



RMFHL Annual General Meeting (AGM)

June 14, 2021 7:00pm

Via Zoom

- 1) Call to Order: 7:02pm by Darcy Williams
- 2) Agenda Review
- 3) Welcome/Introduction/Announcement – Jessie Cooper/Darcy Williams
 - a) Jessie Cooper is announcing his resignation from Role of President of RMFHL
 - (1) 1 year of term remaining
 - (2) Only Vice Presidents are eligible to take over President role during term
 - (3) Darcy will be assuming the role of President effective immediately
 - b) RMFHL Current Board introduction
 - c) Quorum at AGM acknowledged and confirmed
- 4) Executive Update – Kathy Koehli-Waters
 - a) No Nominations received
 - i) VP Operations North –
 - (1) Eldon Banack has agreed to stay on for 2 more years in the role
 - ii) Secretary/Treasurer –

- (1) Chelsey Fisher has agreed to stay on for 2 more years in role
- b) South VP Position – Newly Vacant
 - i) Option for nomination during meeting
- c) Jessie to serve in “Past President” role as defined by the bylaws
- 5) Financials review – Chelsey Fisher
 - a) Summary of 20-21 Season
 - b) Review of North Account Financials
 - c) Review of South account Financials
 - i) Financials to be shared (not viewable during meeting)
- 6) Registering of the league as a Non-Profit Society – Mark Neskar
 - a) Hockey Alberta is requesting all leagues be registered
 - i) Provides additional safety to the league and board
 - ii) Legal Entity requirements, won't change league structure or name significantly
 - b) Looking to outside sources to get this completed
 - i) Minimal cost, but easier for compliance to use someone who is able to direct us
 - c) Benefits and protects everyone associated with the league
- 7) 2021/2022 Season Discussion
 - a) Provincials
 - i) Hockey Alberta requires all league play be completed 10 days prior to commencement of provincials.
 - ii) Looking to go away from provincial play down games
 - (1) Exhaustion
 - (2) Scheduling issues
 - (3) Level of play equality
 - (4) Going to a league champion representative to attend
 - b) Tiering to Start
 - i) Looking to Start Thanksgiving weekend (October 8th, 2021)

- ii) Staggered start (U11/U15) October 8 weekend and (U13/U18) October 15 weekend
- iii) 3-4 Tiering Games total
- c) Crossover League Games
 - i) Hockey Alberta is looking to implement this – North / South Crossover
 - (1) Grande Prairie has offered to host the U15B division games on Nov 12-14th, looking for two teams from RMFHL to participate
 - (2) These games will be counted as league games
 - ii) Girls Hockey Calgary is looking to host a tournament Thanksgiving weekend (U13) and potentially other weekends for other age groups.
 - iii) Also looking for LMHA within RMFHL that would be interested in hosting similar weekends
 - (1) Hockey Alberta is stressing these must be league games, not tournament games. Not tournament style (ie play to a championship game) – Games and times will be established.
 - (2) Please let RMFHL executive know if you are interested in hosting.
- d) League Play
 - i) Christmas break is not ideal – games to Dec 19th, but return is either Dec 31 or Jan 7 weekend. Could complicate dates for the league.
 - ii) Teams will be able to schedule exhibition games during the break.
 - iii) Typically three part-seasons, Tiering, first half and second half.
 - (1) Play tiering then seed teams into first half, then start from scratch in second half (no carry over of points)
 - (a) Gregg Broks – Would standings then only be second half for provincials?
 - (i) If it's both halves and we have to move a team, what is the fairest way of doing that, which could result in an advantage of points
 - (ii) Start “second half” at beginning of December, rather than 3 sub-seasons, only 2?
 - (iii) 12 games min for determining champions for league play
 - iv) 16 league games
- e) Tournaments

- i) No pre-set blackout weekends – up to teams to work together to move and reschedule games
- ii) It's really difficult for us to manage this as a league
- iii) Teams may NOT schedule tournament play during tiering and playoffs. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please ensure this is communicated to your teams.
- iv) Declaration of A/B teams – if you are concerned over provincials and playing teams not of same calibre – consider scheduling a year end tournament.

(1) Chris Fantazir – Start times for league play and playoffs

- (a) That is what we are trying to work with – 20 games leave little to work with – considering dropping number of games to 16-18 to accommodate time to be flexible
- (b) Looking at the calendar we need three weekends to get games in. Do we require the final best of three in a single weekend or allow over two weekends?
- (c) Hoping teams will be more open and flexible to schedules and managing travel to provide better opportunities to teams
- (d) We do not want to start the same as all the other leagues, and staggered starts are to accommodate the staggered provincials

f) Registration – Eldon Banack

- i) We know many have delayed registrations, however we would appreciate being kept in the know about teams, registrations in order to get things moving fast in the fall

g) Ice Time Submissions – Julie Feragen

- i) Submit ice time by the deadlines, failure to do this will result in a loss of home games
- ii) Teams want schedules in a timely manner
- iii) Please keep in communication with Julie and Carrie, and we need new contact information of Ice Schedulers if required

(1) Tracy Burghardt – Can you share the scheduler requirements

- (a) Will send out as required

8) Website

- a) More associations are moving away from Goalline and moving to RAMP
- b) Looking at moving our website to RAMP
 - i) Everyone will be notified if/when that happens

ii) Paperless Scoresheets?

9) Closing Remarks/Questions

a) None

b) Soft Deadline of August 1 for all associations to give a hint at what numbers and teams look like to get a good start for September.

c) Plan is “back to normal” – regular league and season.

d) Thank you again Jessie!

10) Call for AGM meeting adjournment at 7:38pm by Darcy Williams

Meeting Attendees/MHA's

Board Member - Chelsey Fisher

Board Member - Darcy Williams

Board Member - Eldon Banack

Board Member - Jessie Cooper

Board Member - Julie Feragen

Board Member - Kathy Koehli-Watters

Board Member – Mark Neskar

Red Deer - Dallas Gaume

Lethbridge - Angie Forsyth

Strathmore - Chad Moskal

Lethbridge - Chris Fantazir

Red Deer - Clayton Boyer

Innisfail - Darren Black

Medicine Hat - Darren Harvey-Zenk

Olds - Dione Blatz

Strathmore - Dusty Bassen

West Central - Gregg Broks

Okotoks - Jamie Steer

Picture Butte - Jane Groenenboom

Canmore - Jeff Giesler

Cochrane - Lorne Bremner

Cardston – Robbie Rabbit

Lacoka - Robbin Nikiforuk

Stettler - Stefan Olafson

Red Deer - Tracy Burghardt

Warburg - Troy Kuzio

Columbia Valley - Virginia Jopp

Prairie Thunder

