



**Stettler Minor Hockey Association**

**Executive Board Meeting – SRC**

**December 11, 2024**

Reid Smith	Kari Wilson	Brett Muhlbach	Joel Shepherd
Kelsie Miller	Martyne Nixon	Nicole Doan	Todd Schlender
Dan Hunt	Christy Comte	Melissa Muise	Ruby MacDonell
Tersha Stevens	Ashley Strome	Brook Watson	

**1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:04pm**

**2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:**

**2.1 Mid-Season Reviews:** Mid-season reviews will be live on the SMHA website until January 15<sup>th</sup> for families to provide feedback for the first part of the 2024/2025 season.

**2.2 Reimbursement for non-parent coaches:** Discussed the possibility of providing some sort of reimbursement for non-parent coaches to assist with costs of attending out-of-town games / tournaments. It was decided this should be kept at a team level and covered by team funds, at the discretion of the team.

*Dan Hunt motioned to approve the December 11, 2024 meeting agenda. Kari Wilson seconded. All in favor.*

**3. Review of August Meeting Minutes:** Reviewed the October 30, 2024, meeting minutes and action items.

**3.1 Team Sponsor Helmet Stickers:** Discussed having helmet stickers made for teams to promote their team sponsor. It is too late in the season to start this process, will re-evaluate at the start of next season.

**3.2 U13 Provincial Bid Update:** SMHA received notice they won the bid to host the 2024/2025 U13 Female Hockey Provincials, this will take place the last weekend of March.



*Kari Wilson motioned to approve the October 30, 2024, meeting minutes. Dan Hunt seconded the motion. All in favor.*

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

**4.1 CAS meeting:** CAS is interested in more ice session in Stettler, if available. They are also looking for some new members, and some new ideas for running their program to make it better and keep it growing.

**4.2 Tiering Meeting Recap:** Joel discussed the Tiering meeting he attended and how that works. Tiering went pretty smooth, and most teams were tiered where they belong. Although not a CAHL recommendation, there were a couple of teams that he recommended be moved up a tier due to their tiering game play; the U11B up to T3 and U11C up to T5. Also, the U13B & U18B did appeal their color tier, as their grouping was not geographically ideal, and they were moved into a more ideal grouping.

**4.3 Fundraising / Team Sponsors:** Sponsor checks have been coming in.  
Fundraising – see fundraising report below.

**4.4 Recap U13 Tournament:** Tournament went well. Discussed the process of post-tournament items that need to be done; tournament expenses, games sheets, raffle/licensing, etc. Discussed the benefit of having a tournament binder with general tournament organizing information that could be used from team-to-team, possibly set up by the tournament coordinator. Team managers, especially new ones, looking for more assistance from the tournament coordinator to help make sure things are done properly and little things aren't being missed. Also, a reminder that 10% of tournament proceeds are paid back to SMHA.

**4.5 Review of Affiliation Guidelines:** Affiliation guidelines can be found on the CAHL website, Coaches and managers should familiarize themselves on these guidelines. Reid sent out an email to coaches & managers and discussed the appropriate usage of affiliates during games and at team practices.

**4.6 League Play Update:** No concerns, the first few weeks of regular season have been going well and teams are doing well.

**4.7 Refing Update:** No major concerns.

**4.8 Development Session Update:** Ashley Grantham will be back to do another power skating session with the U9's. Cross-Ice came during the blackout weekend for player & goalie sessions, the participant #'s were down from previous sessions. Discussed doing less development sessions for the older ages and aiming more focus on the U9/U11 groups.



The next PD day is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, discussed possibly using this for a Female development session.

ECHS has approached SMHA with interest in offering Coach Development Sessions once per month, this has been well-received and there are currently 30 coaches interested in participating.

## 5. Executive Reports:

**5.1 President:** Things are going well. Had a meeting with Brad (Town of Stettler) and Martyne to discuss the upcoming fee increase to all sports and facility rooms for the upcoming season. Just a reminder that we need to be utilizing our ice slots or the town will rent them out to outside associations.

**5.2 VP Development:** See the *Development Session Update* above.

**5.3 VP Operations:** Attended the tiering meeting, see *Tiering Meeting Recap* above.

**5.4 VP Marketing & Communication:** Nothing to report.

### 5.5 Treasurer:

Bank balance as of November 30, 2024:

General Account \$377,158.82

Casino Account \$9,471.20

Account is being set up to allow us to send E-transfers, as the mail strike has made it difficult to pay a couple of bills that would normally be mailed out. This will be a two-step authorization process, one of us will initialize the payment and then the other person will need to login and complete the transfer.

Our main method of payment will remain via cheque.

*Brook Watson motioned to adopt the Treasurer's report as read. All in favor.*

## 6. Division Report:

**6.1 U7** – Would like to extend their season by 2 weeks, one ice session per week.

**6.2 U9** – Busy with tournament planning. Wondering about extra ice available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year U9 players to use for full-ice games, same that was done last year.

**6.3 U11** – Working on the tournament scheduled for January 10-12, 2025.

**6.4 U13** – Things going well. Discussed the U13 tournament, things that went well, and where we could improve on tournament organizing. Overall, tournament went well.

**6.5 U15** – No report.

**6.6 U18** – U18A finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Tier 2 and has moved up into tier 1, where they are currently sitting with a 1-1-1 record. Tier 1 is divided into North / South, so they will

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be required to play some crossover games with the South division, first crossover game being played in Redcliff Dec 21, 2024. Played in a tournament in Vermillion last weekend and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, the final game being a nailbiter. The game ended in a tie, moved into a 5 min 3-on-3 OT, then onto a 3-person shootout, where they scored and won. Season is going well.

U18B finished bottom half of their tiering group, but U18 saw a bunch of shuffling, especially in Tier 3, moving teams from the weaker division into the stronger division, and some out of 3 and into 2, etc. After being moved due to an appeal for geographical reasoning, this put U18B with a much more competitive grouping and are currently sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 6-0-1 record. Did well at their away tournament in Pincher Creek, this was a "Skins" format, so the team came home with some cash. Season going well.

**6.8 Female** – The Female division would like to host an end-of-season banquet, consisting of a catered meal, drinks, and awards. This event would be sponsored by The Brick.

Discussed doing a "Try It" or "Bring a Friend" night, looking to recruit some new females players for the upcoming season. This could possibly be done in the spring or towards the end of summer, right before the new season starts. Perhaps this is something that could be added on to the end of the Hockey School?

The U11 Female division is in need of goalie equipment, they will use the green set that SMHA purchased earlier this season.

U13 Female are excited they will be hosting the 2024/2025 U13 Female Provincials.

## 7. Director Reports

**7.1 Registrar:** Nothing to Report.

**7.2 Equipment Director:** Form for Graduation jerseys has gone out to the U18 teams.

**7.3 Ref / Ice Allocator:**

**Refs:** There has been an increase in mileage paid out for reffing due to need to have refs come from out of town. Unfortunately, there has been a Ref resign due a personality conflict with another Ref. There was a recent incident of a parent following an Official into their dressing room to confront him, the incident and how it was handled was discussed.

**Ice:** Will start working on team practice ice for those teams interested in a practice over the Christmas break, between Dec 30 – Jan 03. Please contact Martyne if your team is interested in an ice session.

**7.4 Fundraising Director:** Cash calendar fundraiser will go live Jan 01, 2025 and run for the course of the month, draws beginning first of February.

SMHA winning the bid to host the U13 Female Hockey Provincials will be a great fundraiser for the association as well.



**8. Next Meeting:** January 29, 2025 @ 6:00pm

**9. Meeting Adjourned:** 8:41pm