



Stettler Minor Hockey Association

Executive Board Meeting – SRC

January 24, 2024

Reid Smith	Jerilyne Raab	Kelsie Miller	Brett Muhlbach
Joel Shepherd	Kari Wilson	Janelle Greiner	Nicole Doan
Brook Watson	Melissa Bergstrom	Teela Lynn	Tersha Stevens
Dan Hunt	Duncan Babchuk	Meghan Thompson	Deidre Northrop

1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:02pm

2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda: No new additions or deletions.

Jerilyne motioned to approve the January 24, 2024 meeting agenda. Dan seconded. All in favor.

3. Review of Meeting Minutes: Reviewed the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes and action items.

Kari motioned to approve the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Janelle seconded the motion. All in favor.

3.1 Action Items

Criminal Record Checks: There are still 10 outstanding Criminal Record Checks that need to be submitted.

4. New Business

4.1 U18 Tier 1 Provincials: A letter has been drafted and will be forwarded onto team managers requesting a raffle basket or cash donation from each SMHA team in support of the U18 Tier 1 Provincials being held at the end of March. Please have donations ready for February 18, 2024.

Discussion regarding people's thought on having a beer garden at this event, is this something we should consider?

Action Item: Reid will discuss this with HA to get more information on having liquor at this type of event.



Action Item: Kari will send the donation letter out to each team manager to forward and discuss with their team.

4.2 U11 & U13 Tournament: Both tournaments went over really well. As usual, it was difficult to secure enough hotel rooms for all of the teams, so we had 3 teams driving back and forth (Ponoka, Red Deer, Lacombe) and had to adjust the schedule to accommodate. There were a couple of complaints about which ice surface teams were playing on. There were questions regarding how visiting teams were chosen for the tournament, as coaches are typically consulted for their input on which teams they feel would be a good fit.

The West Jet vouchers raffle was very successful. Teela will look into the AGLC rules on how the profit can be spent.

Action Item: *Teela will look into the AGLC rules on how the profit from the West Jet raffle can be spent.*

4.3 Global Girls Game: Plans are in place for this event; The mayor of Stettler will be dropping the puck, and they are hoping to have Chloe Shingoose sing the national anthem.

4.4 Business Sponsor: Tru-Fence has approached SMHA and would like their business added to the sponsorship board. At this point in the season, all teams and refs have been sponsored. The options were discussed, and Nicole will reach out the Tru-Fence to exchange information.

Action Item: *Nicole will get in touch with Tru-Fence to discuss sponsorship.*

Action Item: *Nicole will contact Diverse Designs for an invoice for updating the signage.*

4.5 Coaches in Dressing Rooms: This is a Hockey Alberta rule, and all coaches need to be adhering to it. There have been a few incidents of inappropriate behaviors in the dressing rooms prior to / following games and practices.

4.6 New Player Inquiry: A new family to Stettler wondered about registering their player for the remainder of the season. This was discussed and due to it being so late in the season, and roster deadlines already past, they will have to wait until next season to register.

Action Item: *Brett will contact the family and inform of the decision to have them wait until next season to register.*



4.7 **Flower:** SMHA would like express our deepest sympathies to our association seamstress who experienced a sudden death in her family.

Meghan motioned for SMHA to spend up to \$150 on a flower arrangement and delivery for Allison. Jerilyne seconded. All in favor.

Action Item: Meghan will organize a flower arrangement and delivery for Allison.

5. **Old Business:** n/a

6. **Hockey Alberta:** Discussed the “grey areas” in the HA’s Extreme Weather policy. Reid and Joel will discuss the concerns with CAHL in hopes of improving this policy.

7. **Division Reports:**

7.1 U7: Working with U9 on the U7/U9 22-team tournament. Kids are doing really well and enjoying hockey.

7.2 U9: Working with U7 on the tournament. One of the U9 teams just found an away tournament to enter, it is a 3-game full-ice tournament. Coaches would like to see a full-ice game offered to the 2nd year U9 players to get them ready for U11 next year – this also falls inline with the U9 pilot.

7.3 U11: See report attached.

7.4 U13: No report.

7.5 U15: No report.

7.6 U18: See report attached.

7.7 Female: Things are going well in all divisions. The U11 team has their home tournament this coming weekend. The U13 division had their tournament during the extreme weather, but all teams showed up, the games went really well, and the raffle table was successful. It was a good weekend.

8. **Executive Reports:**

8.1 President: 1 more month of league play before playoffs start. Been dealing with a few team / player concerns.

8.2 Past President: No report

8.3 VP Development: Cross-Ice was well attended and the kids enjoyed it. The holiday season is too busy, will look at holding this a different weekend next year. Would like to have a look at the new school calendar, once it comes out, to get a jump on booking some development for next season so we aren’t limited by dates.

Stable in the net currently has 18 registered; 1 U9, 6 U11, 7 U13, 2 U15, and 2 U18



8.4 VP Operations: Had a team request to be re-tiered, put in an appeal on their behalf but didn't hear anything back.

8.5 VP Marketing & Communication: Has a letter to send out to managers on behalf of the U18 Provincial committee requesting team donations.

8.6 Treasurer:

General \$297 284. 98

Casino \$9 081.88

Last ice bill \$ 17 520.11

9. Director Reports:

9.1 Registrar: No report

9.2 Ref and Ice Allocator: No report

9.3 Equipment: The 2024 Grad jerseys are scheduled to be here by the end of February. Coaches need to be reminded to return any development tools back to the equipment locker at the end of their practices.

9.4 Fundraising: The deadline for the cash calendar is February 28, 2024. Currently, there has been \$4710 worth of sales.

10. Next Meeting: February 21, 2024

11. Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm



U11 Division Report

We had our tournament, and it went well.

We still faced hoteling issues and had to bring in three localish teams to ensure we could fill our spots. Ice times were all accommodated in Stettler this year, opposed to last year where U11 played in Alix for a few games.

A donation was made of a West Jet trip that really increased our ability to fundraise. We are still working out exactly how much was raised but I may need to lean on Janelle for guidance on spending it if we are above our tournament costs as AGLC monies must be used in a certain way.

My commitment to this tournament was to make it fair, accessible, and equitable for all involved. For me that meant acting as the host and ensuring the teams that were driving had ice times that accommodated Alberta winters, ensuring all teams played on each ice surface as evenly as possible, and inviting teams that would create some great competition.

Attending teams enjoyed the tournament, the close games, and the facility. We had compliments on swag and the event.

We did run into a few complaints, but they were only from home team managers. The complaints were primarily about not getting to play only on the blue ice or that they had to play late games. Each team had at least one game on the Blue ice and A and C had early and late game times respectively.

While I heard these complaints, I chose to try and explain my stance on our teams being hosts and acting like it. Unfortunately, my explanations were not enough, and the two managers escalated complaints or had team members do so.

The kids had fun, the games went well, and at the end of the day that is what matters.

The season is shaping up.

We had games canceled in the cold snap that have since been rescheduled.

The A team is 1 and 9. They filed a tiering complaint and did not hear back. They're sitting high on penalty minutes, another thing we have brought up to the executive.

The B team is sitting in the middle of the pack for their colour tier.

The C team is in second place but the first-place team has more games in hands so we could see them take the top of their colour tier by the end of the season.



U18 Division Report

U18A: Attended a AA tourney in Camrose over Christmas. We ended up placing 4th out of 6 teams, but most games were very competitive.

We have mostly home games for the rest of regular season and are sitting first in our tier currently.

Provincials are in full-on planning mode. We had a meeting with Hockey Alberta last week and have the information necessary to move forward with plans. It will be an 8-team tournament, Friday March 29th - Sunday March 31st.

Jerilyne will be sending out volunteer opportunities to all SMHA registrants in the coming weeks.

As this is a major fundraiser for SMHA, we are asking for a raffle table basket or monetary donation from all SMHA teams. This information needs to be distributed to managers as soon as possible, as regular season will be winding down in less than a month and it takes some time to collect money/items from parents.

Drop off details and deadlines are included in the letter that was given to Kari.

U18B: Had our away tournament early December, played 3 games lost 2 and tied 1. We have one player gone for the season due to injury at the tournament.

Have only 5 regular season games left to play; 2 home and 3 away. We are 1st in our division as Wetaskiwin was moved out of our division.

We would like more clarity on affiliates is it possible to add more affiliates to our roster, we do have a game coming up Feb 3 where we may need a few more players.