

PMHA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 16th, 2020

1) Call to order: 7:01pm

2) Attendees:

Board Members: Brent McCracken, Krystal Alston, Cara Nagy, Jackie McKinnon, Nick Boser, Kristina Ewen, Brittany Tremblay, Brandon Duchene and Suzanne Williams.

Non-Board Members: Breanne Styner

3) Review of Agenda/Adoption of the Agenda

a) Under New Business, subsection (b) should be two separate points, so adjust to be “Coaches” as subsection (b) and subsection (c) is now “COVID-19 Rules.”

b) Combine subsection (d) Power Skating with subsection (e) MCN under New Business, subsection (e).

c) Add “NAI AGM” under New Business, subsection (f).

d) Add “Officials” under New Business, subsection (g).

e) Krystal made a motion to adopt the agenda, Brittany 2nd.

4) Review of Minutes from last meeting (August 4th, 20):

- Krystal made a motion to adopt the minutes, Brando 2nd.

5) Correspondence

a) Krystal received a few bank statements, a bill from the Pembina Post for AGM advertisement, and the Alberta annual return in the mail.

b) Brent has received a couple of release requests from parents:

i) One family requested a release for their U13 player for the purpose of playing in a stronger tier. This particular player was cut from a AA team but wishes to play tier 1-3 hockey with another organization. The parents have stated that if their son is not released, he will not play for Pembina but instead take a year for skill development. Brent has spoken to Hockey Alberta and releases are not to be made for this purpose. Our U15 team only has 9 or 10 kids at this time, so losing

him would be detrimental to the other committed players. This is a Hockey Alberta decision and the board cannot override it. Brent will communicate the options to the family, which include: playing for PMHA, taking a year for skill development, playing super league, or requesting a tryout for another AA team.

ii) A U15 player is requesting a release due to COVID, and wishes to play with a family member in Drayton Valley. This request is also denied because of current U15 numbers.

6) Old Business

a) Edson Cohort – This is not going to happen now that league play will likely start.

b) Bantam/Midget – no new information at this time.

c) PARS

i) At the September 15th/20 meeting, the board members voted to open the arena and will only be open for PMHA at this time.

ii) The showers will not be accessible (AHS guidelines) and the concession will not be open.

iii) Brent will ask Janice for a list of rules and guidelines for using the facility. They have not provided any guidance for dressing rooms, masks, sanitizer, etc. at this time. We will also be required to do our due diligence by performing health checks, etc. How this will be done is currently being worked on. The county has stressed that COVID guidelines MUST be abided by at all times.

iv) We hope to be on the ice by September 26th, so both PARS and PMHA need to communicate rules and guidelines to parents prior to this date. Brittany has just started working on the ice schedule and will need a bit of time to get it organized.

7) New Business

a) Teams – Should have 7 teams this year (down from 10 last year.) We currently have 68 kids registered which is down from 150 last year (likely due to COVID.)

i) U7 & LTP: Currently have 7 kids fully registered and 4 awaiting RIS documentation = 11 kids. LTP might share ice with U7 but would count towards their cohort numbers if they don't use boards or separate dressing rooms. LTP will require 100% parent involvement. If the kids cannot dress themselves they should show up dressed. Two parents or coaches will be available to tie skates.

ii) U9: 13 kids + 3 awaiting RIS = 16. There will be 2 teams of 8 each.

iii) U11: 19 kids + 3 awaiting RIS = 22. There will be 2 teams divided into an "A" and a "B" team following Hockey Alberta guidelines. They will all start on the ice together and will hopefully be split within 6 weeks. Brent would like to see some cohort games against Mayerthorpe early in the season prior to splitting the teams.

iv) U13: 9 kids + 1 awaiting RIS = 10 kids. There are potentially 2 more players coming from Mayerthorpe and 1 who was denied a release that may register.

v) U15: 6 kids + 2 awaiting RIS. PMHA currently has 3 kids registered for U18. Brent has spoken to Randy Mack at Hockey Alberta who has said that since these 3 players are all first year U18, they could play as overage players in U15. However, with doing this, our association could not allow any other overage players. Kristina will fill out all of the necessary paperwork for Hockey Alberta.

vi) U18: A couple of players were already released since there were not enough for a team.

vii) Nick made a motion that the deadline for registration is now September 25th/20, Krystal 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. Jackie will send this out in an e-mail and Facebook post. Cara will update the registration deadline to the online registration system. There will be no affiliations this year due to COVID.

b) Coaches

i) Will need at least one volunteer on the ice for each age category on September 26th.

ii) Cara has set up a spot on the PMHA registration site for parents to indicate if they would like to volunteer as a coach. Anyone who is interested should fill this out as soon as possible so that coaching staff can be determined.

iii) Jackie will send out an e-mail to the association.

c) COVID Rules

i) Nick will read through the COVID rules and guidelines for return to play and will provide an update prior to the first skate. He hopes to have this information by Friday September 18th.

ii) Cohort play can commence soon (all age groups could cohort with Mayerthorpe), followed by pod play (November 20th – December 20th), followed hopefully with regular hockey in January (Phase 3 of AHS guidelines.)

iii) If dressing rooms open, numbers of players and coaches will be strictly limited to allow for social distancing. Only 2 adults will be allowed in each dressing room. If your child cannot dress him/herself within a 15 minute time frame, he/she should show up to the arena dressed and ready to go.

iv) PMHA insurance through Hockey Alberta will not apply if we are not following Hockey Alberta guidelines for return to play. Everyone must do their part to keep hockey safe and running for our athletes.

v) All parents/guardians will be required to read and sign a declaration that they are aware of and will abide by all Hockey Alberta and AHS guidelines for return to play prior to their child stepping on the ice. Parents will be required to perform a health check (following AHS guidelines) prior to attending ANY PMHA event (practice, games, etc.)

d) Arena Rules

i) Brent will contact Janice to request a document outlining all arena rules.

ii) Jackie will communicate these rules to the association as well as PMHA rules for COVID.

e) Power Skating/MCN

i) Brent would like to run a power skating session for U9, U11, and U13 on the weekends for the first couple of months. This will only cost the association ice fees. Brent will be keeping his distance from all players while on the ice.

ii) Brittany fully supports MCN but thinks that PMHA really needs to consider the budget prior to making a decision. Board members were in agreement. Brent will work on a budget and follow up with Matt. Tabled until next meeting.

f) NAI AGM

i) Governors need to attend the meeting, however, the date is still to be determined.

ii) Brittany provided an update from NAI, her notes will be added to the website.

- There will be 6 tiers across the board
- There were complaints about travel for playoffs as well as round robin format.
- The tiering process will be changed this year due to complaints. (ie. 3 tiering games, regroup and then 3 more tiering games)
- Looking at a set number of teams/division.
- Hoping for a 10 game season this year.
- U15 – can apply to be removed from “checking” hockey, but cannot go back.

g) Officials

- i) There will be a seminar on Saturday September 19th. Clinic schedules are expected to come out next week. Dale will send out an e-mail when this information is available.
- ii) Officials cannot also play hockey this year due to COVID.
- iii) Officials must wear a mask on the ice while dropping the puck.
- iv) Each official can only officiate one team. (Join that team's cohort.)
- v) There will be no new officials this year.
- vi) All officials must complete a course about discrimination and Black Lives Matter.
- vii) Time keepers will be required to wear masks, wipe everything down before and after, and will have to open and close penalty box gates.
- viii) Small associations are really going to struggle finding officials due to all of the new COVID rules. This is a changing situation though, so expect changes prior to the start of the season.
- ix) Spearing is now a double minor.
- x) There will be no shaking hands with the referees after a game.

8) Committee Reports

- a) President – pass
- b) Vice President – Cara will update the registration deadline online.
- c) Ice Scheduler
 - i) Brittany will be working hard on a schedule so our kids can get on the ice by September 26th. Cara recommended that Brittany request that PARS come to us prior to selling any ice to other associations or groups.
 - ii) Brittany will go on the ice with U13's for the first skate of the year.
 - iii) Brittany will send out an e-mail notifying the association of last year's award recipients. Cara will drop off the MVP awards at Frog Belly in Drayton for engraving.
 - iv) Brittany priced out pucks at \$2.50 each fro Totem.

d) Game & Conduct/Safety – Nick is going to review all new guidelines and rules and give an update as soon as possible.

e) Equipment Manager

i) Since there will be two U11 teams, another set of goalie equipment is required. Jayla will be returning a full set that she has at home.

There is a set of 26” pads in locker 5. May be able to use some of the extra’s from Novice (since they only require 2 sets this year.) Brent and Brandon will go through the locker together and sort it out.

ii) Coaches will be responsible for looking after the team goalie equipment.

iii) We will collect jersey’s again on the first Saturday of the season. Whoever has the jersey spreadsheet needs to forward it to Brandon. Breanne has offered to track down any jersey’s that haven’t been returned.

iv) There are enough socks for this season.

f) Publicity Director – We would like Sandy to contact Paul Van Hecke to advertise the registration deadline on the digital sign in town. Jackie informed Sandy who was not present at the meeting.

g) Communications Director – will be sending out all required e-mails.

h) Fundraising Coordinator – not present

i) League Rep – pass

j) Registrar – Kristina was contacted by Al Hagman of Evansburg Family Clothing to discuss options for “apparel night” this year with COVID. As of right now, we don’t have a plan, people will be directed to contact Al if interested in ordering team gear.

k) Ref Coordinator – pass

l) Hockey Development – Breanne volunteered to fill this position for the 2020/21 season since it was left vacant after Kevin Volk stepped down.

m) Secretary – will contact someone from the board of Drayton Valley Minor Hockey to see how they are handling the health checks/screening, etc.

n) Treasurer – The current balance is \$30,290.11. We have not accepted any payments for registration yet.

9) Other – none

10) Next meeting date – Tuesday October 13th, 7:00pm.

11) Meeting adjourned by Brent at 9:35pm, Suzanne 2nd.