



Stettler Minor Hockey Association
Executive Board Meeting – Via Email
Sunday, May 11, 2025

Attendance: Email sent to all board members.

- 1. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:** No new additions or deletions.
- 2. Review of August Meeting Minutes:** Reviewed action items from the April 16, 2025 board meeting.
 - 2.1 Lock for new development locker:** I have reached out to Brad with the town about the programmable lock on the new development locker, he hasn't gotten back to me on a price from local locksmiths yet so this is still in the works.
 - 2.2 Tournament dates 2025/2026:** We are still a bit early for tournament dates to be set, would like to see League schedules first which should be out no later than June.
 - 2.3 Pre-season development:** Brett is currently working on development ideas to kick off the 2025/2026 season, this will be on going through out the spring/summer.
 - 2.4 Coaches Meeting:** I will also be compiling info and ideas for the 2025/2026 pre-season coaches meeting, this will also be ongoing through the summer.
 - 2.5 C &A's:** Haven't been removed yet, still working on it.
- 3. New Business**
 - 3.1 Review changes made to Mouthguard & Exceptional Player policies:**

Mouthguard Policy: Nicole had amended the mouth guard policy on the enforcement section putting more responsibility on the player/parent ensuring a mouth guard is worn for their own protection and removing responsibility on the coaches to police it.

Exceptional Player Policy: Joel has amended the exceptional player policy to establish that the player would be responsible for the association tryout Fee (which may vary by year) and should be noted that players will pay 2 tryout fees if not selected as an Exceptional Player. They would pay a tryout fee for the team they were trying to move up onto, and if not successful, they would also be responsible to pay the tryout fee for their current division tryouts.



3.2 Options for out-of-town ice for 2025/2026 season: I will be reaching out to Big Valley here shortly, might be to early until they have their registration numbers, but would like to see what ice would be available for the upcoming season. Like I mentioned before, we may need to start utilizing more out-of-town ice to attract more out-of-town female players to our organization to keep the female program running strong. Depending on what number look like for the male divisions we may need to look at ice options for them as well. If there is more ice availability, that may open more opportunity for development skates - which we can discuss further once we have numbers for the season.

3.3 Fees for 2025/2026 season: I have attached a financial break down per division, not hard to see that the divisions with only two teams have the most funds left over at the end of the year. We discussed raising fee's due to the increase in costs from the Rec Center (storage lockers, office, ice, meeting rooms, etc), as well as some small increases on ref fees. Financially, our association is doing really thanks to our great fundraising and team sponsors, and we will also generate some income from the money we have invested. This is also our casino year, which is a big fundraiser for our association. I believe we have increased fee's every other year and did not increase them last season. In order to cover the increased building expenses, perhaps we need to do a 2% increase this year or \$10/player?

3.4 Tournament dates for 2/25/2026 season: We are still a bit early for tournament dates to be set, would like to see League schedules first which should be out no later that June.

3.5 AGM: June 11, 2025 is set for our 2025 AGM. If you have not done so already, please send a recap of your season to Kelsie @ millerbk@telus.net ASAP.

3.6 CAS: CAS will be holding some ID skates in Stettler at the end of August. We are still working on dates that are available so it won't conflict with any pre-season session/clinics that SMHA will be hosting.

3.7 Open Positions:

President - Will put name forward unless we get some other interest.

Treasure

VP Marketing Communications Director

Fundraising Director



4. **Hockey Alberta:** No update
5. **Executive Reports:** No Reports
6. **Division Reports:** No Reports
7. **Director Reports:** No Reports
8. **Next Meeting:** AGM June 11, 2025