

Minutes

Slave Lake Minor Hockey Association

Meeting Date: August 24th, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: EG Wahlstrom School

Attendees: Chris Taylor, Jenn Taylor, Pam Boucher, Tracey Bonik, Keltie Anderson, Melanie Herbert, Travis Eben, Mike Martin, Nicki Ward, Britney Whitney, Joel Blanchette, Nikki VonderMuhl, Kailyn Odegaard

Regrets: Sheldon Ghostkeeper, Lyndsay Baird, Mike Seppola

Call to Order @ 7:05pm

1. Standing Items

1.1 President Report:

Hockey AB:

-NWT players looking to play locally while evacuated. Participate in practices. Hockey AB will look at other team options, if they are evacuated for an extended period.

NEAHL:

-Chris had to submit teams and suggested tiers yesterday.

-requested a deputy governor, Mike M was put forth, but Chris will seek a new person from the membership.

-4 weeks of tiering with NEAHL

-Tiering Proposed:

U18- Team 1: tier 3

U15- Team 1: tier 3

Team 2: tier 2 NC (non-contact)

U13- Team 1: tier 2

Team 2: tier 5

U11- Team 1: tier 3

Team 2: tier 4

Team 3: tier 6

U9- NEAHL does not have a U9 division

-scheduling of U9 games is decided by managers as exhibition games. Can be coordinated with Britney Whitney (SLMHA ice scheduler).

-we can create 4 teams of house league to play each other, based on registration numbers. Teams will be evaluated when they start their season and evenly split.

Proposed start is mid-Sept (aprox Sept 18). Mike M and Nikki V to create an email to

send to U9 parents regarding U9 changes this coming year. Host one jamboree and can

book up to 2 away jamborees. Could assess and adjust teams throughout the year to keep teams as even as possible throughout the year. **MOTION** to create four U9 teams in an interleague division made by Nikki Ward, 2nd by Travis. All in favour.

U7- will start week of Sept 18th. Coaches pick teams.

-A few requests for U7 underage kids have been submitted to SLMHA. Can be accepted based on skills and placement availability. Jenn to send parent letters to player selection committee to assess.

-Referee in chief- no application received. Chris to advertise we are still seeking an applicant. Tracey to post on SLMHA website. Jenn to post on Facebook.

2. Division Updates (Division Coordinators):

Coaching Coordinator:

-looking to bring in Hockey AB trainers for Coach 1, Coach 2, Checking clinics. Mike M to see if Hockey AB could also provide a concussion presentation while they are providing coaching clinics. Dates not finalized yet.

3. Ice Scheduler Update:

Town Updates:

-dryland needs some tweeking. Offered a monthly fee of \$450: full access to track for SLMHA and visitors all year round. It is only for the track, not the field house. One person per team needs to attend a dryland training session if they would like to utilize the dryland area all year. If a coach took the dryland training this year, they would not be required to take it again this season.

-discussed better communication opportunities between ice users and town. Recommended a point of contact per team. We suggest contact be coordinators.

-would like a contact list for association so they can direct complaints accordingly.

-U9 dressing rooms. Boards cannot go into Arena 1. Some teams need to dress in arena 1 dressing rooms. Suggested home team dresses in Arena 1.

-Female dressing room assigned U13 and up for visiting teams.

-Reed's Rink will no longer have a charge. Mini stix around arena no longer permitted.

-3 on 3: Sept 16th. Britney and Mike S to organize. \$50 per player. Possibly U9 and up.

-Second ice surface will be in around Sept 13th.

-During games, put up 15 minutes on time clock, no one can go on ice until horn.

-1st week of hockey will be Sept 5th

-nets: discussed ways to prevent ice build up. Suggested not leaning nets, but put the peg under the net to tip it off the ice surface. Coaches would do this after the first swipe around the ice.

-town purchased 200 pucks, additional pucks will be ice users responsibility. Ice users may need to supply more if the inventory gets low. Could look to sponsorship.

-Secretary Position Available: 2 candidates applied and current secretary offered to stay on. Chris to send an email for board to vote.

-Player Selection Committee-to host their first meeting to get divisional skates organized, discuss team sizes and start searching for evaluators. Looking to host a pre-evaluation skate meeting to set guidelines. Suggested to pay 4 qualified volunteers to assess all kids.

4. Round Table

-some plaques in Thunder hall need to be replaced, as they are peeling or damaged.

-Female from Wabasca has submitted a request to play in Slave Lake. Received on request from High Prairie female. Potentially 2 more skater requests. We could use a few more females, Jenn to email females in registered in main stream to see if they would be interested in playing on the female team.

-need 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.

Next Meeting: September 14th at 7pm, location TBD

Adjourned @ 9:50pm

Action Items:

-Mike M and Nikki V to create an email to send to U9 parents regarding U9 changes this coming year.

-Referee in chief needed. Chris to advertise we are still seeking an applicant. Tracey to post on SLMHA website. Jenn to post on Facebook.

-Mike M to see if Hockey AB could also provide a concussion presentation while they are providing coaching clinics in Slave Lake this fall.

-Britney and Mike S to organize 3 on 3. Charge of \$50 per player.

-Player Selection Committee to host first meeting soon. Considering paid evaluators and will send a budget to the board for approval.

-Jenn to look at replacing damaged Thunder Wall plaques.

-Jenn to email females in registered in main stream to see if they would be interested in playing on the female team.

-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.

-SLMHA Asset List:

- Mike S will take the lead on this, but will reach out to other board members to assist. Need to add values to list. Chris to contact Mike S to discuss.

-2021 Banners

- Chris will arrange date in the future to hang banners.
- Chris to ask MRC staff if banners can be hung in Pembina arena.
- Nicki Ward to gather pricing from local businesses.

-Develop a season timeline for SLMHA as a board. Will work on throughout the year and post on our website/Facebook. Travis will work on it and bring back to board.

-Chris, Mike and Jeff to meet to discuss ref/coach complaint process.

Bylaws:

-consider increasing fee's, we are the lowest in Northern Alberta by a large margin.

Committees:

Player Selection Committee: Joel Blanchette, Travis Eben, Mike Seppola, Sheldon Ghostkeeper, Mike Martin, Keltie Anderson. Seeking 1 more member.

Fundraising Committee: Pam Boucher, Jenn Taylor, Tracey Bonik.

Apparel Committee: Pam Boucher, Jenn Taylor, Tracey Bonik.

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