



Stettler Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting – Stettler Rec Center
January 18, 2023

Jerilyne Raab	Jace Robinson	Martyne Nixon	Kelsie Miller
Reid Smith	Kari Wilson	Duncan Babchuck	Grant Glasier
Melody Richardson	Wendy Kistner	Nadinen Fournier	Janelle Greiner
Brook Watson	Teela Lynn	Nicole Doan	Sarah Payne

1. **Meeting called to order:** 6:34pm
2. **Additions to agenda:**
 - 2.1 **Additions / Deletions:** None
 - 2.2 **Approve agenda:**

Duncan motioned to approve the January 18, 2023, SMHA board meeting agenda. Kari seconded. All in favor.
3. **Minutes:**
 - 3.1 **Review of minutes and action items from the December 14, 2022, meeting.**

Melody motioned to approve the December 14, 2022; meeting minutes as read. Duncan seconded. All in favor.
 - 3.2 **Action Items:**
 - a) **Hockey Socks (John's & Canadian Tire):** Table until next season.
 - b) **ACAA Presentation:** Jace didn't have a chance to touch base with Stephanie.
 - c) **Tim Horton U7 Jerseys:** 5 sets have been ordered for U7. There is also opportunity through Tim Hortons to get U9 jerseys as well, Duncan will look into getting 6 new sets.
 - d) **Coach/Manager/Board Members Criminal Record Check (AGM new item):** Working on this for the start of next season.
 - e) **Missing pucks:** Jerilyne will send out another email reminder that pucks should NOT be removed from the arena, and requesting all pucks be returned asap.
4. **New Business**
 - 4.1 **Position for next season:** Discussed the benefits to having a tournament coordinator for SMHA. A job description will be drafted, and this position will be brought to the AGM to be voted in and added into the SMHA bylaws.



Melody motioned to vote-in the new position of Tournament Coordinator at the 2023 SMHA AGM. Janelle Seconded. All in favor.

Action Item: Draft a job description for the tournament coordinator.

4.2 Volunteer Hours: Sarah needs an updated list of all families that have completed their volunteer hours.

4.3 Tournaments for 2023/2024 season: Discussion regarding the amount of ice that tournaments are using and the amount of games that have to be scheduled away due to the lack of ice during Jan/Feb, and home games being booked elsewhere. Rocky Mountain Female League also makes booking ice difficult due to the way they book their blocks. It is also difficult to secure enough refs due to their own schedules/commitments. Discussed the possibility of having teams “apply” to host a tournament once they can prove they have the volunteer base to do so, instead of everyone just getting a tournament weekend. There could be a certain number of allotted tournament weekends and once they are used up, that is all the tournaments that can be held.

Nadine motioned that SMHA does not host U15 & U18 home tournaments going forward. Duncan seconded. All in favor.

4.4 Board Positions: There will be multiple board positions open for the upcoming season.

4.5 Defibrillator & First Aid Kits: Location of the defibrillator was discussed, as well as the importance of all teams having a first aid kit on the bench with them at each game.

5. Old Business:

5.1 Mid-Season Reviews: Deadline was January 15th and there were between 30-40 reviews received. Reid will go through all reviews and contact anyone necessary.

5.2 Beef Jerky Fundraiser: Huge Success with \$4884.00 profit.

5.3 SMHA Policies to work on: Travel Policy & Cell Phone Policy need to be voted in at the AGM. Some of the other policies, including suspensions, need to be updated to align more with what HA has in place.

5.4 Dressing room code of conduct: Coaches are to be in the dressing rooms supervising their teams, as per the Dressing room Code of Conduct. This document has already been forwarded onto all directors to pass along to all coaches.

6. Hockey Alberta: Nothing to report.

7. Executive Reports:

7.1 President: Been working with the executive board through a few issues that have been brought forth.

7.2 Past President: No report



7.3 VP Development: A 2nd power skating session has been booked for the U9 players. Finding it difficult to organize power skating / development due to timelines and ice availability. Looking to have something booked for the PD days coming up in February.

7.4 VP Operations: Dealing with some disciplinary problems right now. It is very important that everyone is using the proper chain-of-command when dealing with these types of issues – the code of conduct does state that failure to do so could result in repercussions.

7.5 VP Marketing & Communication: I just got the list of volunteer hours from Melody for bacon and beef jerky so will be going through and touching base with directors to send Managers an updated list. I am finding that there is a lot of instances where emails are sent to directors to be forwarded to managers and/or coaches and they never get forwarded on - so just a reminder to please make sure to send any communication to managers and teams as needed.

I have booked SMHA photos for next season for Wed Nov 15th 2023. ** the room will need to be booked closer to then**

Other than that Jerilyne and I got the website and sponsors all updated.

7.6 Treasurer: As of Dec 31, 2022 the account balances are as follows:

General: \$ 300, 604.21

Savings: \$14, 125.78

Casino: \$15, 114.23

8. Division Report:

8.1 U7: Currently working on organizing the U7 tournament, which is going well. 1st goal trophy's have been ordered, as well as pucks for all players. There is one player from U7 that has decided to be done for the season. Still working through difficulties with a player, but seems to be improving. One of the upstairs meeting rooms has been booked for the year-end party.

8.2 U9: Deep into tournament planning. There are 18 teams attending and the schedule has been completed and sent out – without complaints thus far. This is the last week for teams doing away tournaments, all seem to have gone really well.

All Friday and Saturday games will have a Ref.

Coaches seem to be dealing with any on-ice issues they are having.

There still appears to be a communication block between coaches and managers.

8.3 U11: Tournament went well. There was a small issue with the U11C team playing a prank on the U11A team, which overflowed into a Calgary team dressing room. This was dealt with at the team-level and all parents were notified. There are still bills trickling in, but should see a profit of around \$4000.00 before all cash-calls are returned.

8.4 U13: There have been issue with the tier governor returning the managers calls/messages.

8.5 U15: Tournament went well, no complaints from anyone. U15A won their division. Raffle table, 50/50, and players choice brought in about \$4200, ice bill still needs to be cleared up.



8.6 U18: Home tournament is coming up. Things are rolling along and going well. U18A are still sitting in 2nd place with 5 regular season games left and the U18B's are sitting 4th with 7 regular season games remaining.

8.7 Female:

U11 – Girls are doing well and are 2nd in the A-Blue division with a 5-2-3 record. Their 2 losses are courtesy of #1 Camrose whom they haven't beat yet but managed to tie them once. Been dealing with complaints from several teams in our division about our game times, including 1 refusal to come. I've managed to reschedule 3 games but the fourth they did, angrily, come to in the end. The issue is that the games are too early, some were at 8:00 and 8:30am. The teams claimed they were in violation of the league travel policies. Focusing on planning for the tournament at the end of the month, which should be a great experience for the girls.

U13 – Preparing for the upcoming tournament next weekend. Currently, sitting 1st in the B-Yellow Pool with a 6-2-2 record.

U15 – Placed 3rd in Vermillion tournament this past weekend. Lots of awesome team building and super positive parent feedback. We only have 1 game in Stettler until Playoffs. No concerns with home games in Alix and Delburne. Not sure if they will go ahead with the 50/50 though, as it is not in the hometown and the license is for the SRC.

U18 – Been having a really good regular season. Currently sitting 2nd in the league with a 5-1-2 record, with the fewest penalty minutes of all the A pool – this speaks to the style of hockey our girls play.

9. Director Reports:

9.1 Registrar: All teams should have received an updated roster with affiliates. If anyone is missing their updated roster, please contact Nicole.

9.2 Equipment: Tim Hortons jersey's have been ordered. Puck have been replenished and should be good for now. TBS still has some outstanding invoices from a couple of families that selected to "pay later".

9.3 Ice / Ref Allocator: There have been a couple of complaints about the U18B. Their last game was out-of-hand and the coaches didn't appear to be controlling their players. Refs felt they were out to see who they could hurt.
Waiting for the U18 tournament schedule to book Ref's. Getting lots of calls from other associations looking for Refs.

9.4 Sponsorship / Fundraising: Discussion regarding how we should set up the final fundraiser, cash raffle; what format to use, ticket price, etc.

10. Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm

11. Next Meeting: February 08, 2023