



2023 RMFHL Annual General Meeting (AGM)

May 30, 2023 7:00pm

Via Zoom

- 1) Call to Order: **7:05 pm** by Darcy Williams
- 2) Welcome/Introduction - Darcy Williams
- 3) Executive Update/Position Vote – Kathy Koehli-Waters
 - a) Three positions up for election
 - i) **South VP** – Vacant – Name Nominated: Kelsey Brockway
 - (1) No additional interest expressed
 - ii) **North VP Operations** – Eldon Banack vacating - Name Nominated: Morgan MacNeill
 - (1) No additional interest expressed
 - iii) **Secretary/Treasurer** – Chelsey Fisher – Looking to vacate
 - (1) No additional interest – motion for Chelsey to keep on temporarily (Darcy), second
- 4) Financials review – Chelsey Fisher
 - a) Summary of 22-23 Season
- 5) 2023-2024 Season Plan – Darcy Williams

- a) Season plan just arrived from Hockey Alberta – U15 and U13 were run together last season, however it looks like it may be u18/u13 and u15 later this year.
 - i) Issues with using affiliations
 - ii) U18 was later and it cause scheduling concerns with school events, push it earlier
 - iii) League playoffs must be completed 10 days prior to Provincials start.

6) Expansion Updates – Darcy Williams

- a) We have three associations looking to move from guest to member of RMFHL:
 - i) Siksika – In Favour – 10, no objections – Formally now a member of the league
 - ii) Cranbrook – In Favour – 10, Greg Broks objection – scheduling issues, hotel and expenses higher than Alberta, concerns over impact on provincials (eliminated in playoffs, which eliminated opportunity in provincials, but BC doesn't play in AB provincials)
 - (1) Hockey Alberta decides how they will run provincials, and poses issues within the league to accommodate what Hockey Alberta wants.
 - (2) No additional objections – Cranbrook formally added as a member of the league
 - iii) Elk Valley – In favour – 10, no objections – Formally now a member of the league
- b) We have one association looking to join the RMFHL as a guest:
 - i) Nanton / Vulcan – In favour – 12, objections – no – Formally a guest member for the 2023-2024 season.
 - (1) Amy Tiegen on behalf of Vulcan – looking to join with a U15 team, splitting ice between Vulcan and Nanton. Had a positive numbers showing at the prospect skate

7) Bylaws and Operating Guidelines and Regs - Darcy Williams

- a) Update each to be in alignment with the Female Regs and Hockey One Model of Hockey Alberta.
- b) League Bylaw Review
 - i) Change language (Alberta Amateur Hockey Association changed to Hockey Alberta, Canadian Amateur Hockey Association to Hockey Canada)
 - ii) 4.6 – remove division coordinators from bylaws. Not a big enough league and role requirements redundant at this point (Anywhere in bylaws all together)
 - iii) 4.8 – Update to current associations
 - iv) 4.9 – Update to 23-24 season
 - v) 6.4 – update to even and odd years versus “first and second” for clarity

- vi) 8.1 – remove “site to be determined”, due to virtual
- vii) 9.2(h) – remove webmaster
- viii) 9.3 – replace division coordinators with team managers

(1) Motion to approve bylaws with updates (Troy Skidmore), Second (Lorne Bremner)

c) Operating Guidelines Review

- i) Update Date main page
- ii) Player Affiliation 1.6, 1.7, (1.8 removed), 1.9, 1.10, 1.11 (1.14 removed), 1.15 clarified
- iii) 1.20 – Clarify on ice being taken back, fines will be applied (no warnings)
- iv) Removal of division coordinators from document
- v) 1.23 remove wording around charging
- vi) Overage players – 1.24 highlight, 1.27 highlight revoking, update to suspend from hold
- vii) 2.2 (b) – update number of tiers and language around divisions and tiering
- viii) 2.3 – update terminology of age groups
- ix) 2.4 – remove irrelevant tiers
- x) 2.5 – remove as we are adopting HA model one
- xi) 3.5 – Penalty minutes

(1) Player penalty minutes: review the number of minutes for each age group

- (a) Lorne Bremner: resetting after tiering, or add tiering only minutes
- (b) Gregg Broks: agree with resetting after tiering
- (c) Troy Skidmore: would like to include tiering, keep the same (leave as is), would support raising minutes
- (d) Angie Forsyth: Concur with Airdrie, include tiering
- (e) Sky Johnston: How many player suspended under current guidelines – no U11, 2-3 u13/15/18
- (f) Darcy: Referees impact on number of penalty
- (g) Motion by Lorne Bremner: Penalty minutes to be the same but tiering removed from season total (reset after tiering round); Section (Gregg Broks) – All in favour: 8, Opposed: 6 – Not Passed

- (h) Kathy: Strongly suggest we need tiering minutes if penalties are to reset, 10 min seems appropriate for U11, U13 and 20 for U15/U18 – penalty minute suspensions to be served in regular season games to not impact tiering
 - (i) Motion to increase total number of minutes in season (Lorne Bremner) –U11 no increase, U13 add 10 minutes (up to 50), U15 increase by 15 minutes (to 65), and U18 increase by 15 (to 75), Second by Gregg Broks. In Favour: 11, Opposed 4 – Not Passed
- (2) Maximum team penalty minutes leaved against coaches
- (a) Review current team total minutes, cover tiering through to end of playoffs
- xii) Section 4 – clarity on immediate family and age group names
 - xiii) 4.10 – Highlight off-ice officials responsibilities, neutrality, and behavior. Optics are important
 - xiv) Section 5 – Updates to age group names
 - xv) 5.5 – section added – pregame events teams permitted to do this, communications requirements
 - xvi) Section 5 – age group names updated, division coordinator removed, contact requirements
 - xvii) 5.11 - highlight communication of drop clock associations
 - xviii) 5.13 (b) – update that the Hockey Alberta min is 12 players affiliated plays can be used to increase roster up to 12.
 - xix) 5.15 – Contact guidelines, coaches should never be reaching out to members of the league – managers to VP of operations, and suspensions etc through directors to the league.
 - xx) 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 – playoff formats updated for clarity and time management
 - (1) Non-championship – 10 min total overtime, and then shootout
 - (2) Championship – 20 min total overtime, and then shootout
 - (3) 5 shooter shootout
 - xxi) 7.4 – update to add digital
 - xxii) 7.6 – clarity on game sheet submission timing, and updated for digital
 - xxiii) 8.4 – language updates
 - xxiv) 9.1(f) update based on hockey Alberta regulations (Female required on roster)
 - xxv) 9.2 – update to league meeting requirements, remove (b)

- xxvi) 9.5 – remove entirely
 - xxvii) 9.10 weather policy – adopted from Hockey Alberta regulations.
 - xxviii) 9.11 – postponed games 1 week prior (except for weather)
 - xxix) 9.12 – update colours for home and away games
 - xxx) 9.13 – Banners delivered by courier to teams playing or RMFHL rep if available (Reducing mileage costs/expenses for directors)
 - xxxi) 9.15 – update section number for maltreatment and wording
 - xxxii) 9.18 – Additional suspensions review to align to penalty minutes as discussed
 - xxxiii) Section 11 – remove “appropriate” to either or both VP
 - xxxiv) Section 13 – update wording to correct terminology
- d) Motion to accept the updated bylaws and operating guidelines (Troy Skidmore), Second: Jackie Hahn.

8) Scheduling – Kathy Koehli-Waters

a) Improvements for this season

- i) Blackout weekend at conclusion of Tiering to allow full 1st half schedule to be completed;
- ii) Teams can use these weekends to tournaments or exhibition games if needed. The League’s blackout weekend following tiering does not count as one of the two blackout weekends allotted for each team.
- iii) Two blackout weekends for teams;
- iv) Looking at ice in central locations so teams that are significant distances apart can attend and play in a jamboree style weekend (e.g. Penhold, Banff, Canmore).
- v) Travel watched more closely to ensure teams are not on the road for consecutive weekends;
- vi) Balance on opposition so teams are not playing the same teams in clumps, try to spread it out over the course of the season.
- vii) As per Hockey Alberta we are only allowed to have two divisions per age group. Would need to apply to create a third if needed.

9) Tiering – Darcy Williams

a) October 6 - 8 (Thanksgiving Weekend);

- i) Need to decide if we want to start that weekend or delay it one week to allow teams to get formed.

- ii) Any proposal on this?
- b) Christmas break either Dec 18-28 or Dec 18-Jan 4?
 - i) No vote required tonight
- c) We will continue with the staggered start like last year to accommodate Provincials
 - i) Need to wait to see how the Provincials are scheduled by Hockey Alberta.
- d) Asking for feedback from associations on the start dates and holiday breaks.

10) Cross-Over League Games– Darcy Williams

- a) Looking to have teams play cross over games during the year as part of league play.
 - i) Will not count towards league totals
- b) Hockey Calgary is looking to have crossover games in the U15 A and U18 A divisions over two weekends this season. Identify four RMFHL teams in each of these divisions to play one home and one away game. (2 games per RMFHL team identified).

11) League Play - Kathy Koehli-Watters

- a) Decision on Holiday break
 - i) Will start on December 18
 - ii) Need to decide if we want to start second half on December 29, 2023 weekend or January 5, 2024
- b) Tiering will consist of 4-6 games;
- c) Regular season will consist of approximately 18 games.
- d) No teams are to schedule tournaments during tiering or playoff. Fines will be implemented this season (Forfeit fines – ice, referee and league fines)

12) Registration - Kathy Koehli-Watters

- a) Please get your team declarations into the league as soon as you know them. This gives us an initial idea of the layout for teams.

13) Ice Time submissions – Darcy Williams

- a) Important that ALL associations submit their ice times by deadlines. Failure to do so this year will result in loss of home games.
- b) All teams want their schedules on time.
- c) Please keep in communication with RMFHL schedulers and ice schedulers.

- d) Universal form being created so everyone is on the same page with deadlines and what is required.

14) Website Update – Mark Nesar

- a) Moving from Goalline to RAMP. Most associations and Hockey Alberta already there
- b) Loss of historical data, game data and statistics on players. Will keep open for a few months into season, but will be closing the site down shortly into the season.
- c) Managers handbook/playbook for website and to-do's
- d) Hockey Alberta has encouraged all leagues to go to RAMP, so that we are all under a single software. The goal is to have electronic scorekeeping eventually

15) Managers Meeting – Mark Nesar

- a) Proven to be beneficial last season, will continue this season.
- b) Will have videos uploaded as well

16) Additional Agenda Items

- a) Thank Eldon Banack for his time with RMFHL
- b) Please ensure right invoice contacts are sent to league: secretary@RMFHL.com
- c) Change to Cochrane – new role VP of female hockey, and separate female operations role (Jesse)
- d) Airdrie has also added a VP of Female and a female director role (Troy)

17) Call for AGM meeting adjournment at **9:14pm** by Lorne Bremner

Meeting Attendees/MHA's

Board Member - Chelsey Fisher
Board Member - Darcy Williams
Board Member - Eldon Banack
Board Member - Kathy Koehli-Watters
Board Member – Mark Nesar

Amy Tiegen - Vulcan
Troy Skidmore (Christie Cameron) – Airdrie
Jackie Hahn - Stettler
Lisa Hempel-Wurz - Wheatland (Strathmore)
Robbin - Lacoka
Erin – 3c's
Megan Condie
Tamara Allen
Chystal Crawford - Okotoks

Bobby-Jo Hekob - Cranbrook
Amanda Clark – Olds
Robson
Sky Johnson – EVMHA
Peter Hillier - Ponoka
Damara A
Jane Gronenboom - Picture Butte
Gregg Broks – West Central
Lorne Bremner – Cochrane
Kyle Wickstrom - Vulcan / Nanton
Kelsey Brockway - Airdrie
Randi – Cranbrook
Angie Forsyth - Lethbridge
Derek Harvey Zenk – Medicine Hat
Dallas Gaume – Red Deer
Jesse Nickel - Cochrane
Laura - Prairie Thunder