



**Stettler Minor Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting
Stettler Recreation Center
June 11, 2025 @ 6:30pm**

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35pm

1. Roll Call of Delegates:

Reid Smith	Joel Shepherd	Kelsie Miller	Janelle Greiner
Daryl Hill	Matt Fryer	Halle Vanderlee	Brenna Kudras
Melissa Muise	Deidre Northrop	Todd Schlender	Chelsey Rowledge
Joey Boxma			

2. 2025 SMHA Annual General Meeting Agenda:

Matt Fryer motioned to adopt the 2025 SMHA AGM agenda. Joel Shepherd seconded. All in Favor.

3. Review of 2024 SMHA AGM meeting minutes:

Melissa Muise motioned to approve the 2024 SMHA AGM minutes as read. Janelle Greiner seconded. All in Favor.

4. Report of the President – Report attached.

5. Report of the VP Operation – Report attached.

6. Report of the VP Development – No report.

7. Report of the VP Marketing & Communication – Report attached.

8. Report of the Treasurer – Report attached.

Deidre Northrop motioned to adopt the 2025 Treasurer Report as read. Matt Fryer seconded. All in favor.

Melissa Muise motioned to approve all Executive reports as read. Matt Fryer seconded. All in favor.



9. Review of Director / Division Reports:

- 9.1 U7 Division – No report.
- 9.2 U9 Division – Report attached.
- 9.3 U11 Division – Report attached.
- 9.4 U13 Division – Report attached.
- 9.5 U15 Division – Report attached.
- 9.6 U18 Division – No report.
- 9.7 Female Division – Report attached.
- 9.8 Equipment Director – No report.
- 9.9 Ref / Ice Allocator – Both reports attached.
- 9.10 Registrar – Report attached.
- 9.11 Fundraising Director – Report attached.

Janelle Greiner motioned to approve all Director / Division Reports as read. Deidre Northrop seconded. All in favor.

10.0 Resolutions:

- 10.1 Amendment to the Exceptional Player Policy** – The policy has been amended to state “By submitting the Exceptional Player Application, applicant acknowledges they will be required to pay the \$100.00 application & associated tryout Fee (may vary by year). It should be noted that players will pay 2 tryout fees if not selected as an Exception Player.”

Janelle Greiner motioned to adopt the Amended Exceptional Player Policy, as read. Ruby seconded. All in favor.

- 10.2 Amendment to the Mouth Guard Policy** – The policy has been amended to state “Players are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy. Registration reimbursement will not be granted to players who miss any of the hockey season due to head injuries if he/she was not wearing a mouthguard at the time of injury.”

Melissa Muise motioned to adopt the amended Mouth Guard Policy, as read. Deidre Northrop seconded. All in favor.



11.0 Elections:

11.1 President – No applicants. Reid will let his name stand.

Matt Fryer nominated Reid Smith for President. All in favor.

11.2 VP Operations – No applicants. Joel will let his name stand.

Melissa Muise nominated Joel Shepherd for VP of Operations. All in favor.

11.3 VP Marketing & Communications – No applicants.

11.4 Treasurer – No applicants.

11.5 Fundraising Director – No applicants.

12.0 New Business:

12.1 Coach Development – Discussed the importance of coach development, as well as player development. Kirby McKnight has expressed interest in possibly putting together a PowerPoint presentation with similar information offered at Doug's sessions, as well as some of her own information. It is important the coaches realize how valuable these sessions are, and how they can benefit the team as a whole.

12.2 Player Development – Discussed offering ice in surrounding communities (ie: Big Valley) to some of the SMHA teams, which would free up morning ice to use for power skating or development sessions. The teams would rotate weeks to utilize these sessions, and the idea would be to utilize people within the community to run these sessions. Discussed trying this for the 2025/2026 season.

12.3 U7 / U9 Jerseys – Tim Hortons is no longer sponsoring jerseys for the U7/U9 division, SMHA will need to order 6 new sets of U9 jerseys and matching socks for the upcoming season.

The board reviewed the color options presented for new jerseys and chose 6 to order. All board members were in favor.

Janelle Greiner motioned to spend up to \$6000.00 on jerseys and matching socks for the U9 division. Melissa Muise seconded. All in favor.

12.4 Stettler Minor Hockey Day with the Oilers – Reid has been in discussion with Mateyko Boyer, team lead of group sales for the Edmonton Oilers, in hopes of setting up a Stettler Minor Hockey Day with the Oilers.

12.5 Evaluations – Discussed the decision to continue doing in-house evaluations and not sourcing out outside evaluators.

13.0 Adjournment: 8:48pm

Deidre Northrop motioned to adjourn the meeting. Melissa Muise seconded. All in favour.



SMHA President Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted By Reid Smith

We kicked off are 24/25 season with some development opportunities. Utilizing Cross Ice Development for our Checking, Power Skating and skill development. For the goaltenders, Sheldon Watson ran an in-house goal clinic. Goal and Player development sessions at the beginning and throughout the year were well attended with a lot of good feedback.

We had consistent player numbers from the previous year with U7 and U9 being around mid-forties, the male divisions had three U11 and U13 teams, and two U15 and U18 teams. We were successful in having a female team in each division from U11 to U18

Team evaluations were successful with good volunteer evaluator numbers we were able to compile consistent evaluation data to make are team selections. Any sport where team tryouts are involved there will be always disappointment from some kids/parents. We will continue to use the same evaluation format for the 25/26 season. I believe the tiering process was a great improvement from the year before due to CAHL grouping majority of are teams in more central groupings than more southern groupings the year prior a issue we will push to fix year after year. A large percentage of are teams tiered well and their regular season play backed that up. Our regular season play seen most teams competitive within their divisions. Though out the year we hosted successful tournaments from are U7 to U13 divisions thanks to all the organizers for these successful events. Playoffs came quick and ended quick for some of our teams, but we also had some deep runs and banners to show for it a big congratulations to those teams. We were fortunate again this year to host provincials at the U13 female level. The organizing committee hosted a very successful event, the girls fought hard in all their games and will be lasting memory for those involved. Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to fill all shifts and make the weekend a success. We started some coach development sessions mid-year to give are coaches some new angles and ideas to help are young and changing athletes navigate through minor sport. Coaching is a big commitment and responsibility and needs to have support from the association, parents, and players for a successful season.

Our senior officiating group had a very strong group of young, up and coming refs again this year. We acknowledged our young refs throughout the year with monthly awards. As always, a big thanks to our senior refs to lead the way with their skill and mentorship. Thank you, Todd, for keeping this group organized and focused on developing a strong officiating group.

We were challenged with some ice restrictions this year due to hosting provincial curling mid-season a big shout out to Martyne on navigating us through that stretch and getting us through the season with are ice scheduling needs. Not enough thanks are ever given to all our board members, coaches, managers, refs, volunteers, sponsors, and fundraisers. From getting 300+ kids registered, organized on teams, to practice schedules and regular season play thanks to everyone one involved.



SMHA VP Operations Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted by: Joel Shepherd

Evaluations

Evaluations from U11-U18 went quite smoothly, with only a couple issues. We implemented some standardized evaluation formats for skills/scrimmages which seemed to take a majority of

the workload off the coaches running the on-ice component and worked well.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank all the volunteers we had to ensure this process was as streamlined as possible. Every effort is made to bring in volunteers with hockey knowledge and no ties to the team or players being evaluated. This process relies heavily on individuals who have moved on from minor hockey and individuals who are entering minor hockey with younger players. Individuals with players in U11-U18 are limited in which age groups they can evaluate to eliminate potential conflicts. Overall, there were tough decisions to be made and everyone went on to have successful seasons. We are continuing to improve to make tryouts as smooth as possible as it is a challenging process for young players and parents who want to get on the ice with their teams. No system is perfect and volunteers do their best to place players appropriately.

Season

Most teams coaching positions were filled easily this year. I'd like to thank all our coaches and re-enforce that everyone interested in coaching continues to submit their applications as early as possible to assist with the process.

All in all, most things within CAHL went smoothly. As CAHL has expanded to be a fairly large league, travel continues to be a challenge during the tiering process while maintaining competitive balance. The Tiering process went much smoother this year with CAHL and I believe all our teams were properly tiered. I was able to engage our teams with the initial tiering, allowing them to look at the initial tiering group and decide if they feel they should move up and down. These concerns can be raised during the re-tiering meeting. After the re-tiering meetings, the League then moves teams in Geographical splits within the tier groups. Previous issues arose as the initial tiering groups were not shared with the teams. I will continue to share these with the entire coach group and managers for teams to assist with proper placement. Player & coach suspensions were still high this season, but I am glad to say SMHA had limited

suspensions. Please continue to maintain our high standards when representing our community.

This was my second year as VP Operations for Stettler and while everything went well, I look forward to feedback from all SMHA to continue to improve within our association and with CAHL.



SMHA VP of Marketing & Communications Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted by Kari Wilson

The 2024/2025 hockey season has come to an end, and it has been a great season.

Thank you for all the help and guidance the last 2 years.

SMHA continued to use RAMP website/email as the main source of communication as well as the SMHA Facebook page to share information. Team snap was provided to the teams to use to communicate at the team level by SMHA.

Volunteer hours were completed by all of SMHA families with many families carrying over hours they earned at the U13 female provincials.

I would like to thank all the SMHA executives, board members, directors, volunteers, parents, coaches, and parents for their countless hours and support this season. It takes a great deal of work and support and make a season successful; my term is up and I am looking forward to stepping down and seeing what new ideas the future VP of communications brings but I am willing to help whoever takes on the new role of VP of communications.

Wishing SMHA all the best for the next season.



SMHA Treasurer Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted by Janelle Greiner

The bank balance at the end of the year is \$84,729.31, savings is \$32,301.15 and the casino is at \$6,389.12. During this season we invested \$50,000.00 into a redeemable 1-year term deposit as well as \$100,000.00 into a 1-year non-redeemable term deposit.

We have a casino coming up for the fall.

I have made the tough decision that this will be my last year on the minor hockey board. I have been apart of the board in a few different positions for the last 8 years. This coming season I just want to be a parent in the stands.

STETTLER & DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION		
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures		
For The Year Ended April 30, 2025		
	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 474	\$ 3,310
Fees	235,524	227,454
Fundraising (net)	46,954	15,406
Interest income	581	94
Jersey program and sponsorship	17,373	23,167
	<u>300,906</u>	<u>269,431</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Coaches and clinics	11,714	17,644
Directors and meetings	1,139	640
Equipment and uniforms	15,454	11,013
Ice fees	139,850	137,079
Insurance	11,506	9,068
League fees	7,160	3,163
Locker storage	1,467	1,641
Office	6,802	5,594
Player registrations	11,904	8,457
Professional fees	1,103	1,103
Referees	41,424	40,530
Trophies and banners	455	498
Website	1,286	1,286
	<u>251,064</u>	<u>237,716</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 49,842	\$ 31,715



SMHA U9 Division Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted by Ashley Strome

We had 45 kids in U9 this year, we made 5 teams of 9. Blue, Black, Yellow, White, and Green. Most of our away tournaments were early in the season, Crossfield (Nov), Wetaskiwin (Nov), Castor (Dec), Big Valley (Dec) and Bashaw (Feb).

One team (Yellow) decided to partake in a second tournament Big valley, resulting in a second cash call that was taken care of separately by their team Manager.

I went ahead booked our 5 away tournaments in October and then let managers pick which tournament they wanted to ensure that we secured one for each team. Previous year was noted that it was stressful/ too late to get into tournaments in November when teams were assigned.

Our home tournament hosted 7 teams this year, we had a crazy number of teams apply to attend. In the end we invited Elk Island, Bashaw, Crossfield, Rimbey, Castor, Sylvan Lake C1 and C2 to join us. Had great feedback from our attendees, each team was guaranteed 3 games over the course of the 2 days. We were able to have a WestJet ticket raffle instead of a 50/50, in which we only sold half the tickets, (wonder if U11 having same raffle 1 month earlier had an effect?) Our tournament had a profit of \$4067.61 after SMHA payment. Parents were refunded \$80 of the tournament cash call.

Joel and I have discussed using the extra money in our account to upgrade the goalie gear as a few sets are pretty rough shape.

Team windups were tasked to managers to sort out, and not all teams did a windup. Would recommend maybe a group windup at end of season as was noted successful a few years ago. We piloted an affiliate program for a few U7s, ultimately it ended early as it wasn't working well. Kids from the U9 team sitting out each week were to be called upon if a player was needed and at times were bypassed to call a U7 up.

There seemed to also be a lot of confusion around the U9 affiliates for U11C team, 8 players were listed and were supposed to rotate through the list and only a few of the same players were used throughout the season multiple times. Parents and players noted there to be some favoritism amongst the players.

We had 2 brand new players this year in which we awarded 1st goal trophies to and sounds like both girls are hoping to continue on next year to the female team!

We had excellent parents volunteer to coach this year allowing each team to have 3 coaches. As well as a handful of helpful parents jump in to help plan and execute the tournament!

All in all, it was a great season minus the curling stealing ice time haha the season flew by quickly



SMHA U11 Division Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted by Christy Anderson

All three teams had successful seasons.

A Team - finished tied 4th/5th out of 9 teams and advanced to the Semi-final in Tier 1 and lost to Carstairs.

B Team - finished 5th out of 6 teams but lost out in the first round against Camrose

C Team - finished 3rd out of 8 teams and advanced to the Semi-final in Tier 5 and lost to the Thunderstars

Our home tournament went well and we paid \$1443.90 to SMHA and profited \$12,995.12 for the three teams to pay back their cash calls and do their year end team building.

The A team consisted of all 2nd year players so next year will be a whole new U11 A team.

Overall, I think the season was good for all teams, with players developing and gaining more skills and knowledge.



SMHA U13 Division Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted Ruby MacDonell

This season was filled with growth, determination, and some great memories on and off the ice. From the early morning practices to the intense games and tournaments, your commitment and teamwork really showed. For having smaller teams, they did very well with very few issues.

A few highlights from this season:

- U13 A won the division banner and went on to the playoffs for provincials.
- U13B made it far in the playoffs but just fell short. The team had a great year.
- U13C won their division banner.

To the coaches, thank you for your time, patience, and leadership. To the parents, your support—whether in the stands, driving to games, or helping behind the scenes—made all this possible.



SMHA U15 Division Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted By Matt Fryer

2024/2025 hockey season in SMHA is over for another year and I would say it was another successful one.

The U15 Division evaluations this year were run very well, thanks to everyone involved.

We ended up with U15A tier 3S and U15B tier 3W, although with both teams having had some success at all of their tiering games, both teams moved up a tier to U15A tier 2 / U15B tier 3S.

Both teams attended away tournaments and did some fundraising as this division does not have a home tournament.

Although both teams had challenges throughout the year, overall, I believe the year was a success.

I am looking forward to another year of SMHA hockey.



SMHA Female Division Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted By Melissa Muise

It was a great year for all of our female teams. A highlight was the U13 division hosting Provincials at the end of march. Not only was the tournament very successful, bringing in a profit of \$8 304.03 for SMHA, but our U13 team did very well playing very close games with their opponents.

RMFHL Update:

Voting:

Associations added to the RMFHL include Irvine, Maskwacis, and Windermere, these associations were voted in. The Renegades (Crossfield, Didsbury, and Carstairs) have been added as a guest association to the league for the 2025-2026 season; Golden, BC also applied but was voted against.

Affiliation:

If you want to use outside affiliates for playoff games, they must have played a minimum of 3 league games with the team prior. RMFHL can use affiliates at anytime.

Players Box:

Visiting team has the first right to work their own penalty box during games.

Game Changes:

All game changes must be approved 48 hours prior to the proposed new ice time.

Consolation Tournament:

Some members of RMFHL are putting together a plan.

Season:

Maximum # of games is 18

Would like to have A, B & C divisions..

There will be 4 weeks of tiering; beginning Oct 03 for U13 & U18 and the following weekend for U11 & U15.

Live game sheets are being looked into.

Pilot Project:

Must be a blackout weekend, 1 weekend in November and 1 in February.

Calgary & Edmonton

U15 & U18 crossover exhibition games

ECAFHL crossover games for U11 - U18



SMHA Ice Allocator Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted by Martyne Nixon

Overall, the 2024-25 season was successful. Communication between the ice allocator/referee allocator, tournament director, as well as the executive, division directors and team managers, remains strong.

The ice and referee allocators improved the timeliness of ref scheduling. Although some constraints still exist during tiering, early regular season, and playoffs, I believe that there have been efficiencies made in this area in the 2024-25 season.

There were some ice scheduling constraints at the end of the regular season due to the Men's Provincial Curling finals hosted by the Erskine Curling Club – requiring some major schedule changes for all our teams. This event also forced the U7 and U9 tournaments to separate, and to host on less-than-ideal weekends, during our league playoffs. January and early February were busy for families with lots of away games.

The U11 and U13 Female tournaments combined again, which allowed for better volunteer assignments and game scheduling for those parent groups. On the other hand, our larger tournaments (U11 and U13 Male), are finding it difficult to secure sufficient ice to schedule all games due to outside user group bookings on weekend. We may have to look at different ways to split these tournaments to better accommodate those divisions, possibly hosting the 2 divisions over 3 weekends instead.

Looking ahead to the 2025-26 season, home tournament ice and pre-season development ice will have to be booked once important CAHL/RMFHL dates have been released.

I thank you for allowing me to serve as your ice allocator.



SMHA Ref Allocator Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted by Todd Schlender

Quick wrap up on my first year as Stettler Minor hockey Referee Assigner
Started with the last Saturday in August as we hosted a sold-out Ref Clinic
I was fortunate to be able to choose from 44 officials this year including:

- 36 local officials
- 8 regular officials from outside of town who were able to help.
- 13 brand new officials
- 3 Female officials

Our mentorship/shadow program worked extremely well. Big Thank you to Steve Whitney, Steve Wenger, Dave Deaver, Riley Turre and Duncan Babchuk.

I lost track on the sheer numbers of games but we also handled the ref duties for a handful of out of town tournaments and sent officials out to Bashaw, Killam and Sedgewick to help out those associations (when we could).

Fielded 1 complaint from Hockey Alberta regarding our officials and it was against me so I am taking that as a win for the year.

All in all, I am very pleased at the progress of our young officials and am hopeful to return next year to continue the work.

I would like to request that we host a ref clinic on Sept 6th for this coming Fall just to avoid having it on the Sept Long weekend.



SMHA Registrar Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted by Nicole Doan

Registration opened and closed earlier this year (July 1 – August 1, 2024), making it easier to prepare for tryouts and provide more time to look for players for smaller teams if needed. Registration was done through HRC 3.0 again this year with all payments accepted via credit card or e-transfer.

A total of 303 players (up 5 players from last season) were registered with SMHA in the 2024-2025 hockey season.

SMHA submitted a total of 10 teams to CAHL:

3 U11 Teams – 41 players (up 2 players)

3 U13 Teams – 40 players (down 3 player)

2 U15 Teams – 37 players (same number of players)

2 U18 Teams – 38 players (up 3 players)

SMHA submitted a total of 4 teams to RMFHL:

1 U11 Team – 11 players (same number of players)

1 U13 Team – 18 players (up 1 player)

1 U15 Team – 13 players (same number of players)

1 U18 Team – 17 players (down 2 player)

There were house league teams for U7 and U9 this season:

4 U7 teams – 43 players (up 7 players)

5 U9 teams – 45 players (down 3 players)

A big thank-you to our board members, coaches, managers, and volunteers. This organization is successful because of your commitment to providing quality programming for our players.



SMHA Director of Fundraising Report
June 2025 AGM
Submitted by Tersha Stevens

Bacon in the fall: \$13,148

Cash calendar March 2025: \$6896.79- \$2000 (SMHA contribution) \$4896.79.

Total fundraising income \$18,044.79

Upcoming casino August 17 & 18 2025