

ROCKY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
May 13, 2024  
ROCKY REGIONAL RECREATION CENTER

**Call to order:** 6:03 PM

**Additions to agenda**

- Coaching Incentives
- Goalie Development
- Mission Statement

**Meeting Minutes**

- Miranda Gazdag read the minutes from the May 8, 2024 AGM.
- Minutes were previously approved on June 28, 2023 via email for changes to banking signing authorities

**Vice President Report**

- CAHL Reports:
  - o A survey was done by CAHL, there will be no expansion this season
  - o U13 AAA will consist of Northern Alberta communities – Information is available on Hockey Alberta website
  - o U11 HADP has changed to U11AA – Information is available on Hockey Alberta website
  - o U9 will have their full ice piolet again. Exhibition games can be booked as full ice after December 31/January 1, 2025.
    - Could possibly be allowed to enter/have full ice tournaments after January 1, 2025
    - More information to come

**Treasurers Report**

- Penny Pals handed out the Income Statement for May 1, 2023- April 30, 2024
  - o Penny Pals made a motion to accept the Income Statement for May 1, 2023- April 30, 2024 as presented and discussed
  - o Tracy Chambers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
  - o All in favor
  - o Motion passed
- **Questions**
  - o Does RMHA look at other associations fees or revenues?
    - We do check other associations fees and compare; revenues are not available.
  - o Does RMHA have an agreement for the ice?
    - We pay the same amount as a person renting for a birthday.
    - Ice slots need to be handed in by October 31<sup>st</sup>, league schedule released in November.

- If we are going to have more than 2 teams per division, is there a way to get rid of the split ice practices or be on the bigger ice surface when we do need to split ice?
  - Bunch Ice is ideal because it is the bigger surface
  - Bunch also has other users on the ice. Ex: speed skating.
  - Bunch ice is usually only available later in the evening
- Have you considered 50-minute ice times with a 10-minute flood?
  - The Town of Rocky Mountain House will not allow that. Our Board members have been trying to work with the Town but the Town has not been willing to help.
  - We have also tried over lapping.
- Can we get registration fees down?
  - The Board has been working on trying to get the costs of Minor Hockey down. We are looking into different ways to fundraise to help with these expenses.
  - To get a breakdown you will need to make an appointment with the board. This is stated in our Rules and By-laws on Rocky Minor Hockey Associations website.
- Can we see a player cost break down?
  - You will need to make an appointment with the board. This is stated in our Rules and By-laws on Rocky Minor Hockey Associations website.

### **Registrars Report**

- Hockey Alberta increased their fees by \$1.00
  - U11/15/18- \$60.23
  - Intro- \$52.73
- Projected numbers for the 2024-2025 season
  - U18- 6 AA/AAA, 5 goalies, 42 skaters
  - U15- 6 AA/AAA, 5 goalies, 39 skaters
  - U13- 3 AA, 3 goalies, 41 skaters
  - U11- 4 goalies, 31 skaters
  - U9- 21 skaters
  - U7/LTP- 19 skaters
- We will set a CAP in each division and create waiting lists.
- **Questions**
  - Will players get turned away because of attendance in previous years?
    - Yes, that is why we were strict with our attendance policy during the 2023/2024 hockey season
  - Can we implement somewhere in the registration process that if a parent would like to coach, they could indicate that?
    - It's the same thing as submitting a coaching application from our website. Each coach needs to fill this out to start the process. This is also on the registration form. All coaches must be qualified before they are allowed on the ice.
  - How are coaches selected?
    - Hockey Alberta has a layout of how to go about it. There is an interview process if there is more than 1 coach applying.

- Is there a list you can see to make sure coaching criteria is being met?
  - Yes, it's all on Hockey Albertas website. Cody, Scott and Wendall are involved in the process.
- Will coaches names be released before the teams are picked?
  - Yes, that way they can be involved in the tryout process. President, Vice President, Coach Coordinator and Coach Mentor are involved with the interview process. This information is also available in the Rules and By-laws on the Rocky Minor Hockey Associations website.
- Can there be an incentive to coach?
  - To me the incentive is the players. If you are a non-parent head coach your hotels would be paid for. It is just part of the duty. You coach because you want to, not to get paid for it. The board would rather see the money go elsewhere.
- How is the decision made to have 2 or 3 teams per division?
  - Scott and Wendall make the final decision if there will be 2 or 3 teams for each division. We like to see smaller teams for U7-U13, U15+ has larger teams. Ice is also a factor in this decision.
- Can we have early morning practices?
  - We can look into it. Every player would need to commit to the morning practice. This would be considered a normal scheduled practice in lieu of an evening practice.
  - Attendance would have to be taken on morning practices too.
    - TABLED

## Elections

### - 2-year term

**President-** Tracy Chambers was nominated. Tracy Chambers wins by acclimation

**Secretary-** Miranda Gazdag was nominated to let her name stand. Miranda Gazdag wins by acclimation

**Registrar-** Amanda Weinkauf was nominated. Amanda Weinkauf wins by acclimation

### - 1 Year term

**CAHL Director:** Scott Austad

**CAHL Governor:** Amanda Weinkauf

**Referee-In-Chief-** Graham Gagne was nominated. Grahm Gagne wins by acclimation

**Director:**

U18: None

U15: None

U13: Tammy Bradshaw wins by acclimation

U11: Jennelle Anderson wins by acclimation

U9: Nicole Ford

U7: None

**Additional Positions Available (non-voting) which can be appointed:**

- **Apparel Assistant:** None

Contact Toni if you are interested in any of these positions.

**Additional questions from attendees**

- Mission statement:
  - o What are our objectives? Do we have a mission statement? What are some of our goals for this year? Operational improvement?
    - This is something as a board we can work on. We would need volunteers.
  - o When will coaches be selected?
    - Hoping to have this done before tryouts
  - o Coaching expectations: Coaches need to be held to high standards. Can we offer something on how to coach/talk to the players?
    - The board understands what you are talking about, there is a time and place for when to be stern. Our Coach Coordinator will look into this more.
    - Rules state we need 3 coaching meetings a year.
    - Teams can make their own rules but need to be approved by the board. A template can be requested for this.
- Will there be something else offered for goalie development?
  - o Yes, PD days did not work. We will run into ice issues this year again.
    - Needs to benefit all goalies
    - Tabled

All other previous questions have been answered.

Scott Austad makes a motion to adjourn the 2024 AGM Meeting.

Wendall Mason 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

All in favor

Motion carried

**Adjournment:** 7:57 PM