

Meeting Minutes

Slave Lake Minor Hockey Association

Meeting Date: February 13th, 2025

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location: MRC meeting room

In Attendance: Joel B, MikeM, Keltie M, Kaylin O, Britney K, Kelirae T, Karen B, Deanna S, Tracy B, Russ B, Britney W, Ali P, Nikki V, Chris T, Jen T, Jamie G, Lyndsay B

Zoom: Kimmy E, Mel H

Absent: Ronnie L

Call to order: 6:37

Additions to the Agenda :

Adopt Agenda :

First-Kaylin O

Second-Joel B

Previous Minutes

Adopt previous minutes

First- Kaylin O

Second- Nikki V

1. Follow up on outstanding items – see Action Items below

2. New Business

a. AGM discussion

- i. Live meeting suggested
- ii. Mediation requested to help keep meeting moving and streamlined, Male and Female suggested
- iii. Lyndsay makes motion to hire mediation for April 2025, Jamie second- Motion carried

b. Thunder apparel refund

- i. Many items and orders not filled
- ii. Switched from Bauer to CCM last year , same issue with CCM as Bauer this year.
- iii. Concern with having to go to Honda for refund
- iv. Question of fit night and who to continue with

1. Elite Promotional
2. Skyline Athletics
- v. Add to April meeting to discuss fit night
- c. Wind up event
 - i. Lyndsay start organizing
 - ii. Wednesday best time
- d. Playoffs
 - i. March 7 , 8 U18 girls hosting
 - ii. Managers need to let Britney know when they are done, one practice after last playoff game
- e. Vote on Evaluation and if that will be booked
 - i. Bardown will be contacted by Joel and include player selection committee
 - ii. Request to include U18 and Girls team
- f. Female hockey day update
 - i. [Schedule Feb 16. female hockey day](#)
 - ii. Less than last year, long weekend and PWHL game
 - iii. 40 registrations
 - iv. Recognition of ladies involved and organizing

3. **Committee Updates**

- a. Apparel committee
 - i. Pucks approved
 - ii. A replacement for Grizzly order
 - iii. Remind managers to ask for approval to use logo for year end gifts
- b. Fundraising Committee
 - i. All money accounted for from 50/50 tickets
 - ii. Deposited into accounts this week
- c. Discipline Committee
 - i. U18 received 2 game suspension for charging
 - ii. Administrator fielded text complaint and redirected proper
- d. Player selection
 - i. Meet to set up Bar Down evaluations
- e. Bylaws committee
 - i. Meet before March

4. **Standing Items**

- a. President's Report
 - i. No update from NEAHL
 - ii. HA
 1. U13 AAA with 11 teams

2. Updated on AA application, will be reviewed on merits of organization , competitiveness of the teams , after careful consideration will not grant application for AA in Slave Lake. Recruitment is geographical challenges and does not meet threshold. Chris will email and request what our threshold is.

b. Financial Report

i. \$146 ,000 balance

1. All registrations collected
2. U 9 tournament still outstanding
3. 1000\$ grant from HA for Female Hockey day
4. Missing December, January ref payment

ii. EFT

1. Cheques has two signers, EFT's do not have that
2. EFT transfer is approved by Secretary and President, electronic trail in account

iii. Credit card

1. Option for credit card has become available
2. Lyndsay makes a motion to apply for SLMH credit card for association, Second Mel, Motion carried.

c. Division Updates (Division Coordinators)

i. U-7

1. Cancelling tournament that was already rescheduled
 - a. Met with Managers
 - b. Then met with Parents
 - c. Teams were not committed , 4 registered but no one paid fee
 - d. Looking at booking a tournament in Jasper
 - e. Mel had a concern the tournament was cancelled before the parent meeting and parents were given explanation as to why it was cancelled. Parent consensus was not unanimous on cancelling the tournament. Coaches were not included in the decision that was made.
 - f. Manager and coach commitment not consistent , communication needs to be improved. Look at the process moving forward as not solely a manager decision to make.

ii. U-9

1. U9-3 requested 4th tournament but HA is a no and states 3
2. Tournament went good, one team backed out morning of
3. Full ice going good

iii. U11

1. U18 team supporting U11 in Jasper's wonderful experience

- iv. U13:
 - 1. U13-3 not hosting tournaments
- v. U15:
 - 1. No update
- vi. U18:
 - 1. Jasper incident
 - a. Young spectators spitting on grandfather in the stands
 - b. Tara Maitland wrote letter to Jasper Minor Hockey
 - c. Manager on Jasper team was questioning need to be neutral in time box
 - d. Kris suggested contact further
 - 2. Plaques requested
 - a. New pictures from different suppliers
 - b. Jen will contact MVP and get quote
 - c. Joel made motion to supply grads with plaques and parents supply pictures from participation in other seasons, motion carried
- vii. U18: Female
 - 1. March 7-8 playoff weekend
 - 2. request from the parent group to roll over accounts for a year term. Letter submitted by parents and coaches

- d. Administrator's Update
 - i. Discussion around first time registrations and choice how that will work through spordle.
- e. Ice Scheduler's Update
 - i. Complaint of U7 not using boards and rolling front ice
 - ii. November update for female hockey day

Action items

- 1. Need to clean up our Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. Reach out to Paul Heimstra and see if there is anything that can be created, supported to re-create them
 - a. Paul no longer in position , Chris reached out to Hockey Alberta
 - b. Still need more separation between rules doc and bylaw doc
 - c. Bylaw committee set up meeting time
- 2. Joel email RAMP with access/password update
 - a. Jen emailed for Admin username and password, changed and updated
 - b. Board in agreement password update is final step in discipline action

Bylaw Action Items for Review:

1. Request to change the bylaw to use the 2000\$ loan on multiple tournament registrations
2. Sub committee for evals add to bylaws
3. Add Female tournament date
4. Proposed U7 tournament date
 - a. Remove from January
5. one position on one team (except coaches)
6. Discuss U15/18 female account extension and parent letter, possible percentage to association
7. Travel policy update,
<https://www.neahl.ca/cloud/neahl/files/2022-2023/Alberta%20One%20Weather%20Travel%20Policy.pdf>

Next Meeting:

1. Mar 5th, 2025
 1. Add Female account to agenda
2. April 2nd, 2025
3. April 24th , 2025 7PM AGM

Adjourned : 8:33pm

Committee Members:

Player Selection Committee: Joel Blanchette, Ronnie Lukan , Mike Martin, Russel Baxter , Mel Herbert, Lyndsay Baird

Fundraising Committee: Jenn Taylor, Tracey Bonik, Britney Whitney

Apparel Committee: Jenn Taylor, Tracey Bonik, Deanna Sloan

By Law Committee: Mel Herbert, Jen Taylor, Chris Taylor, Joel Blanchette, Tracy Bonik, Deanna Sloan, Kellirae Tkach, Brittany Knudsen