

Minutes

Slave Lake Minor Hockey Association

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 6th, 2021

Meeting Time: 7pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Dwain, Joel, Chris, Dion, Tyler, Tracey, Tara, Pam, Nikki, Mike, Melissa, Jenn, Cristy, Britney, Travis

Absent: Jeff, Bobbi

Call to Order 7:05pm

1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to the Agenda 5.3 Fit Night

2.1 Adoption of Agenda Motion to adopt agenda with additions by Melissa , 2nd Britney
CARRIED

2. Previous Minutes

2.1 Adoption of previous minutes Motion to adopt previous minutes by Nikki 2nd Tracey
CARRIED

2.2 Follow up on outstanding action items – See Action Items

3. Standing Items

3.1 President Report

-first weekend of hockey for U13-1 and U15 and the female team lost

-games for this weekend not out yet

-APHL want to combine ages of U15 and U18 in different communities together so they can have pure teams (no mixed age teams). See the information below:

-Keep in mind no extra travel will be required, unless you decide to have practices together, and even this can be scheduled on game days prior to the games. Each association would receive home games during the regular season.

-Working with Hockey Alberta and seeing other leagues do this it is in the best interest of all to continue to grow hockey in rural Alberta at all levels.

-As I mentioned before the league will not have 12 , 13, 14 year olds play against U18 players.

We are proposing the following:

U15:

Team 1: Grande Prairie U15 = 17 players

Team 2: Beaverlodge & High Prairie = 19 players

Team 3: High Level/Slave Lake & Fairview = 17 Players
U18

Team 1: Beaverlodge = 12 players

Team 2: High Level & Fairview = 13 players

Team 3: High Prairie & Slave Lake = 16 players

- 1) Each team would practice at their own association arena
 - 2) Teams can arrange between themselves to practice together
 - 3) Games would be split up between communities
 - 4) Teams would have to register in one association
 - 5) teams would have to work together for game day coaching staff/Manager/Trainer.
- Cristy and Chris will put something together and send it out to the parents of the female players.

-Managers please make sure all the information needed is uploaded before game play

3.2 Division Updates (Division Coordinators)

-U7: off to a good start, good group of coaches and lots of players can skate

-U9: lots of unhappy parents but the kids are skating

-U11: U11-1 wondering about affiliates and when they can start that.

-U13: U13-1 asked about affiliates to U15. A new registration is currently being evaluated for placement. U13-2 and U13-3 should play games this weekend. U13-3 has had coaches step up

-U15: played on the weekend and won against Edson 4-2. Players were nervous. Dwain asked about the checking clinic and Chris has reached out to Richard Chemago to run a clinic. Dion contacted him and Richard said he's ready to go and there is a one hour ice slot booked next Wednesday for that. Waiting to confirm with Richard if that day and time will work.

-U18: Haven't heard any complaints. Haven't heard about the third goalie so Tyler will check with Bobbi. 2 new skaters showed up and skated.

U15-18 Female: first game on the weekend.

3.3 Bobbi Update

-Team snap should be sent to all managers/teams now. They have to input each player and 1 email address and then parents can update their contacts themselves. This is because we didn't use TS for registration this season.

-Rosters are almost complete but all teams should have a current copy now. Just need a few more details. Once they're all done, we can start affiliation. All teams have to be approved before we can start adding AP's.

-All managers need to go to NAI website and complete the check list BEFORE their first game is played (team info is on the NAI website and roster uploaded). Under the managers tab on the website, all the info managers need is there. I will host a managers meeting next week. Rosters will be out for uploading by Thursday at the latest. Teams need to ensure they're communicating with opposing teams about any facility rules/details before leaving to play games.

Photo day Oct 26. Schedule TBD

Tournaments (sanctions are in):

Dec 11: U7

Dec 4: U9

Nov 20-21: U11

Nov 6-7: U13

Jan 22-23: U18 Female

4. Financial Review

4.1 Adoption of the financial report

-Motion by Tara to adopt the financial report as presented, 2nd Nikki

5. New Business

5.1 Treasurer position

-Tracey has resigned her position as Treasurer but has been staying on until we find someone else to take it over. We can charge her a nominal fee to become a member of SLMHA and then she can stay on the board and hold her position. Chris presented this as an option to keep Tracey on as our treasurer.

-Motion by Jenn to charge Tracey \$5 to become a board member of SLMHA and remain as the Treasurer with an honorarium of \$1200, 2nd Nikki, **CARRIED**

5.2 VP Update on Evaluations

-evaluations were busy this year. Lots of hard work with all of the groups and Joel is very proud of all the work by everyone and Joel is happy with where the teams are sitting. The process was followed and Joel is very proud of the outcome.

-U9 Some parents were unhappy that some females were not chosen to play on the U9-1 team. A letter was received from a parent following the teams be announced. Concerns were raised:

1. Lack of development and longevity of females in the minor hockey: We have always welcomed all genders to play and represent all players' interests at board meetings. We've never focused specifically on females but have always done what Hockey Alberta has mandated. We have even hosted a female hockey day in Slave Lake. We don't have a position on our board for female development. Our coaching director has always welcomed coaches and has never turned any away. The U9 teams have female coaches. Females are on the bench in U13 and U9.

2. Last year, all 38 kids were on the ice at the same time and they were grouped by level of ability. As for ice time, we only have 2 ice spots for the U9's. We felt that having the U92A and U92B teams share ice to avoid the teams having to switch ice practice times weekly or monthly. Coaches in the U9 group is currently an issue. We allow coaches to attend workshops and all coaches in SLMHA have a community of coaches who are always willing to

help out others. Our coaches always put a lot of work into practice plans to help with player development.

3. Evaluation criteria isn't shared on the website. Is this something we want to post on the website so parents can go find that info. U7 to U9 does need some more info to be shared with parents. Should we have some ideas of the types of skills the evaluators will be looking for? There is always a standard of subjectivity with evaluations and our coaches look at character and coachability.

Joel will draft a letter of reply and send to the Board members to have a look over and offer feedback before sending it.

U13-1 Went smooth and no issues

U13-2 After the team was announced, there was an unhappy parent. He was a very aggressive parent. The coordinator told him he would call him back when he calmed down. He was very unprofessional and complained about people and made rude comments about many board members. Joel wanted a chance to defend himself with the family so Chris sent an email to see if they wanted to meet to discuss and there hasn't been a reply at all. The player coach selection committee followed all the proper protocols.

U13-3 Seems content, coaches in place

Joel mentioned an anti-bullying campaign where one member of the board goes to each team and talks about it. Maybe bring up the players pledge and point out some key things in it to educate them

5.3 Fit Night

-Honda Shop can do a fit night and they have everything to do it but Bauer doesn't have everything available this year. It could take upwards of May. They are open to any suggestions the board may have. If we switch suppliers, there may not be samples to try on like we would normally. The same issue will follow us with other suppliers. Should we do it or not?? Let teams decide on something and have it approved by the apparel committee??

6. Round Table: Tabled

Next Meeting: November 3 at 7pm via Zoom

Adjournment : Motion by Nikki to adjourn at 9:57pm, **CARRIED**

Action items

Action Items:

- Tyler and Dion working on coaching packages - POSTPONED DUE TO COVID, (Dion mentioned he might reach out to Dave LaFrance for some help)
- Dion will connect with the coaches to see if there are any teams interested in using the fieldhouse for dryland training before practices. Chris will then check with Jill to see if they can arrange something.
- Cristy and Chris will send a letter to the parents of the female players to see how they feel about the Pure Teams.

Bylaw Action Items

- Adding timeline for player advancement to be evaluated, how is this done, they skate with their division or not...etc
- Adding something into player advancement dealing with half ice