

PMHA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 17th, 2024

- 1) Call to order: 6:04pm.
- 2) Attendees: Brent McCracken, Jen Adam, Kristina Ewen, Krystal Alston, Suzanne Williams, Andrea Haugen, Ryan Woloszyn, Lee Hicks, Darren Raymond, Jessi Balsillie and Brandon Duchene.
- 3) Review of the Agenda/Adoption of the Agenda:
 - Andrea made a motion to adopt the agenda, Kristina 2nd.
- 4) Review of the minutes from last meeting (November 22nd/23):
 - Kristina made a motion to adopt the minutes, Jessi 2nd.
- 5) Correspondence
 - a) Krystal is picking up the mail tomorrow.
 - b) Brent will address correspondence with the league under New Business, subsection (a).
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) Fun Casino Update
 - i) Jen has everything arranged for the upcoming Fun Casino on February 10th/24.
 - ii) We are still looking for some table sponsors and donations. Jen has approached businesses that normally sponsor tables.
 - iii) Each team will supply something for the auction. Baskets and experiences have been good items in past years.
 - iv) Doors open at 6:30pm, casino starts at 7:00pm and will be followed by a taco bar for dinner. A bus has been booked for designated driving.
 - v) We look forward to seeing everyone at this fun event!
- 7) New Business:
 - a) League Information, Schedule & Concerns - Brent
 - i) Brent has been in contact with the President of the NEAHL as well as the governor for U13 tier 1/2. Our team was placed in tier 1/2 and the coaches do

not feel as though the team belonged in this tier. Despite many calls to the governor, the President was not informed of the issues. They have been shorted games, with only 14 on the schedule, are looking at an early finish to their season and have not been provided with playoff information to date. Brent was told that the league is experiencing “growing pains” and are hoping to address some of the issues prior to next season. The U11 team has also reached out to the governor for playoff and tiering information and have not received a call back. Our U13 Team 2 is frustrated with the split tiering and lack of communication about the playoff format, booking games, etc. This team is being placed in tier 5 for playoffs despite proving that they are more competitive with tier 6 teams throughout the season. Other associations are also experiencing similar situations. We realize that the NEAHL expanded very abruptly, but communication has been inadequate.

b) Ice – Unsure how we will be scheduling games for the playoffs, will have to wait for further instructions from the league.

c) Cold Weather Policy

i) We recently experienced very extreme freezing temperatures, and some teams/associations are confused about the cold weather policy in regards to cancelling games. Ultimately, NEAHL states that it is dependent. It is not really clear cut, and fines may be applicable. When in doubt, contact the governor prior to cancelling games.

ii) If cancelling a game due to extreme cold, the other team needs to be contacted and given sufficient notice.

8) Committee Reports

a) President

i) Brent would like Brandon to price out a checking clinic/camp with MCN for our U15's for next season. Any sessions should also be open to 2nd year U13's.

ii) Brent received a call from the U13 governor for tier 1/2 during the meeting.

The governor informed him that they will only be playing against tier 2 teams for

the remainder of the season, they will also have 5 additional games. The schedules for the remainder of the season will be sent out this evening. Playoffs are already determined (even though teams have not completed their regular season schedule.) Our U13 team 2 will remain in tier 5 for playoffs.

b) Vice President – pass

c) Treasurer

i) Krystal provided a very detailed report of the current financials.

ii) Currently, our yearly profit is sitting at roughly \$5000, but Krystal wrote a cheque to PARS today for \$4800 to pay for ice. We really need to make a good profit at the Fun Casino to pay for February & March ice as well as MCN.

iii) We should be due for another Casino in the 4th quarter of this year.

iv) Raffle paper work still needs to be completed, and some of the funds from the raffle tickets sales (that were not pre-paid) still need to be deposited.

v) There was a discrepancy with 2 invoices from PARS that Krystal will address tomorrow. One includes an “out of town” ice fee for a jamboree that we co-hosted.

d) Secretary - pass

e) Registration Director – pass

f) Game & Conduct/Safety - Lee had a brief parent/coach meeting about an incident he witnessed at a game. He would like to remind parents that they are not allowed to run onto the ice during an injury.

g) Director of Equipment – no info to report. Made a list of current jersey inventory.

h) Communication Director – pass

i) Fundraiser – already gave her report under Old Business, subsection (a).

j) League Representative Director – pass

k) Referee in Chief – not present

l) Hockey Development Director - pass

m) Ice Scheduling Director – Andrea will look at the invoice from PARS to see why the numbers are different than expected for the U9 jamboree.

9) Other - None

10) Next Meeting Date – Thursday, February 15th at the Pembina Rec-Plex, 6:00pm.

11) Meeting Adjourned at 7:18pm.