



Stettler Minor Hockey Association

Executive Board Meeting – SRC

October 11, 2023

Reid Smith	Janelle Greiner	Joel Shepherd	Jerilyne Raab
Kelsie Miller	Kari Wilson	Nicole Doan	Martyne Nixon
Brook Watson	Allison Norman	Deidre Northrop	Kerri Snowden
Todd Schlender	Wendy Kistner	Meghan Thompson	Melissa Bergstrom
Tersha Stevens			

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** 6:00pm
- 2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:** No additions or deletions to the agenda.
- 3. Review of August Meeting Minutes:** Reviewed the September 06, 2023 meeting minutes and action items.

Deidre Northrop motioned to approve the September 06, 2023 meeting minutes. Martyne Nixon seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. New Business

- 4.1 Coach Credentials:** Joel was unable to get any coach certification courses in place for Stettler, as we are not a hub. Unfortunately, coaches will have to travel in order to get these courses.
Nicole discussed each division and updated which coaches still have outstanding credentials.
- 4.2 Affiliates & process to use affiliates:** Coaches can pass on their list of affiliates to Reid and/or Joel, whom will pass it onto the registrar to submit for approval.
- 4.3 Fundraising update:** See fundraising report.
- 4.4 Game books:** Game books from CAHL should be here this Friday, there will be 1 new book for each team.
- 4.5 Practice schedule concerns:** There were a couple of practice ice concerns at the U11 level, but this has been dealt with and will stay as is.



5. Executive Reports:

5.1 President: Nothing much to report, just dealing with usual start of season concerns and getting teams going on the tiering.

5.2 VP Development: No Report

5.3 VP Operations: U7 / U9 is starting their season. Would like to spend some of the U7/U9 extra money on developmental tools to help with practices.

5.4 VP Marketing & Communication: Picture Day is booked for November 15, 2023.

5.5 Treasurer:

\$162 707.62 – Net

\$315 832.46 – Bank Balance

\$9 087. 88 – Casino Account

6. Division Report:

6.1 U7 – Season has begun, teams will be made by the end of November. Need to remind parents to stay out of the box during practice.

6.2 U9 - Season has just started. The new jerseys arrived and will be handed out to the players, they will be in charge of bringing them back & forth for games. They will have Refs for the Friday night games. Stettler will host a 12-Team home tournament, and managers are currently busy trying to book away tournaments for their team.

6.3 U11 – No Report

6.4 U13 – No Report

6.5 U15 – The start if the U15 season has gone well, skills skates were well attended and the team selection skates went well. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped me with these skates! U15 has 2 teams this year; U15 A has 17 skaters and 1 Goalie starting in Tier 3 and U15 B has 17 skaters and 2 goalies there has been some discussion about BC/NBC I don't believe anything has been confirmed as of yet.

I believe all coaches and assistants have their requirements (or else I haven't hear otherwise)

6.6 U18 – Report attached.

7. Director Reports

7.1 Registrar: Discussed each division and which coaches still have outstanding credentials.

7.2 Equipment Director: The pucks are in, as well as 15 first aid kits. All jerseys U11-U18 have been handed out.



Development locker is a disaster, again, and could use some attention. Please remind coaches to put away equipment properly.

7.3 Ref Allocator: Reminder that Refs cannot find their own replacements if they are unable to make their game, as not all Refs are interchangeable.

Todd proposed that spending ½ an hour with the young refs would be helpful in supporting their development, as well as Brian would be interested in working with the older refs.

Nicole made a motion for a senior ref to go on-ice and shadow with new / young refs. Joel seconded the motion. All in favor.

7.4 Ice Allocator: Blackout dates are being sent to all team managers. We currently have enough ice to suit our regular season needs, but do not have extra ice to cover the older age divisions to host tournaments.

7.5 Tournament Liaison: Hotels are still an issue, as they typically are. The Canalta and Super 8 have been booked for all tournament weekends, but the Ramada will not return phone calls. Allison is looking for feedback regarding what teams need her to do as the tournament liaison. Discussion about getting a general AGLC username/password for the tournaments, as a whole, instead of each having separate ones. Also discussed the possibility of creating a google drive with tournament information on it to keep everything in one place and easily accessible.

7.6 Fundraising Director: Another very successful bacon fundraiser! SMHA sold 559 boxes of bacon for a profit of \$ 10 611.00.

It was discussed that the Neilsen Beef fundraiser be offered to the U15/U18 divisions to help with the team funds, as they no longer have home tournaments as a source of money to help with team costs.

Jerilyne motioned to offer the Neilsen Beef fundraiser to the U15 & U18 teams, both male and female, to help raise team funds. Kari seconded the motion. All in favor.

Next fundraiser will be the cash raffle for the month of March.

7.7 Team Sponsorship: All team have been sponsored, still waiting on Scotia Bank. It was also discussed about having roster announcements created for each team that would announce the team sponsor, as well as all the player on the team.



Joel made a motion to spend \$50/team to have Larry Sommerville create a roster announcement to be played at the start of each home game with the team sponsor and a list of all players. Janelle seconded this motion. All in favor.

8. Next Meeting: 8:15pm

9. Meeting Adjourned: November 08, 2023 @ 6:00pm



U18 Division Report

The U18A team is starting out in Tier 1 with 5 other teams. We had a close exhibition game vs. Red Deer and expect some good competition in tiering. We're missing quite a few players each weekend due to fall ball and volleyball, and it will be a few more weeks until we're full strength.

There were only two tier 1 tournaments listed with Hockey Alberta - one in La Crete and one the same weekend as provincials. So we're having to apply to AA and tier 2 tournaments since we're no longer allowed to host a tournament. We've been accepted into a AA tournament in Camrose over Christmas break and hope to find one more. It is tough to get accepted into a tournament when we don't have a reciprocal tournament to offer.

We're excited to get the season underway!

The U18B team has had 3 practices and played two exhibition games. We played and beat a rambunctious 3C team. Our game against Hanna (tier 3) was a poor match up, their manager had said they had lots of 2008's on the team however they were mostly 2006 players and the boys got a tough lesson in how hockey should look. The dressing room and bench have been good, so far. There is a lot of room for growth in skills and tactics with this group. *We are still actively seeking to add assistant coaches to help with practices and on the bench at games.* Much of our season will depend on the health and availability of our lone goaltender. The coaches have purchased additional items to complement the first aid kit. Not sure what the options are for U18 but would be great if a larger/ more comprehensive first aid kit was available to us from SMHA.

We have been slotted in CAHL Tier 3 Orange which is lower tier 3 but with a large number of teams within 2hrs or less driving distance.

We have inquired with about 4 different tournaments some are waiting until the first round of tiering to be completed before inviting teams. We will know more in the next week about our tournament dates.

Our players and parents are brainstorming on ideas for fundraising for our tournament, we will get ideas to the board once a list is made.