



Stettler Minor Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes – SRC Meeting Room

Dec 08, 2021

Jerilyne Raab	Kelsie Miller	Martyne Nixon	Stefan Olafson
Janelle Greiner	Doug Baltimore	Duncan Babchuk	Nicole Doan
Melody Richardson	Christine Wedrick		

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** 6:36pm
2. **Additions to Agenda**
 - 2.1 **Additions / Deletions** - None
 - 2.2 **Approve Agenda** – *Doug approved the December 08, 2021 meeting agenda.*
3. **Minutes** – *Duncan approved the November 08, 2021 meeting minutes, Christine seconded.*

4. **New Business**

4.1 Female Event Day / Hockey Tackle Hunger Event – Idea put forth to do a one-day girls' event with some on-ice session, games, a B-Class, and possibly bring in some college girls to help. There was discussion regarding the time frame of this sort of event, and the issue of no available ice, it might be possible to do something like this if they don't make provincials. The girls would be responsible to pay for the extras. It's a great idea and if it could pay for itself it could work.

Hockey Tackles Hunger – Lee bates would like to do this again this year with the female teams and possibly approach other teams to join.

4.2 Provincial Bid - Provincial bid has been submitted for U13A & U18A, Martyne has volunteered to be the chair. Should find out Dec 17 if we are successful.

4.3 U7 name bars – Discussion was had about names bars on the U7 jerseys, this is not something that has been done at the U7 level. This lead to discussion regarding the use of name bars on any of the team jerseys, given that SMHA has just purchased all new jerseys this year. The use of name bars was put to a vote and it was decided, unanimously, not to use name bars.

4.4 Mask Exemption – Lots of discussion regarding how to address the issue of parents working the box during games and not wearing their mask.

Duncan made a motion to follow the rules of the SRC facility, which is mandatory masking, and all volunteers are required to wear a mask while working in the penalty box/time box. Dale seconded this motion. All in favor.

4.5. HA Hosting Instructional Stream Clinics in January – Sign-up to follow shortly.

4.6. SMHA Planning for the future – Discussion on how to get more volunteers in the future and retain players.

4.7 Donation from Fun Hockey – As a thank-you for lending our pucks and developmental tools, Fun Hockey has made a \$350 donation to SMHA.

Action Item: Duncan will order a box of pucks to replenish.

Action Item: Sarah will send out message asking for pucks to be returned

5. Old Business

5.1 **Fundraiser Updates** – 74 boxes of cornucopia – Total of \$ 1850.00 sold and our 40% profit is \$740

Masks & Stickers - There were 23 adult and 16 youth masks sold, as well as 21 sets of stickers. There are extra masks for sales.

5.2 **Jersey / Apparel Update** – Apparel – what has been received has gone over for embroidery (2 weeks) and we should receive before Christmas, but no promises due to covid.

Jerseys – Socks will come when the jersey's come.

6. Hockey Alberta –

7. Executive Reports

7.1 President – Very accessible, keep forwarding any questions or concerns.

7.2 VP Development - Just got things confirmed with Hockey Alberta. SMHA will be hosting Instructional stream clinics, "Small Area Games," "Developing Defencemen." Small Area games will take place on Jan 11th in-class 6:00-7:45 and on-ice 7:45-8:45 with the U13A practice. Developing Defencemen will take place Jan 17th in-class 6:00-8:00 and on-ice 8:15-9:15 with the U18A team.

An activated link for signup through HCR will be sent out within the next few days

7.3 VP Operations – No report

7.4 VP Marketing – Things are going well, if fundraising committee/directors can please send in anyone who received hours by selling enough or volunteering during fundraisers and all jersey washers (unless you've already done so) I would like to ensure the list is up to date.

Picture Night went great- watch for more info being released on ordering and picking up. Each child should have received a slip with info as well

If anyone was missing, I will be sending contact info if they would like to travel to Blackfalds for a photo they can. I heard good feedback from parents and kids and the photographer was really happy with our volunteers and all the teams. Thank you everyone!

Thank you, directors, for getting information out to coaches and managers quickly as well!

7.5 Treasurer – As of Nov 30, 2021, the bank balances were as follows:

Savings - \$14,102.80

Casino - \$16, 107.94

General - \$200, 329.08

Directors and managers need to get into the bank to set up signing.

Janelle approved the Treasurer report, Duncan seconded.

8.Division Reports

8.1 U7 – Everything going well. Played a few games. Two teams attended tournaments that went well. Home tournament is full.

8.2 U9 – Nothing to report

8.3 U11 – Home tournament went well; teams were closely matched. Renting hub was very beneficial and well-utilized. Used Raffle box instead of raffle table – very easy with no money handling. They did take about a 10% cut.

League U11 A (tier 2) has not won a game yet, but U11B (tier 4) is undefeated.

8.4 U13 – Report attached.

8.5 U15 – Team has played 4 games of regular season so far and is doing well in Tier 3 yellow. We have 3 wins and 1 tie. Last weekend we attended a tournament in Vermillion and won first place taking home \$500! Bantam director (Deidre) met with midget managers to get things organized and on the go for our upcoming tournament Jan 7-9, 2022. Tournament is full, has a waitlist.

8.6 U18 – Still trying to get 3rd team for B side. A team not happy about moving up to tier 1 and the B team has won a few games.

8.7 Female

U11 - Not having much success on the ice, but they are having fun.

U13 – Having a tough time with some of the top teams but still having fun.

U15 –

U18 – Really kicking butt. Off to Vermillion for a tournament.

Things going well except for Rocky Mountain hockey is making it difficult for scheduling

9.Director Reports

9.1 Registrar & Administration - Affiliates and coaches are all approved. Any changes to the finalized rosters need to be sent in to Martyne.

9.2 Equipment – Ready to go with the new jerseys, if they ever show up. Equipment ordered is not in yet.

9.3 Ice / Ref Allocator - CAHL schedule is complete. Doug is awaiting on a few schedules to come in so he can confirm ice.

U18A & U13C

U15/U18 – Requires their tournament schedule ASAP.

U9 tournament schedule has been received.

U7 & U9 have been given back ice for Dec 18th

U13c, U13 female & U18 female – Need to tell Doug if they are cancelling ice over Christmas break by Friday Dec 10 or SMHA will be charged.

9.4 Sponsorship & Fundraising - Mask are in and stickers will be here by the Dec 20th.

10. Adjourn meeting: 7:55pm

11. Next meeting: Jan19, 2022 @ 6:30pm

U13 Director Report

The A team's year is going well! They just finished up an 8-team tourney in Camrose and got silver after a hard-fought tie breaker final game. They are in Tier 2 and have played 3 games with 1 win, 1 tie and 1 loss. Kids are having a great year, learning lots, playing well and best of all – having fun.

B team - In the regular season they are 1 win and 4 losses, most games have been close except Beiseker (7-2). Feedback from the coaches is that Beiseker may be in the wrong tier, it sounds like they have been very strong in all their games. They have 5 teams in their tier and 16 regular games scheduled. (Oyen, 3c's, Standard and Beiseker)

C team - Moved up to Tier 5 at the end of tiering and have played 5 games, currently 2-3 having played Lacombe twice and wondering if they are in the wrong tier. They have 6 teams in their tier and will play each team 3 times (Lacombe, Stettler, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, West Country and Innisfail). They are scheduled to attend a tournament January 7-9, 2022 in Spruce view. They have a much-needed weekend off this weekend.

Some questions and concerns that have come up from the teams are:

1. A team would like to know more information on the inter league play as their tier was chosen.
2. B team has concerns about their tier and the amount they are traveling. This came from the team manager: "I have heard from hockey dads and coaches that B team sometimes drive by 3 towns that would have an equivalently tiered team - and most would rather be closer to home, with examples used of Innisfail, Lacombe, Delburne, etc, rather than farther from home. With travel, these game days are 8- 9hr days for a hockey game, nevermind the price of fuel, feedback is it is costing \$100 a game. There has been feedback that 6-weeks for tiering is also unnecessary".
3. B team also had an issue with double booked ice teams that was caught by a mom who had both her kids scheduled to play the same day, same time, same ice. It has been changed. Is there a way to avoid this in the future?
4. C team doesn't have any concerns but is wondering when the new Jersey's will arrive?