

Stettler Minor Hockey Association Executive Board Meeting – SRC Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Reid Smith	Joel Shepherd	Jerilyne Raab	Kelsie Miller
Janelle Greiner	Nicole Doan	Deidre Northrop	Melissa Muise
Todd Schlender	Tersha Stevens	Ruby MacDonell	Dan Hunt
Christy Comte			

- 1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:10pm
- 2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda: No new additions or deletions.
- **3.** Review of August Meeting Minutes: Reviewed the January 28, 2025 meeting minutes and action items.

Melissa motioned to approve the January 28, 2025 meeting minutes and the March 12, 2025 meeting agenda. Deidre seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. New Business

- 4.1 **2025 HA Player Registration & Movement Changes:** Only *new* players will have the option of choosing which association they would like to play under. Those players already tied to an association will stay with that association unless a request for release is signed and approved.
- 4.2 **U13AAA League & what does this mean for SMHA:** For the upcoming 2025/2026 season there has been an addition of a U13AAA program out of both Red Deer & Sylvan Lake. With this new program, SMHA may see a few more of its players interested in trying out for this AAA program, or the U13AA program out of Lacombe.
- 4.3 **Coach Development Session:** These sessions have been well-attended, some of the same coaches attending, and some new ones. These sessions provide a wealth of information and would be beneficial for all coaches to attend. It was discussed that



SMHA make these sessions mandatory, in some capacity, for all head coaches to attend. There would also be some benefit to holding a session for all U15 & U18 coaches and players.

4.4 Year End Reviews: The 2024/2025 year end reviews will go live March 19, 2025 and will close April 15, 2025. It is encouraged that all families submit a review, as this provides helpful feedback on things that we are doing well in SMHA, as well as things that we could improve upon.

Action Item: Kari will send out communication with the link for year end reviews.

4.5 U13 Provincial Update: Planning is going well. There was a request to allow any of the U15 females that are in need of volunteer hours for school to help out at the banquet. Working on finalizing the schedule, still waiting to hear back from a couple of teams. There are still a number of volunteer positions still vacant, we will send out another request for help.

Action Item: Jerilyne will send out a message requesting volunteers to fill the vacant positions for the U13 Female Provincials.

4.6 Review of Tournament U7/U9: Both tournaments were very well organized, lots of positive feedback. Unfortunately, the West Jet Raffle did not do as well as the previous raffle.

4.7 Casino: SMHA is scheduled for our Casino fundraiser August 18 & 19, 2025. The volunteer shifts have been posted on the SMHA website.

4.8 Female Banquet: This banquet went over very well and is something the Female division would like to look at doing yearly. The speakers & MC's were great, they handed out some individual awards, and the meal was catered by Krissy Jack. This event was a great team builder for the female program, it included all females from U7-U18. It was discussed how this type of event could also benefit the male division.

4.9 Stettler Bucks for Refs: Discussed continuing with the Stettler Bucks for the Refs, typically given \$25 for every 5 games worked.

Janelle motioned to spend up to \$3000.00 on Stettler Bucks for the SMHA Refs. Ruby seconded the motion. All in favor.



4.10 Female Development Session: The session took place January 29, 2025, there were approximately 25-30 that attended this session, and the feedback was positive.

4.11 Policies: Discussion was had in regard to some of the wording in the mouthguard policy, Nicole will make the appropriate adjustments as discussed.

Action Item: Nicole will make the appropriate adjustments to the mouthguard policy.

4.12 Request for U9 Travel Team: There was a request submitted for a U9 travel team for the upcoming 2025/2026 season. We discussed the reasoning behind the policy that was put in place indicating that SMHA would not house a U9 travel team. It was also discussed the other options for these families interested in travelling at the U9 level.

- 5. HA Report: No report.
- 6. Executive Reports:
 - 6.1 President: No report.
 - 6.2 Vice President: No report.
 - 6.3 VP Development: No report.
 - 6.4 VP Operations: No report.
 - 6.5 VP Marketing & Communication: No report.
 - 6.6 Treasurer:

General Account: \$285 644.96 Savings Account: \$32 280. 81 Casino Account: \$9 471.20

Melissa motioned to move \$100 000.00 from the general account into a non-redeemable GIC and \$50 000.00 into a redeemable GIC. Ruby seconded the motion. All in favour.

Action Item: Janelle will move \$100 000.00 from the general account into a non-redeemable GIC and \$50 000.00 into a redeemable GIC.

- 7. Division Report: No division reports given.
- 8. Director Reports: No director reports given.
- 9. Next Meeting: April 16, 2025
- 10. Meeting Adjourned: 8:28pm