

RMFHL AGM
Saturday, April 23, 2016
Penhold, Alberta
1:00 PM

In attendance: Cindy Beck (Leduc); Jason Bridge (Stettler); Jessie Cooper (President); Nicole Currie (Rocky Mountain House & WCW); Lee Deary (RDMH); Ian Drysdale (WMHA); Carrie Fischer (Okotoks); Tom Fisher (Lacombe); Lara Fodor (Lacombe); Andrea Frizorguer (Edson); Paula Gabourie (Athabasca); Doug Garritty (South Vice-President); Anna Gollnick (WMHA); Rena Hogg (Stettler); Connie Holbein (Innisfail); Carla Ironside (GHC); Laurie Jansen (Lacoka); Sharon Klinger (Lacoka – Ponoka Minor Hockey); Deb Loomer (GHC); Erick Lutterotti (Prairie Thunder – Brooks); Verna Mabin (Lethbridge); BJ McElligolt (Airdrie); Deb Novello (Cochrane); Fern Pagenkopf (Strathmore); Brad Park (Kootenay); Murray Pound (Olds); Rob Sutherland (Airdrie); Gary Tanton (Camrose); Dean Wedge (Wildcats); Elwin Wiens (Innisfail).

1. Meeting called to Order at 1:04 pm. J. Cooper gave welcome and introductions

2. Positions open for Election:

- a. President – Jessie Cooper nominated by L. Deary. Motion to close nominations by E. Lutterotti. Carried Unanimously
- b. Vice President of Operations South – Ben Volek nominated by J. Cooper. Motion to close nominations by J. Cooper. Carried Unanimously
- c. Vice President of Operations North – no nominations - tabled to look for one
- d. Secretary for South – Erick Lutterotti nominated by V. Mabin. Motion to close nominations by D. Novello. Carried Unanimously
- e. Secretary for North – no nominations – tabled to look for one
- f. Treasurer South – Connie Holbein nominated by E. Wiens. Motion to close by E. Lutterotti. Carried Unanimously
- g. Treasurer North – no nominations – tabled to look for one

3. Review Budget for:

- a. South – Connie will email it out. There is about \$30,000 in the bank. Motion to accept by D. Novello. Carried Unanimously
- b. North – will be emailed out. There is a balance of \$4314.80 to start the 2016/17 season. Motion to accept by N. Currie. Carried Unanimously

4. Atom in the future in both South and North

Discussion about pooling / tiering.

Hockey Alberta doesn't allow tiering in female atom, but open to discussing and is aware of RMFHL looking into pooling atom teams.

Rocky Mountain

Female Hockey League

Pooling will not affect Provincials – each association needs to decide who goes to Provincials

GHC wants to pool/tier and would send 2-3 teams to higher pool

Okotoks, Lethbridge, Strathmore, Red Deer all looking at it.

Recommended Olds/Innisfail submit a joint team

Question – how would it affect Zones if one team is in a higher pool and two in a lower pool and the teams don't play each other? LMHAs would have to decide process of determining which team goes to Provincials

Is there an appetite for pooling? Discussion about desire to see eight teams in each pool if decision made to pool

GHC offered to host a higher pool tournament at year end

Discussion about expansion of mileage for higher pool; GHC indicated they would struggle to increase mileage in Atom

South and North teams play each other a couple of times per year?

RMFHL would have to look at extending mileage to accomplish

North: Rocky Mountain House (combined with West Central), Lacoka, Innisfail, Stettler

In some associations, girls won't play in RMFHL if tiered, they'll want to play house if in lower tier

Draw zone is too small for smaller centres to compete with Calgary A teams in Atom

Concentrate on growth through making it fun

Cost is \$100s for Lethbridge to get refs to Stavely, so their Atoms would rather be at home in their House division

GHC would like permission to pull Atom teams from RMFHL. Hockey Calgary is pushing GHC to pull their teams from RMFHL and play in Hockey Calgary. J. Cooper is supporting this request because RMFHL cannot offer them what they need. GHC needs a response before May 1st because their AGM is May 17th.

How many LMHAs would possibly have higher level pool teams? Maybe 7

How many teams potentially – enough for two pools? 13 in favour, 1 opposed

ACTION – everyone go back to LMHAs to see if there's interest to pool. Is travel a concern? C. Fischer will devise a SurveyMonkey Survey to be sent out by RMFHL to gain feedback from Atom aged players

5. WCW and the Rocky Mountain Atom suggestions – internal to LMHA

6. Novice future within RMFHL – D. Garritty will put a tab on RMFHL website with Coach and Manager's names so people can connect

7. Future with Midget and Bantam Elite

Midget AAA – no borders. Edmonton, Okotoks, Calgary, Red Deer, St. Albert and Lloydminster got teams

Midget Elite is Zone teams

Bantam Elite – 11 teams instead of 12, also Zone teams, redrawn from Bantam AAA

Will likely be significant impacts to Bantam A/B and Midget A/B in RMFHL. Calgary teams remained the same, so likely won't change how many Bantam A teams they have in RMFHL

8. North Scheduling Report

a. Many issues – Julie sent a report and will be getting help from Peter

i. Travel will be considered when scheduling

ii. Would like full year game schedules, shouldn't be an issue with their ice schedulers

b. Maskawacis – won't be invited back next year due to significant issues contacting them, getting them to pay invoices, repeated incidents of the teams not showing up for games. The girls are welcome to play in neighbouring associations and RMFHL will continue to reach out to them

c. Division Coordinators

i. There will be three coordinators in the North this year, so we need three associations to step up to fill the roles

ii. J. Cooper had to hand out two banners this year, C. Fischer had to hand out two as well. These are the responsibility of the Division Coordinators and there should be fines for Division Coordinators who do not fulfill their responsibilities by presenting banners or finding someone to present the banner

iii. Motion by F. Pagenkopf that if Division Coordinator doesn't do banner presentation or arrange for banner presentation the home association gets fined \$150. 2nd by BJ McElligolt. Carried Unanimously

9. Review of penalty minutes and the procedures

a. D. Garritty reviewed PIM totals for players and teams

b. 6 Coaches were suspended for a total of 16 games; 44 players were suspended for a total of 64 games.

c. Specific issues in some divisions – associations to monitor and ensure players are contacted when PIMs getting high

10. Gross misconduct - addition of apology letter

a. Motion by E. Wiens to add apology letter to any coach receiving a 4.7 per rule 9.2 if they get a gross misconduct by itself. 2nd D. Novello.

Carried Unanimously

b. Motion by V. Mabin to remove “more than” verbiage from each division (Atom, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget) when discussing the PIM totals triggering game suspensions. I.E. Atom Division would be 30 minutes instead of *more than* 30 minutes. 2nd F. Pagenkopf. Carried

Unanimously

c. Motion by S. Klinger to double suspension for each subsequent PIM threshold met (plus 10 or 20 minutes depending on division). 2nd N.

Currie. In favour – 10 / opposed – 12. Motion is Defeated

i. Motion by F. Pagenkopf to add one game suspension to the previous number of games for each threshold met (1+1 for 10 or 20 minutes, then 2+1 for the next 10 or 20 minutes, etc). 2nd by E. Lutterotti. In favour - 19 / opposed -1. Motion is Carried.

d. Suspensions carry over to all Hockey Alberta sanctioned events

e. Team penalty minutes – if the coach is the only one with the required training, who coaches? Coach must be on the Hockey Canada Roster

11. First meeting for South on September 13th

12. First meeting for the North September 20th in Leduc

a. Which associations are coming back? Deadline to declare is July 15th

i. West Central coming back

ii. Leduc may be leaving

iii. Endmoor staying

b. Motion by N. Currie to change the playoff format in the North for tiebreaker to 5 minutes, stop time, sudden death 4 on 4, then three (3) player shootout, following championship game rules. 2nd by M. Pound. Carried Unanimously

c. Motion by B. Park to change the playoff format in the South for the tiebreaker in the 2nd and 3rd rounds only to 5 minutes, stop time, sudden death 4 on 4, then three (3) player shootout, following championship game rules. 2nd by D. Loomer. Carried Unanimously

d. North – getting playoff ice through Julie adds a layer of communication and difficulty – can managers just work out playoff ice on their own?

i. Motion by S. Klinger to allow discussions manager to manager for booking playoff ice; conflicts escalate to the director, then to VPs and President; each team is to provide two ice spots. 2nd J.

Bridge. Carried Unanimously

e. Schedule must be approved before being released by LMHA; silence is acceptance

f. Any teams coming in? Options are being explored

g. Crossover games in League games? Exhibition games would be great

h. North asked to reach out to associations to grow teams

13. Tiering weekend

- a. GHC says Thanksgiving doesn't work
- b. Discussion - Who will host? Split into divisional tournaments? Use as a tournament? Two divisions with each tournament? Do the weekend after? Application process to host? Devise a working group? Split Midget off somewhere else and do Atom, Peewee and Bantam on Thanksgiving weekend?
 - i. Motion by B. Park to leave Tiering Tournament on Thanksgiving weekend, applications to be in to RMFHL Executive by May 29th ensuring Midget has 1.5 hour games and assuming the same number of teams. 2nd F. Pagenkopf. In favour – 1 / opposed – 1. Motion is Carried
- c. North is looking at schedules for an opening weekend and will get back to J. Cooper with dates

14. Still seeking potential sponsors for the League

15. New Business

- a. League roughly starts and stops at the same time
- b. Possibility of a North / South final? Executive would like to see it, but might not be able to do it
- c. Some divisions may have three tiers
- d. There are still too many parents emailing the League Executive outside the communication framework in place. RMFHL will start fining the parent's home association

16. Motion to Adjourn by S. Klinger at 4:47 PM Minutes taken by C. Fischer (Okotoks)