



Meeting Minutes

Redcliff Minor Hockey Association

6:15 PM Tuesday September 24th, 2024

Present:

*bold are executive

Derek Martin, David Skagen, Amanda Robins, Breann Robinson, Charity Marks, Lisa Kuzik, Chris Andresen, Dominick Gartner, Meredith Conboy, Melissa Green, **Corey McCrea**, Janae Ulrich, Cortney Pahl

Absent:

*bold are executive

Jolaine Hepfner, Ryley Schlosser, **Nikki Bateman**, Chris Lonson

1. General

A) Call to Order

Derek called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

B) Adoption of Agenda

Chris moved the agenda to be adopted as presented, Corey seconded - Carried

2. Previous Minutes

A) Meeting held August 20th, 2024

Corey moved the minutes of meeting held August 20th, 2024 to be adopted as presented, Meredith seconded - Carried

3. Old Business

Power Skating

Email vote results were to use Find Your Stride, Sept 30th in afternoon meeting with Ken, board members can attend just contact Derek.

On Ice Helper

Guideline document is a work in progress, with direction for on ice helpers based on current Hockey Alberta guidelines. Hockey Alberta staff (S. Maupin) have confirmed players registered in Redcliff can go on ice for RMHA ice to help as they are insured, but as soon as they are carded to Medicine Hat or another association they cannot be on Redcliff ice. Helpers must be at least a division older, and if 16 or older, they must have Respect in Sport – Activity Leader. Full equipment and active involvement in instruction and practice setup is required.

4. New Business

A) U18 Coaches

U18 director noted the only coach to reach out is Adam Stinson, and as such he will be the head coach. There has been interest for an assistant coach, but he is only 17 until December, and there is potential for him to

choose to be an on ice helper. Currently going to inquire if he is aware he can play hockey this year or not.

B) 2009 players (Cortney Pahl)

Cortney discussed two players, both finished U15, and noted that Med Hat offers U16 AA and once tryouts started, Med Hat also said they would have a U16 CAHL, and these players made the black and white game. In the middle of try out process they were told that the U16 CAHL team was not a zone team so that playing there is not possible, despite being previously offered spots on the team by the coach. Following the description of events by Cortney, the RMHA executive discussed a concern of miscommunication on eligibility coming from Medicine Hat as the team was not classified as tier 1 and as such did not meet the conditions of the MOU, nor was it a zone/rep team permitting players from outside of Medicine Hat to be rostered. For future improvement and discussions with Medicine Hat it was outlined that there needs to be more clarity added in the MOU, with more information updated on our website including links. A plan for next season was discussed for added clarity on communication and eligibility, and going forward with Medicine Hat our board could provide updates for the website.

C) Gord's Skate Sharpening

Nikki has asked to bring this forward, Gord shared he was only going to be open for the month because of users bringing their own skate sharpeners. As Gord pays rent to the Town it was recommended that he goes to them to continue discussion on rules and that RMHA could put out a notice about Gord's skate sharpening service. There was additional discussion around how we could help or put signage up, but as it was deemed a discussion between tenant (Gord) and landlord (Town) no further commitments were made

D) Acceleration Policy for underage players

The suggestion was made by Corey that we need a clearer policy on the website with the process and criteria for underage player movement. Currently, a formal process is not documented, but any requests are required by email submission which is reviewed with the president, vice president, division director and previous coaches to verify that the player is indeed in the top of the group to ensure it is legitimate. A written policy would ensure that parents, coaches, etc. are aware of the process and that it is followed. With a need for clarity, Corey will draft an amendment to the RMHA Handbook and a form will be created to fill out for submission.

E) U15 Coaching & Tryouts

Issue noted that there are only about 4 skaters currently, with concerns of no team, no head coach in U15 due to the number of players still skating in evaluations in Medicine Hat. Ideas discussed about possibly combining U15 and U18 for conditioning skates to solve for this at this time of year until more players return. Concern then raised if the age gap is a safety issue, and how long we are waiting on the Medicine Hat kids to come out.

It was noted that Redcliff kids can still skate out here during tryouts as long as they are not yet carded to a MH team. Ideas on how we can bring awareness to this, and how we need to talk about this earlier in the year next year to prepare as the situation will vary year to year

5. Reports

Title	Name	Remarks
President	Derek Martin	Division directors please send rosters with players, staff and jersey numbers to Jolaine as soon as possible
Vice President	David Skagen	Only a few coaching applications received, send Dave coaches names so he can follow up with them
Treasurer	Amanda Robins	Overview of finances – see treasurer report AGLC licensing to be become each teams responsibility, package prepared to be shared with teams Meeting with managers to be held once in place
Secretary	Breann Robinson	No reports
Registrar	Jolaine Hepfner	Not in attendance
Ice/Ref Scheduler	Ryley Schlosser	Not in attendance
Tournaments/Fundraising	Charity Marks	Tournament outline prepared List of teams interested in tournaments prepared Tournament fees were set by association last year Let Charity know who team tournament coordinators are Association to buy tickets, binders, Motion for U18 to charge \$2000 for tournaments Motion by Chris, Dom seconds, carried RMHA Casino is February 26 th
CAHL Director	Lisa Kuzik	Review deadlines from CAHL website, Jolaine and Ryley responsible for remaining items, new overage process but CAHL is cut out of this, major disciplinary issues CAHL will not involve themselves and there will be consequences to teams
CAHL Governor	Chris Andresen	We are listed as a drop clock but we are not a drop clock it is precautionary in case ice is not used it can be returned
Equipment Director	Dominick Gartner	New equipment in cupboard, access and details were shared with all directors
U18 Director	Meredith Conboy	16 kids, room for 1 goalie and 3 players
U15 Director	Melissa Green	No reports
U13 Director	Nikki Bateman	Not in attendance
U11 Director	Chris Lonson	Not in attendance
U9 Director	Corey McCrea	26 players, A team and B team, they are treated as two separate teams, formal evaluation process with communication on the process to the parents, update and review our conduct policy to be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting,
U7 Director	Janae Ulrich	Two teams, 23 kids

6. Date of Next Meeting

A) October 15th, 2024

7. Adjournment

A) Adjournment

Derek asked for motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m., Janae motioned, Carried