



Stettler Minor Hockey Association
Executive Meeting Minutes - Zoom Meeting
September 15, 2020

(No August meeting, waiting for guidelines set for season due to COVID-19)

Trevor Speakman	Jerilyne Raab	Christa Cornelssen	Martyne Nixon
Brett Nixon	Kelsie Miller	Allison Baird	Sarah Payne
Janelle Greiner	Deidre Northrop	Lisa Baltimore	Doug Baltimore
Duncan Babchuk	Nicole Doan	Nadine Fournier	Stefan Olafson

1. Call meeting to order - 7:34 pm

2. Additions to agenda

Vote to appoint Martyne as Treasurer.

Season Layout.

Allison Baird approved the agenda, Jerilyne Raab seconded. All in favour.

3. No meeting minutes to review. There was no August meeting due to the uncertainty of how/when the season would operate.

4. New Business - Registration Deadline. In order to firm up numbers for the season and begin building teams, a registration deadline has been set for September 21, 2020. The deadline is for all players with the exception of the Initiation division.

Try-out fees were not discussed.

Sarah Payne motioned that late fees will be brought to the board and a decision will be made on a case-by-case basis. Allison Baird seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.

SRC Arena Protocol - SMH was contacted by Brad Robbins in regards to minor hockey families not following the SRC Arena Re-opening User Guidelines. It is imperative that the inside viewing area be cleared for traffic coming in and out of the arena, as well as skaters not arriving more than 20 minutes prior to the start of their ice session.

It is important that skaters are signing in at the sign-in table upon entering the facility. The sign-in sheets are handed into the SRC staff upon the start of the ice session and a photocopy or picture should be taken for Stettler Minor Hockey records.

Action Item: Jerilyne will create a standardized sign-in sheet for Minor Hockey use.

Open Position - U9 Director Voting

Jerilyne Raab nominated Janelle Greiner for the U9 Director position. This is a shared position with Nicole Doan. Sarah Payne seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

5. No old business to discuss

6. Hockey Alberta - Last update was September 03, 2020.

7. Executive Reports

President - Trevor Speakman - Has been fielding calls in regards to the possibility of building cohort groupings of 50 players with surrounding associations; Delburne, Big Valley, Bashaw, Forestburg, and Castor have expressed interest. If these cohorts were a go, there would be a possibility of the players getting to play some games aside from just in-house. In order to switch between cohorts the teams would have to isolate within their own association in between. Trevor has put in an inquiry to Hockey Alberta for clarification to see if this is a feasible option. He will let us know what he finds out. There was also the idea of running a 3-on-3 format but there is concern with the possibility of not enough goalies. We will wait to hear back from HA in regards to cohorting.

Past President - Sandra Schell - No report.

VP Development- Brett Nixon- SMH is in need of a new Shooter Tutor as the one they have is beat up and torn. This is needed when the teams do not have goalies present. Shooter Tutor costs \$229.00. They are also in need of a Tripod Trainer which cost \$570.00 for 2.

Sarah Payne motioned to spend up to \$1000.00 to purchase the Shooter Tutor and Tripod Trainer. Nicole Doan seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

VP Operations- OPEN POSITION - This position needs to be filled before rosters are sent in middle of October. SMH will not hold team selections until the position is filled.

Action Item: Jerilyne will send out an email to SMH families looking for a volunteer to fill this position.

Female -Midget/Bantam Teams - Will know more in regards to numbers once tryouts are complete for AA in Red Deer. There is a possibility of some imports/exports.

Selection Process - We will proceed with a regular selection process beginning September 28, 2020.

Action Item: Trevor will recruit evaluators for the selection process.

Action Item: Brett will get an ice schedule to Doug & Lisa.

VP Marketing and Communications- Jerilyne Raab - Website is up-to-date and she is sending out information to families as she gets it.

Treasurer- Christa Cornelssen - General bank account has approximately \$130,000.00. The GIC for jersey replacement has approximately \$71,000.00. We did not transfer the \$25,000.00 from last year for jerseys as we could have, but left it in the current account in the event we need it. There are a couple of outstanding invoices that are in the process of being collected. The year-end will be taken to the accountant on September 16, 2020.

Action Item: Trevor Speakman, Martyne Nixon, and Kelsie Miller have been approved for signing authority. They will need to go into the bank and have this switched.

Jerilyne Raab motioned to appoint Martyne Nixon as treasurer for the 2020-2021 season. Brett Nixon seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

8. Division Reports

Initiation- Bobby Duncan - No Report

Novice- Nicole Doan & Janelle Greiner - Official start date for novice division will be October 13, 2020. Numbers look good with 45 registered, 18 of which are female. Have not heard anything back from West Country in regards to a travelling team but will start the season with skill development and 4-on-4 in-house play.

Atom- Sarah Payne - Things are going well. Players finished powerskating with Val Norrie and are now doing skill development; they are enjoying it. There are lots of volunteers helping out. Numbers look good for the division with 40 registered, 6 goalies; should have enough for 3 teams. With Pathway, goalies have the option, and are encouraged, to play out when they are not in net.

Peewee- Deidre Northrop - There are currently 37 registered in the division, this would be divided into 2 teams, and we would need about 45 players to make 3 teams. Numbers have been low on the ice sessions, possibly due to some playing football as well as those out under COVID-19 protocol.

Bantam- Nadine Fournier - Players are arriving early and eager to play. They currently have 34 registered, 2 goalies. There have been 2 requests for goal tenders to join from other associations that are no-longer, we will let them register with SMHA. Things are going well.

Midget- Open Position - Need to get this position filled. They have already had to cancel 1 ice session. There are currently 26 registered, 5 of which are trying out elsewhere at the moment. There is a possibility of having 2 smaller teams or 1 full team.

Female- Stefan Olafson - Report attached.

9. Director Reports

Director Registrar and Administration- Martyne Nixon - Able to get 100% of players registered online.

Registration Numbers are currently as follows:

U7 - 33, U9 - 45, U11 - 40, U13 - 37, U15 - 34. Registration will close September 21, 2020.

Director Equipment- Duncan Babchuk - Report attached.

Ice/Ref Allocator- Doug & Lisa Baltimore - Ref Clinic October 24, 2020. With the new guidelines set out, Refs will either be grouped into cohorts or will be required to wear masks on the ice during face-offs or when distancing cannot be maintained; they are pushing for coaches to ref games. Refs will also be required to dress at home and arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to game time. For those who play on a team as well as ref, they may be asked to choose one or the other, as they may not be able to do both. This will be a challenging year and there is a possibility of losing refs.

Director Communications- Jerilyne Raab - Nothing to report

Director Sponsorship and Fundraising- Allison Baird - We will run a cash raffle for the first half of the season.

Action Item: Allison will get the raffle license.

Allison made a motion to use the sale of raffle tickets towards volunteer hours. Seconded by Sarah. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Martyne Nixon made a motion to purchase the Full version of Zoom Video Communication for \$200.00. Jerilyne seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

10. Meeting adjournment - 9:50pm

11. Next Meeting - October 06, 2020 @ 7:30

Equipment Director, Duncan:

1. Already met with Christie Greiner and was provided with status of Equipment, ie Jerseys.
 2. Email Contact with Tim Bits and McDonald's sponsors Confirmed.
 3. Puck issue. 180 pucks picked up from Source for Sports. Invoice will follow.
 4. Inventory and organizing of Team Jerseys has started.
 - A). Maybe we can send out a message to confirm there are no jerseys left to be returned.
 - B). I would like a numbers list of registered players for each age group. Would like to have all team jerseys ready for distribution to Team Managers when we start.
- Managers will be required to sign an inventory sheet.
- 5). Will get together with Development Coordinator, Brett to determine what other training equipment we require.

Female Division-Stefan Olafson

RMFHL has sent an email out concerning the league- we will not be operational until we reach stage three in the return to play process and in the meantime continue season start up and start to communicate with other near associations and possibly begin some small cohorts with them if at a possible. I have also been told RMFHL is planning some changes in its operations this year to make it run with less chaos. If these changes do not work this year, CAHL is prepared to operate a female division in the years going forward.

Girls' weekend was a great success and all teams are ready to get going.

Have reached out to 3C's (u18 only), Camrose (all divisions (perhaps not u18)), Lacoka(u18 and u11 divisions currently) about possible cohorting and they all are willing and ready to work together to make things work until league gets going. Have not spoke to Red Deer or West Central but will if the other three communities cannot work with us for some reason.

Many things still going on to get teams filled but the good thing is we have time

U18-7 girls -waiting on 4 girls to decide(they are currently leaning towards no but they asked to be kept in the loop and need more time before deciding

-Goalie still has not signed up but has stated she wants to play and will register.(we hope)

-Camrose has 9 or 10 skaters and a goalie. They are hoping to field a team.

-Lacocka may have a couple of extra players as they have 23 registered but have a few at tryouts. Good chance of not getting any from them.

-3cs will have a team of 13 girls(basically there bantam team from last year moves up)

-Goal is to have a team based out of Stettler and we continue to work at that but the time is getting close to the end.

-have reached out to all girls in the community in that age group who have played hockey before to see if interest is there to come back-currently no interest as they are doing other activities

-u15 move up? (3cs and lacocka have stated they are both moving up a few u15 each to make u18 work)

-will we have appropriate u15 girls to play u18? Many factors come into play.

U15-13 girls-3 girls are currently not signed up (1 is still deciding and two are trying out in Red Deer but will play in Stettler if do not make Red Deer)-will know more by Wed

-3 other skaters who are signed up are also trying out in Red Deer-will know more by Wed.

-2 goalies-1 trying out in Red Deer-will know more by Wed

-a couple of 3cs players (as low as 1 and as high as 4) would like to come here if circumstances work out on both sides. Different circumstances for all players-not an all or nothing scenario.

-two girls from Blackfalds are also weighing their options and will be in contact if they end up looking for a place to play. Don't call us-we will call you if needed was last contact.

-possibility of players moving up to u18 to make that division work depending on outcome of tryouts and other factors? Again will we have appropriate u15 to play u18? Many factors come into play.

U13-22 girls

1 more registration coming in more than likely

-2 goalies

-good number to start a cohort with but eventually will have to make decision

-2 teams? Possibility of 3cs, Lacocka having a few girls depending on circumstances in their associations looking for a place to play. Increase numbers here?

-Move girls up to fill u15 if some have moved up to u18? Do we have appropriate u13 to play u15?

U11-12 girls-possibly 1 more player-thinking of playing

-no goalie-no one really looking at becoming goalie at this point

-discussion has already begun if they cannot find a goalie then a possible rotation will take place (will need goalie gear to fit a range of girls)

Many coaches have put names out to coach or help and were involved in the girls weekend. A few new ones coming into the association with U11 and have not lost any in other divisions. Some are looking to take a step back if others can step forward. The problem will arise depending on if coaches can be involved with more than one team. Some will need certification but are willing to do it. Just need to be pointed in right direction when the time comes.

Currently looking and encouraging having an appropriate female involved with every team. Currently have one in U15, (older sister who has played hockey whole life) a recently graduated goalie from the SMHA program (will need some certification) to help out at u13 and perhaps other divisions when available and waiting to hear about the other two divisions from community members and graduated players from SMHA. It is not a requirement but the dynamics of the team will change when one is involved. (for the better).