



## Stettler Minor Hockey Association

### Board Meeting Minutes SRC meeting room / Zoom meeting

December 01, 2020

Trevor Speakman	Brett Nixon	Jerilyne Raab	Kelsie Miller
Martyne Nixon	Jace Robinson	Sarah Payne	Deidre Northrop
Nicole Doan	Janelle Greiner	Nadine Fournier	Martha MacPherson
Doug Baltimore	Stefan Olafson	Duncan Babchuk	Bobby Duncan

#### 1. Call meeting to order – 7:05pm

#### 2. Additions to agenda

##### 2.1 Additions / Deletions

##### 2.1a Survey Results

2.1b U15 Female would like to cohort with 3C's U18.

2.1c Recognition for volunteer Steve Whitney

##### 2.2 Approve agenda

*Deidre motioned to approve agenda, Sarah seconded.*

#### 3. Minutes

##### 3.1 Review of minutes and action items from November 03, 2020 meeting

Action Item: All Directors will ask the team managers to collect a \$200 volunteer cheque from each family. Cheques will not be cashed unless volunteer hours have not been completed by March 31, 2021. Bobby will collect for U7 as they don't have teams/managers yet.

Action Item: Duncan, Martyne, and Sarah will go through the jerseys in the locker and try to make some sets to cover those teams that are short. Done. All teams have jerseys.

Action Item: Jerilyne will email Brad regarding the policy of no loitering in the lobby and whose responsibility is it to monitor this, as well as the 100 spectator limit? Done

Action Item: Jerilyne will reach out to Jason regarding sponsorship for 2020/2021 season. Done

Action Item: Deidre will find out who Delburne uses for their on-ice photos. Done. Deidre looked into it and the photographer they use is already fully booked for the season.

Action Item: Duncan will take inventory on the U7/U9 equipment, as well as the U11 Female. Inventory taken, just waiting for prices from the stores.

Action Item: The ice bill needs to be approved by the allocator. Done

Action Item: U7 & U9 coaches need to be reminded of coach credentials. Done

Action Item: Trevor will send out an updated document from last year, as he is unsure there will be an actual meeting take place. Not updated or sent out.

Action Item: Martyne will touch base with Female coaches to verify which coaches are certified, this needs to be done before November 15. Done

Action Item: Duncan will order socks for the novice team if none are found in the locker. White socks ordered, still waiting for the order to come in.

Action Item: Jerilyne will put out a reminder that pucks are not to be removed from the facility. Not done

Action Item: Allison will make an order form for the toque & ornament fundraiser. Done

Action Item: Managers will need to let Allison know team numbers so she can have fundraising packages ready for each player. Done. Toque/ornament packages handed out to families.

*Sarah adopted the November 03, 2020 meeting minutes.*

#### **4. New Business**

**4.1 Survey Results – There were 105 surveys received and the results as follows:**

Option 1 - Continue with the status quo - **58**

Option 2a - Cease travel game play but continue to practice as our own separate teams - **25**

Option 2b - Cease travel play, but continue to practice as our own separate teams, and on weekends split into groups within our age divisions and play 3 on 3 - **9**

Option 2c - Cease travel play, disperse out of our picked teams for the time being and move into full house league play – **8**

Multiple options or no options listed - **5**

There were a few questions that came back on the surveys regarding: 1. Whether or not the U18 could run as a rec or fun hockey team, which we wouldn't be able to support due to insurance reasons. 2. What would be happening with the fees, as they are not lining up with the amount of ice sessions used, the board will need to discuss fees/refunds 3. Wondering if the U15 female team could cohort with the U18 3C's team, no longer as issue due to the current enhanced restrictions.

**4.2** U15 Female would like to cohort with 3C's U18 – due to the current enhanced restrictions in place, at the moment this is not an issue.

**4.3** Recognition for volunteer Steve Whitney – Email from Tersha Stevens is attached. There was some discussion on the possibility of creating a VP of Goalie Development position for Steve.

If the team would like to collect money and purchase a gift for Steve on their own that would definitely be something they could do.

This lead to discussion regarding all of the amazing volunteers we have within Stettler Minor Hockey and finding a way to recognize them in the community, possibly inviting nominations for a 'Volunteer of the Month'. We will revisit this at the January meeting.

**5. Old Business** – No old business to discuss.

**6. Hockey Alberta** – No new updates from HA. We just continue to follow the health and safety guidelines. We are currently not playing as we are in the purple zone with enhanced restrictions.

## **7. Executive Reports**

**7.1** President – Trevor – Not much to report. CAHL is currently the only zone not shut down. The Rocky Mountain Female is shut down. We are just taking things day-by-day.

**7.2** Past President – Sandra – No Report

**7.3** VP Development – Brett – Looking into Small Area Games Coaches clinic, instructional stream, get coaches in there getting some new ideas.

**7.4** VP Operations – Jace – Attended the AGM with Martyne. Minor hockey registration is down 1% this season. Discussion regarding the fact there is no pre-notifying prior to a lockdown, they are not given a heads up, all guidelines come directly from AHS. If anyone tries to circumvent a lockdown, they could face fines.

**7.5** VP Marketing & Communications – Jerilyne – Discussion was had in regards to the positive covid case that SMHA was faced with and how the situation was handled. Feedback given mentioned that during a pandemic, such as this, it might be beneficial to have coaches only coaching one team rather than multiple. This is a valid concern and it would also encourage more volunteers to step up and help out.

**7.6** – Treasurer – Martyne – Report attached

*Nicole motioned to approve the Treasurer report.*

## **8. Division Reports**

**8.1** U7 – Bobby – Season was going well until shut down due to enhanced restrictions. Teams were just in the process of being divided. There has been lots of coaches on the ice.

**8.2** – U9 – Nicole & Janelle – Things seem to be going well. They had to reiterate the 4-on-4 format with ½ ice use. Number appear to be down a little following the increase of positive covid cases. Spectator numbers appear to be a bit lower due to earlier game times.

**8.3** U11 – Sarah – Things are going well. A-team has played 4 games with 3 wins and 1 tie. B-team has played 5 games with 2 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. C-team has played 4 games with 3 wins and 1 loss.

**8.4** U13 – Deidre – Things are going well. Second weekend of tiering games went better than the first.

**8.5** U15 – Nadine – Things are going well. The A-Team has played 4 games with 4 wins. They are sitting top of their tier. The B-Team played 2 games with 1 win and 1 loss. They are currently sitting middle of their tier.

**8.6** U18 – Martha – They have played 3 games. They currently have 1 player suspended, and another player that appealed a suspension and won. The team is waiting to be re-tiered. Most of the families on the team seem happy with the status quo.

**8.7** Female – Stefan – Every team got 2 games in before being shut down. The U13 team was on isolation due to a positive Covid case, things were handled well. The U15 had a scare with a possible Covid case, but they were cleared. Things are going well.

## **9. Director Reports**

**9.1** Registrar – Martyne – Report attached

**9.2** Equipment – All jerseys allocated to teams. Still waiting for the U9's white socks. Should hear this week about the goalie equipment, have contacted Battle River Sports in Camrose and Source for Sports in Stettler. We should consider purchasing new jerseys for next season.

**9.3** Ice Allocator – Doug & Lisa – It has been an interesting season so far, lots of hours spent on booking/cancelling ice. Finding it tough to book ice through the town when those in charge of booking it are not always available.

Reffing is going well. There was discussion around the possibility of covering a portion of the ref clinic for the Refs due to lack of games available for them, this was tabled to discuss at the January meeting.

**9.4** Sponsorship & Fundraising – Allison - The toque and ornament order has gone in. There were 72 toques, 22 blankets, and 82 ornaments ordered which SMHA should see a profit of around \$1500.

Discussion on whether or not to do a cash raffle or hold off until the new year, we will revisit this in January. If we decide to go ahead with it, or for future raffles, Jerilyne suggested using the online platform Rafflebox.com.

**10. Meeting adjournment** – 8:00pm

**11. Next Meeting**- January 12, 2021

**Letter emailed from Tersha Stevens:**

Hello,

I mentioned to Nicole Doan today that I'd like to put together some kind of thank you/acknowledgement towards Steve Whitney. I've seen this man volunteer endlessly for SMH over the last year, with a passion towards goalie coaching. Yesterday he was ref for our atom C game against olds. I have no idea of his background or affiliation with SMH however I understand that he moved here recently and is just a nice old man who loves hockey and loves mentoring kids who share his passion for the sport. Nicole and I discussed maybe having the kids all sign a thank you card or maybe presenting him with a gift? I don't mind organizing something-just wanted to run it by the board to see if there's some kind of formal acknowledgment we could do. Maybe involve the newspaper. I just really appreciate his commitment and kindness. Another parent and I were fairly new to atom score keeping and time keeping last evening and he took the time to help us out and give us some extra pointers. I understand he also suffered a fairly serious concussion this fall while helping coach and despite this is already back in action and ready to help. I think it's important to recognize these special members of our community and give credit where it is due. Time permitting would you kindly consider adding this to your next board meeting? I asked Nicole if she wouldn't mind discussing it as well I'd be happy to come or assist or add to this if you would like me to. Thank you for your time, consideration and for all that you and the other executives do. I appreciate you all and your commitment to our kids' love of hockey as well.

Take care,

Tersha Stevens  
403-741-9915

**Treasurer Report:**

- Netbanx \$44,359.79 ; Vision CU Account \$112,196.67 and \$71,400.59 in Savings
- I would like to keep some money in Netbanx in the event that refunds need to be processed
- Ref cheques, ice/ref allocator cheques caught up to end of month, still need TOS ice bill for November
- I think there are a few coaches out there who have not been submitted expenses yet - expense report is on the SMHA website, submit to my RAMP account please
- I have found volunteers to audit the SMHA financial statements - Christa will be mentoring me in this, once we can safely do so
- Final instalment payment of registration fees has been put off from Nov 30 to Jan 31

**Registrar Report:**

- Successfully registered all teams (players and coaches) with Hockey Alberta
- Next deadline is January 15 - we cannot add players or coaches to any team after this point

Martyne