



Stettler Minor Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes – Zoom Meeting / SRC Meeting Room

October 06, 2020

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

1. Call Meeting to order – 7:37pm

2. Agenda

Additions to agenda – Possibility of switching to an online COVID-19 screening tool.

Allison motioned to approve the agenda, Sarah seconded. All in favour.

3. Minutes

Sarah adopted the September 15, 2020 meeting minutes.

4. New Business

Open Position – VP Operations

Jerilyne nominated Jace Robinson for the VP of Operations position, seconded by Sarah. All in favour.

Action Item – Trevor will contact Jace to let him know.

COVID-19 Director – This would be a new position created this season. The director would be in charge of keeping up-to-date with the Return-to-Play Protocol and the COVID-19 guidelines.

Brett made a motion to create a COVID-19 Committee, Jerilyne seconded. All in favour.

COVID-19 Screening – Sarah would like to see an online screening tool created for parents and skaters to do prior to coming for their ice session.

Action Item – Jerilyne will contact Brad Robbins to discuss the options for an online COVID-19 screening tool.

5. Old Business

Action items from the Sept 15th meeting were reviewed.

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

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

Action Item: Trevor will recruit evaluators for the selection process - Done

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

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 – Martyne & Kelsie have signed, Trevor will go in and sign Oct 07, 2020.

Action Item: Allison will get the raffle license - Done

6. Hockey Alberta – Return to Play – Last updated October 02, 2020.

Team tiering will be November 09-22, 2020, with team play no earlier than November 06. If things stay the way they are, we can expect league play to begin in January.

Exhibition games are next to start, with a maximum cohort of 50. As we run under Hockey Alberta, we are required to follow the cohort guidelines they have put into place. In order for exhibition play, team selections need to be finalized. There was discussion on the risks of rushing exhibition play and how that could affect the season. In regards to refs, Stettler would not be permitted to host exhibition games until reffing is in place after their clinic on October 23 & 24.

Allison made a motion not to pursue with exhibition games, Bobby seconded. All in favour.

Everyone should read through the Hockey Alberta update, there is also some good information under the FAQ section.

Due to the overlapping of coaches in the U7-U9 division, it will be mandatory that all coaches wear masks, for the time being. Coaches are encouraged to bring their own mask, but there will be some purchased and available for them.

Sarah made a motion to purchase disposable and reusable masks and lanyards for all coaches in the U7-U9 division. Jerilyne seconded. All in favour.

Action Item – Masks and Lysol wipes will be purchased and added to all first aid kits.

7. Executive Reports

President – Trevor Speakman – Have been helping manage the VP Operations position while vacant. Things are going as smooth as possible.

Past President – Sandra Schell – No report.

VP Development – Brett Nixon – U7 & U9 will start after Thanksgiving. A shooter-tutor was purchased. Looking at having ATC back for another goalie camp during the November school break.

West Country is currently unable to set games, so we will plan to start playing in-house. If they do not get going until January, we will continue to stay in-house for this season.

At the moment, our U9 numbers exceed the maximum cohort limit.

A draft for the regular season practise schedule will be coming shortly. For the coming week, Brett will just schedule times.

VP Operations – Jace Robinson - No Report.

VP Marketing and Communication – Jerilyne Raab – No Report.

Treasurer – Christa Cornelssen & Martyne Nixon - Report Attached.

Discussed the possibility of doing EFT's in addition to credit cards.

Action Item - Looking for someone to audit the financials and need to find out what the deadline is.

Action Item – Trevor needs to sign documents at the bank to change over signing authority.

Nicole adopted the Treasurer report, Sarah seconded. All in favour.

8. Division Reports

U7 – Bobby Duncan – There are 38 registered to play so there will be 4 teams with 3 coaches per team. Most coaches are parent who work so they will maintain the 5:30 ice time.

U9 – Nicole Doan & Janelle Greiner – There are 53 registered and this will allow for 2 girls teams. Due to numbers exceeding the cohorting maximum, they will be splitting into 2 cohorts. There will not be a travelling team for the beginning of this season.

U11 – Sarah Payne – “A” Tryouts went well and the B/C tryouts are this Thursday. A few kids were sick this week and unable to attend. All parent/coaching requirements are all up-to-date. The teams are now able to use the dressing rooms, as they are considered a cohort.

U13 – Deidre Northrop – Still doing team selections, all players that could be there, have been. There are a few players still in tryouts in Lacombe and playing football, and 1 player has been ill.

U15 – Nadine Fournier - Tryouts are going well. There has been 1 player that has withdrawn. Things are going okay.

U18 – Martha McPherson – There are currently 2 on the waitlist and 1 player has made a team elsewhere. There are currently 24 skaters and 3 goalies. There are 4 players trying-out in Camrose/Lacombe, 2 of which will not be returning to Stettler if cut. A full roster would be 17 skaters and 2 goalies. Martha has been in contact with Delburne, who have been petitioned by Hockey Alberta to release their players, hoping to get a group of them to come to Stettler to allow numbers for a 2nd team. Martha will put out a plea looking for additional players to get numbers closer to 30.

October 16 will be the deadline for registrations and team selections will begin October 17&18. If numbers only allow for a single team, selections will only be for those players whom registered before the September deadline and there will be no tryout fee associated. Those players whom are released will be refunded, less an admin fee.

Action Item – Martha will put out a plea looking for additional midget players.

Action Item – Trevor will find evaluators not affiliated with the players for the selection process.

Female – Stefan Olafson – Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League will not be scheduling anything before January.

U9 – Running smooth. Looking for goalie gear as they do not have a goalie and will be rotating players into net game-by-game.

U11 - No goalie, players will rotate the position. Will cohort with Camrose beginning in November.

U13 – There are currently 21 skaters, 2 goalies. Discussion on whether or not to reach out to 3C's in attempt to find 3 more players to make a second team or keep one team and cohort with Camrose. Lots of discussion regarding the shaping of this team.

U15 – Doing well. There are currently 12 skaters, 1 goalie. Two of the players came from 3C's.

U18 – There are 7 skaters, 1 goalie. There have been 4 parents from Camrose inquiring about the team, sounds like 1 might be coming here. Red Deer is finishing their tryout process, perhaps there will be some players interested in coming to Stettler. The 3C's have expressed interested in our U18 players if they are released due to the team folding. There was a discussion and a decision will need to be made shortly.

Action Item – Decision regarding U18 team will be made in a weeks' time.

9. Director Reports

Director Registrar and Administration- Martyne Nixon – Would like to open up some of the teams, as we need everything submitted to CAHL by October 23, 2020; modifications can be made afterwards.

U7 – 2, U9 – 2, U11 – 3, U13 – 2, U15 – 2, U18 – 1 (and may need to request another).

Female U11 – 1, U13 – 2, U15 – 1, U18 – 1

Rosters, Team Declarations, and coaches/managers in place and submitted to CAHL by midnight on October 23, 2020. Coach approvals need to be done by November 15, 2020.

Director Equipment – Duncan Babchuk – Full inventory of jerseys was done; there are some missing but there are enough spares to cover the teams. Managers can pick up the jerseys and in better effort to keep track of them, there will be a sign-out sheet. There is no need for new jerseys this season. The Shooter tutors have been purchased and once practises begin we can revisit the need for any other new equipment, is necessary.

The U7 teams may need new socks, Duncan will check with the supplier.

The U9 has 5 teams running and may need new upper goalie gear, chest protector, and pads.

The tryout jerseys brought back have been washed, dried, boxed, and put back on the shelf. Once the remaining selections are finished, please let him know when you bring the other jerseys back.

Action Item – Duncan will contact the supplier to see if the U7 can get new socks.

Ice/Ref Allocator- Doug & Lisa Baltimore – Ice is pretty much available whenever we need it.

October 24 is the Ref Clinic, registration is not open yet. Refs must wear masks due to COVID-19 protocols, however, they no longer have to choose between registering as a player or ref; they are able to do both.

Action Item – Brett will finalize and provide a more permanent ice schedule.

Director of Sponsorship and Fundraising- Allison Baird – Nothing to report.

Action Item – Trevor will notify the Governors of their meeting October 21, 2020.

10. Next Meeting – November 03, 2020 @ 7:00

11. Meeting adjourned – 9:37pm

Treasurer report Christa Cornelssen & Martyne Nixon-

Bank account is around \$140,000 but have ice bill to pay. Someone should be approving the ice bill. Typically that is the ref/ice allocator

Do we need to pay ice allocator for September? Typically we pay full amount but because of covid changes should this be half? You guys need to decide.

Cheques need to be signed. I can get Katie again or Sandra but we seriously need to get signing officers updated ASAP. Not sure who needs to still go in but please do so.

Yearend is complete from RWA Chartered Professional Accountants (Formerly Chapman and Co). Nothing to report or changed from year-end report. We need to get two members to review the financials. The donated \$300 again.

Office year ends need to be organized and some records destroyed. Martyne and I can look at when we start doing the training. Nothing urgent.