekend tournament styles or at least playing two teams in one direction on a weekend. Prepare for overnight trips versus cost of gas and travel times back and forth. Will still have to limit blackout weekends for tournaments and fundraisers but teams will still get some flexibility similar to other years. May have to tighten up the number of games per season for some groups but again, this depends on our team numbers. We will need to meet prior to registration probably to figure out a format and what things we want to see. Watch for more correspondence.

10) Next meeting will be the Registration Meeting September 12, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 PM

Minutes submitted by Karen Gabel, Administrator

Signed _____ date _____

Verified by
Neil Rogers, President

Signed _____ date _____