

Minutes

Slave Lake Minor Hockey Association
Meeting Date: December 5 Tuesday, 2023
Time: 7pm- 9pm
Location: MRC meeting room

In Attendance: Mike M, Sheldon, Joel, Chris, Tracy, Kaylin, Nikki W, Britney, Keltie, Deanna, Travis, Jen

Call to order: 7:14

1. Agenda

1. Additions to the Agenda, Keltie, 2nd Nikki
2. Adopt Agenda, Joel, 2nd Tracy

2. Previous Minutes

1. Adopt previous minutes Britney, 2nd Nikki
2. Follow up on outstanding items – see Action Items below

3. Standing Items

- a. President's Report
 - i. Little communication from NEAHL
 - ii. President of Whitecourt association reached out to inform of money left from NAI, there is a meeting next week to decide how to use the funds
 - iii. One update from NEAHL, moving forward visiting teams need to have a parent volunteer man the penalty box for visiting team
- b. Division Updates (Division Coordinators)
 - i. U-7
 1. Tournament this upcoming weekend everything ready to move ahead
 2. On ice small incident with player dealt with by Head Coach
 - ii. U-9
 1. Home tournament run smoothly
 2. See notes for full ice request below
 - iii. U11
 1. Home tournament struggled with proper tiering, Tier one entry left early from tournament
 2. Issues with vandalism in one dressing room, Town put policy in place for future change room usage effective immediately
 - iv. U13
 1. Waiting to hear on provincial bid
 - v. U15
 1. Few injured this past week
 2. Planning teddy bear toss for Dec 17, Jen will make a poster to put on Facebook for it
 - vi. U18
 1. Fighting major passed down to player by Hockey Alberta
 2. Player misconduct under disciplinary committee
- c. Administrator's update -
 - i. Gift card fundraiser for Susan's kitchen approved, Jen will create the sheet for the managers to share
 - ii. Affiliates have not been approved at multiple levels and this is proving to be a lengthy process to rectify many steps to place elsewhere when not approved.
- d. Ice Scheduler's Update -
 - i. Contract for keeping dressing room applied by the town moving forward
 - ii. Kodiak ice slot is open till January will run Goalie clinics until filled by that group again

4. Committee Updates

1. Apparel committee -
 1. Few teams seeking approval for hoodies have been approved
 2. Did not approve logo change for U15-18 girls sweaters
2. Fundraising Committee -

1. Double tickets for the fundraising draw for next year
 2. Suggestion to run one in the second half of season
 3. Discipline Committee
 1. U18 incident with player and opposing team player
 1. Consideration for extra games from SLMHA on top of the three awarded from Hockey Alberta.
 2. Addressed concerns around viral impact and effects as well as contributing families on Team snap and how to address future impacts of these actions.
 3. Request to withdraw from organization by family with 75% refund approved by board
 4. Review of bylaws added to list for next season around discipline
 4. Player selection
 1. When and reasoning for affiliation, what is the process?
 - a. Affiliation when team is ten and under for players
 - b. Must meet current team schedule before affiliate team
 - c. Ladder system pull from team directly below in level before next
 - d. NEAHL more stringent than past leagues on affiliations and making sure teams are pulling from appropriate tiers.
 - e. Affiliation communication happens between head coaches
 - f. Added to bylaws review to streamline process
 5. Jersey Committee
 1. Do we need this now that Jerseys are here
 1. Committee removed and added to fundraising committee for next meeting
5. **Financial Review -**
1. Shared in financial report
 2. Officially out of red and still needing to account for Jersey cost
6. **New Business**
1. Evaluation Zoom meetings outcome - Motion to have Bar Down Evaluation provide services to SLMHA - carried.
 1. Motion put forward by Travis to approve cost of Bar Down Evaluations to be included in the yearly fee to registration based on current season fee need.
 1. 2nd by Kaylin, passed
 2. Resignation of equipment position, posting for position and Applications
 1. Board vote, majority vote for Russ Baxter
 2. Chris will contact Russ to fill position
 3. Ref clinic, success? -
 1. Bad timing
 2. Possibility to use U7 as basis for new younger refs to get on the ice
 4. U9 Transition to full ice -
 1. U9/U11 Full ice/ tiering concerns
 1. Hockey Canada states full ice can happen after Jan 15, 2024
 - a. Factor contribution is that Hockey Alberta states half ice for season and Possibility of pilot project by Hockey Alberta for full ice for u9
 - b. Need to wait for email from Hockey Alberta for confirmation and board approval
 - c. Fine will apply if not following hockey Alberta guidelines we have to follow provincial rules before other bodies.

Next Meeting:
@ 7pm in Meeting room MRC
Jan 10, Wednesday

Feb 1, Thursday
March 5, Tuesday
April 3, Wednesday

Adjourned @ 9:49 pm

Action items

- Referee in chief update. Chris to advertise we are still seeking an applicant. Tracey to post on SLMHA website. Jenn to post on Facebook.
 - Alex Paveck is interested meeting with Chris
 - Update: Chris and Mike will cover till filled
- Mike M to see if Hockey AB could also provide a concussion presentation while they are providing coaching clinics
- Jersey Committee: needs to follow through with sponsorship for jersey advertisements. (boards, banners). We get 20% off at Staples and they can do the pull up banners as well.
 - Confirmed do not put name bars on jerseys yet inform managers
- Chris, where are we at with banners and getting them hung up?
- Set updated season start time for next year

Bylaw Action Items to review

- Considering increasing fees, we are the lowest in Northern Alberta by a large margin and will cover evaluation costs .
- Update Age of Volunteers in the time box allowed to 18
- Update Affiliate process to align with NEAHL bylaws
- Review bylaws for discipline, mirror hockey Alberta bylaws

Player Selection Committee: Joel Blanchette, Travis Eben, Mike Seppola, Sheldon Ghostkeeper,
Mike Martin, Keltie Anderson, Mel Herbert

Fundraising Committee: Jenn Taylor, Tracey Bonik, Nicki VonderMuhl.

Apparel Committee: Jenn Taylor, Tracey Bonik, Deanna Sloan

Jersey Committee: Mike Seppola, Chris Taylor, Britney Whiteny, Travis Eben, Nicki VonderMuhl, Mike
Martin.