

PMHA Meeting Minutes

Friday December 2nd, 2022

1) Call to order: 5:40pm

2) Attendees: Brent McCracken, Kristina Ewen, Lee Hicks, Jen Adam, Darren Raymond, Breanne Styner, Krystal Alston, Brandon Duchene, Ryan Woloszyn, Janelle Adamson and Suzanne Williams.

3) Review of the Agenda/Adoption of the Agenda:

- Krystal made a motion to adopt the agenda, Janelle 2nd.

4) Review of the minutes from last meeting (November 1st/22):

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

5) Correspondence

i) Brent, Lee and Darren received an e-mail from a U11 Team 1 parent. This will be discussed under Old Business, subsection (c).

ii) The Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and Hockey Alberta approved our grant for \$7500. Jen is going to have a sign made with their logos for our arena.

iii) Hockey Alberta sent us a bid package to host Provincials, but we will not be applying.

6) Old Business:

a) Bullying & Vaping

i) The Player Contract Agreements have been sent out.

ii) All of the issues have been addressed.

b) Raffle

i) The draw will be taking place at the arena on December 14th. Janelle will request the return of all money and ticket books by Thursday, December 8th.

ii) Two board members must be present for the draw, and it must be recorded. All ticket stubs must be kept for 2 years. Jen will bring a large container to hold all of the tickets.

c) Complaints

i) Lee followed up with a U11 Team 1 Coach who had previously apologized to his team for using a profanity on the bench while struggling to open the gate. One parent is still insisting on another apology, but as far as the board is concerned, this issue is over.

ii) The U11 team 1 manager gave parents a 10 minute instructional training video for the timebox. Two of these parents did not watch it before their previous turn, and as a result, had issues with the clock. The refs complained to the head coach during and after the game. One of the timebox parents screamed at Coach Aaron and the manager in the stands after the game. Now, these two parents are refusing to work the timebox again, but they are scheduled to be in there for a game tomorrow. Darren and Lee will be discussing this prior to the game tomorrow morning.

iii) Coach Brandon reported an incidence of racism that occurred against a player on his team (u13, 2) while playing an away game against CNN. The player was called a derogatory term while on the ice and then reported it to his coach upon return to the bench. Brandon was not aware of the appropriate steps to take to report it, but wanted to share so that all coaches are aware of how to report it properly. If the referee directly hears swearing/derogatory terms, there will be an immediate 5 game suspension to the offending player. If the referee does not directly hear the language, the coach will call the ref over to the bench (during a break in play) and report the incident. The ref will then write a formal complaint and indicate the incident on the game sheet. This way there is a written record that goes to the league who will deal with it.

d) Tiering

i) All of our teams wound up where they should be.

ii) Tier 3 players cannot affiliate to a Tier 6 team in a higher age category.

Reminder that all affiliation requests must go through the head coach.

7) New Business:

a) Scheduling

i) The schedule from NAI is out and arena staff and concession workers have requested that we try to avoid long breaks between games. If the refs need to come back and forth multiple times during the day, they will charge mileage and the arena will start charging us for breaks between the games. Heads up that games will be shifting and moving as the season goes on. The NAI typically only allows three game changes for each team/season, but they are trying to be more accommodating this year and don't consider same day movement to be a game change request.

ii) No practices the week of December 20th. Practises will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd after the Christmas break.

iii) MCN could not come to us on December 14th, so we are going back-to-back weeks instead. (Nov. 30th & Dec. 7th) There will be a goalie training session on December 16th.

b) Problem Parents/Timebox Issues

i) Addressed above under Old Business, subsection (c).

c) U9/U7 Coach Concerns

i) Coach Kelsey asked a U7 to leave the ice at practise after he threw his gloves and tried to kick her. The parent was upset, but the request was justified.

ii) Some of our late registration players are showing up late to practise and not participating in the drills. The coaches would like to request that on top of the 6 week (12 practise) requirement to start playing games, that it will also be the coach's discretion whether or not the player is ready to participate in games. The board agrees that this acceptable. Janelle will send out an e-mail addressing the importance of punctuality for practises. Ice time may be affected in older age groups if players are not attending practises.

iii) Coach Aaron will talk to the parents about participation and punctuality.

iv) Coach Paul can address the parent from U7 about behavior.

d) Skate Sharpening Equipment

- i) Lee requested a new cradle for sharpening goalie skates (approx. \$750) and a new sharpening stick.
- ii) Jen made a motion to pay up to \$850.00 for skate sharpening supplies, Breanne 2nd. All in favour, none opposed.
- iii) PMHA will start advertising punch cards. Families can pay \$40.00 up front for 10 sharpenings (2 free) and can be used for any member of the family during the 2022/23 season. Breanne will make the punch cards and a sign for the arena.

8) Committee Reports

a) President

- i) U11 Team 1 Manager asked if the board would pay for their players to attend the Whitecourt Wolverines game while there for a tournament. The board only covers the cost of registration for a tournament, nothing extra, so the answer is no. If the team would like to attend, the parents will have to purchase the tickets themselves.
- ii) MCN & Goalie training sessions are going well. True Grit finally called to book sessions, but we are already working with MCN.

b) Vice President – pass

c) Treasurer

- i) Krystal provided the General Ledger Report. (copy with the minutes)
- ii) Still waiting on payments from Pembina Kids Sports, but this year, all registrations will be received in full.
- iii) Account balance is \$66,634.03. Refs will still cost about \$7000. Hockey Alberta hasn't taken our insurance funds yet either.

d) Secretary

- i) U9 Jamboree has been postponed until January 14th/23 because we only had two teams registered.
- ii) MVP Team Sports Photography offered to a U7 player free photos after experiencing a family loss. Kyla and myself will organize this.

e) Registration Director

- i) Kristina is working on the HCR's.
 - ii) Darren needs to do some in-person coach training.
 - iii) There is a new U7 player that wants to start in January. The late fees will be waived since they are new to hockey.
 - f) Game & Conduct/Safety – addressed earlier under Old Business, subsection (c).
 - g) Director of Equipment
 - i) Dawn Mazeppa has reached out to see if we would purchase some old goalie equipment that she has. We would have to assess the condition and discuss.
 - ii) Jason Tremblay left a goalie helmet in the cage, but Lee has looked and cannot locate it.
 - iii) Some jerseys are still delayed coming in. Will have to order any replacements earlier next year. The arena paid to fix one jersey that was torn on the boards during a game.
 - h) Communication Director – pass
 - i) Fundraiser - Sponsorship packages need to be updated on the website. Jen will send out information on the packages today.
 - j) League Representative Director – pass
 - k) Referee in Chief – not present
 - l) Hockey Development Director –MCN switched a week due to scheduling conflict.
 - m) Ice Scheduling Director – not present
- 9) Other – Kristina would like everyone to keep their eyes peeled for some green knit mitts left at the arena.
- 10) Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00pm at the Arena.
- 11) Meeting Adjourned at 6:59pm.

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