



## Stettler Minor Hockey Association

### Executive Board Meeting – SRC

April 16, 2025

Reid Smith	Matt Fryer	Melissa Muise	Todd Schlender
Kelsie Miller	Ruby MacDonell	Kari Wilson	Janelle Greiner
Brook Watson	Joel Shepherd	Jerilyne Raab	Ashley Strome
Nicole Doan	Tersha Stevens		

**1. Meeting Called to Order:** 6:02pm

**2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:**

**2.1 Exceptional Player Policy:** The policy will be amended to include that, as well as the \$100 fee, they are also responsible for the evaluation fee as well.

**Action Item:** Joel will amend the Exceptional Player Policy to include the addition of the evaluation fee.

**3. Review of August Meeting Minutes:** Reviewed the March 12, 2025 meeting minutes and action items.

*Matt Fryer motioned to approve the March 12, 2025 meeting minutes & action items. Melissa Muise seconded the motion. All in favor.*

**4. New Business**

**4.1 Playoffs & U13 Female Provincial Recap:** Overall, SMHA teams had a good playoff run. Many teams making it to semi & final rounds, and some teams only made first round. U13A & U13C divisions brought home the tier banners.

U13 Female Provincials was a great success. The tournament was run well and received many great compliments. Our Stettler girls did extremely well, they had close games and a ton of fun. The Officials had no problems with teams, and felt everything ran smooth on their end. Great Job!

**4.2 Equipment needed for upcoming season, as well as new locker setup:**

Discussed the need for some jerseys, in the near future, and possibly looking into using BarDown, as they appear to be a better quality than the current jerseys we are currently using.

See more in the Equipment Director report.



**Action Item:** Reid will get a programmable lock for the new team locker and get that organized.

**4.3 Development sessions 2025/2026:** Reid & Brett will discuss & organize some preseason development for SMHA. This needs to be done sooner, rather than later, as things get booked up fast. There was discussion on the possibility of using an SMHA parent for some of the power skating, as she has done this for a few teams and might be interested in doing more.

**Action Item:** Reid & Brett will discuss & organize 2025/2026 preseason development sessions.

**4.4 Preseason Coaches Meeting:** There will be a coach meeting for ALL coaches prior to the start of the season. At this meeting Reid will discuss, as a group, concerns that were put forward through the year-end evaluations, and how we can make changes and improve on our coaching teams. He will also discuss the positive things that coaches are doing for our teams.

**4.5 Tournament Dates 2025/2026 season:** Reid & Martyne will discuss tournament dates for the upcoming season, and tentatively get them booked. With no curling provincials this year to book around, we should have some flexibility with moving a few of the tournament to more desirable weekends.

**Action Item:** Reid & Martyne will discuss, and tentatively book, 2025/2026 tournament dates.

**4.6 Year-End Recap Reports:** Directors need to draft a recap of the season and send to Kelsie ([millerbk@telus.net](mailto:millerbk@telus.net)) ASAP.

**4.7 Fees 2025/2026 season:** The executive will review a breakdown of each division and their costs, and then will propose an appropriate increase for the 2025/2026 fees.

**4.8 Team size for upcoming season:** Discussed opening registration earlier this year to help get a better idea of team sizes. HA has brought in a U13AAA division for the upcoming season, early registration might help us better gauge how many players from Stettler might be headed the AA / AAA route. There is a possibility of housing a 3<sup>rd</sup> U18 team due to some of the smaller communities not having the player numbers to form a team at that division, therefore, Stettler might have the opportunity to absorb some of these players. With this scenario, we would need to look at possibly utilizing ice in Big Valley on a more regular basis, and if we do, we might also be able to free up some of the morning ice sessions which aren't preferred and sometimes not well utilized.



Although it was previously discussed that SMHA would look at having outside evaluations done for the upcoming season, the decision has now been made not to do this and endure the expense, for a similar outcome.

**4.9 2025/2026 AGM:** AGM will be June 11, 2025 @ 6:00pm, with the possibility of opening 2025/2026 registration June 15, 2025.

**5. Old Business:**

**5.1 Team Jerseys:** All jerseys should have been repaired, A's & C's removed, and returned to their appropriate team lockers.

**6. Executive Reports:**

**6.1 President:** Discussed the Year-End reviews. There were lots of positives and things SMHA and coaches are doing well, but also some definite concern that will be addressed with all coaches at the preseason coach meeting.

**6.2 VP Development:** No report

**6.3 VP Operations:** No report

**6.4 VP Marketing & Communication:** No report

**6.5 Treasurer:**

General: \$83 866.59 (will be moving \$7 435.09 into Casino account)

Savings: \$32 287.66

Casino: \$9 471.20

\$100 000.00 was moved into a Non-Redeemable Account

\$50 000 was moved into a Redeemable Account

*Brook motioned to pay the \$10 517.17 March ice fees out of the Casino account. Melissa seconded the motion. All in favor.*

**7. Division Report:**

**7.1 U7 –** Season went well. Has some volunteer cheques to shred once volunteer hours have been completed.

**7.2 U9 –** Tournament went well, \$4000 in profit. U9 is in need of some newer goalie equipment, will discuss this with Joel.

**7.3 U11 –** No report

**7.4 U13 –** No report

**7.5 U15 –** No report



**7.6 U18 –** The U18A team played Airdrie in the first round of Tier 1 playoffs and advanced to the 2nd round where they faced Battle River, who won the series and took the banner for Tier 1 North.

Ended the season in 4th place of the Tier 1 North division.

The season had some ups and downs but ultimately all games were evenly matched and competitive. Between player illness and suspensions, we were missing quite a few players every game since Christmas. Had the attendance been better, the outcome of the season would likely have been different.

We had 7 players graduating and had a nice ceremony at our final home game of the regular season.

The team will look quite a bit different next year as grade 12 players have made up a large percentage of the team for the past two seasons.

The head coach, Joe Zsombor was new this season and has expressed interest in returning to coach next season.

U18B had a terrific season being 2<sup>nd</sup> in their tier, this was a great group of young men and a great group of coaches. They made it into the Tier3 final but had an unfortunate loss with 2 min left in Triple OT – definitely an exciting game.

There were 2 graduating players on the team and were recognized with a short ceremony where they were given photos and their grad jersey.

**7.7 Female –** U13 Female Provincials went really well and everyone did a tremendous job!

Melissa discussed the RMFHL meeting and there is a possibility of adding Sedgewick U18, Golden U13/U15/U18, and Kainai U11/U13. This will be voted on at the next meeting. Camrose was not part of RMFHL this season, and they are waiting to find out if they will rejoin for the upcoming season.

## **8. Director Reports**

**8.1 Registrar:** No Report

**8.2 Equipment Director:** All jerseys have been returned, however, U15B still have A's and C's on which will be an expense for the team next year - Spoke with the manager and she said she would leave it to Reid to take care of.

Pucks were picked up and we should be good to start the season next year.

Duncan has ordered the U7/U9 jerseys the last two years; Deidre will get in touch with him on how to go about ordering them and take care of it.

Willing to help clean out the equipment room locker with whoever, but would prefer a coach to be there as they would know what is still used/not used etc.

Looking for a few men to move the jersey rack back over to the gate in the equipment room upstairs as the rec centre moved it over to install windows and didn't move it back over far enough.



**8.3 Ref / Ice Allocator:** Todd would be open to having Ref reviews to help communicate what they are doing well, and things they could improve on.

**8.4 Fundraising Director:**

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

**9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 07, 2025

**10. Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30pm