

AA BUDGET SPECIAL MEETING

August 12, 2024

Zoom Video Call

8:00 PM

AEHL: AARON RAWLAKE (ELITE COMMISSIONER), TREVOR HITTEL (AEHL AA CHAIR), EARL REID (NORTH RURAL CONFERENCE GOVERNOR), TRACEY ORBELL (NORTH METRO CONFERENCE GOVERNOR)

HOCKEY ALBERTA: HUDSON KELLY, KENDALL NEWELL

ATTENDEES: TOM TREMAIN, DAVID SHEETS, BRENT LATTIMER, BRAD McDERMID, TODD LEFFLER, LISA MILLER, DUSTIN CONNOR, CARRIE ALDRIDGE, HANNAH DAVIDSON, DANIEL LAPLANTE, GENE CONNORS, BRIAN HERNANDEZ, JEREMY HALUSCHAK, DAN AUCHENBERG, MARC GELINAS, JANE SEDO, DAVID RUTTAN, PAT STACHNIAK, PETER FENRICH, RYAN ALLEN, TROY KISH, TOM TREMAIN, JUANITA RENWICK, LIZ HUSTON, LEANN SMITH, JASON STEPHENS, DEAN CHARPENTIER, KEVIN LENTZ, KELSEY BROCKWAY, KENT ERICKSON, LAURA CYRA, JILL CAMERON

Topic

1. Welcome – T. Hittel (Meeting Start 8:02 PM)
2. 2024-25 Budget (H. Kelly)
 - MHAs shall be invoiced for the total number of AEHL/AFHL teams they operate in late October or early November by Hockey Alberta
 - The proposed budget replaces the fees formerly charged by the NAHL and SCAHL to operate the league. They do not replace the Hockey Alberta player fee or any MHA fees charged to Clubs.
 - As a provincial league, the committee felt it important to ensure fees were the same across the province as much as possible, while also ensuring they were not dramatically different than what has occurred in the past.
 - We are still in discussions with BC Hockey to try and clarify the involvement of BC teams in AEHL AA Playoffs. Previously, BC teams participated in South Conference Playoffs but not in North Rural Conference playoffs. We hope to have this standardized shortly, however it does have budgetary implications. For clarity, the North Rural and South budget sheets on the attached excel document outline costs if BC teams are INCLUDED in conference playoffs. The 'NR v2/' and 'S v2' sheets are how budgets will be impacted if BC teams are EXCLUDED from conference playoffs. Regardless of playoff involvement, BC teams will continue to be ineligible for Provincial Championships. Whether or not BC teams participate in AA Playoffs, the Teams fees remain the same.

Dan Laplante (Okotoks) Motion for approval of the 2024-25 AEHL AA Budget as presented

 - Seconded by Brent Talsma (Lacombe) & Jeremy Haluschak (Edmonton)
 - Unanimously approved.
3. Workgroups 2024-25 (A. Rawlake)
 - Will be establishing workgroups comprised of members of the AEHL/AFHL and each led by a member of the Elite Hockey Executive, supported by a HA Staff member. Topics will be the Ideal Structure of Elite Hockey, Program Operation Standards, Equity in Elite Hockey, Communications and Promotions. More details on these workgroups will be shared shortly with members.
4. New Business Roundtable
 - Committee is still looking for governors in the South Conference. Individuals must not be actively involved with an MHA currently to be eligible. Please reach out to Hudson if interested.
 - Discussion around BC Team involvement in Playoffs. Feedback from Okotoks that BC teams should be in playoffs after participating all season in league.
5. Adjournment – 8:32 PM