



Stettler Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019
Stettler Recreation Centre

Nicole Doan	Katie Bainbridge	Brad Robbins
Brett Nixon	Danielle Wheeler	Keri Snowden
Keith Werbowesky	Jerilyne Raab	Sandra Schell
Marsha Mailer		Meghan Nichols

1. Call meeting to order- 7:00pm
2. Agenda
 - 2.1. Additions/deletions- ***Keith Werbowesky moved to amend the agenda item 6.2 with the addition of Coaches and Helmets. Marsha Mailer seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.***
 - 2.2. Approve agenda- ***Martyne Nixon motioned to approve the agenda. Trevor Speakman seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.***
3. Minutes from December 12, 2018
 - 3.1. review of minutes and Action Items from December 12, 2018
Action Item: Jerilyne will put out a news release regarding the curling event.- done
 - 3.2 approval of minutes- ***Brad Robbins made a motion to approve the minutes from December 12. Brett Nixon seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.***
4. New Business
 - 4.1. Jersey Replacement- any new jerseys will need to be ordered by April, so a decision needs to be made soon. Big Game Sports will work with SMHA to get us what we need. ***Action Item: Brad Robbins will contact Rob from Bauer to get pricing.***



5. Hockey Alberta Business- Provincials-Atom Female Wainwright and Irma are one team. There are some vacancies and will be some wildcards. Teams need to make sure to check rosters before playing games. Games will begin January 19th. There are no hosts in Zone 7 this year. Atom 1 team is in B. Midget 1 team is in A. Pee wee Tier 1 tournament will be held in Slave Lake.

Bantam Female has been placed in a higher level, with only city teams. A letter of concern has been filed regarding this decision.

6. Executive Reports

- 6.1. President- Sandra Schell- Final decision needs to be made regarding 10% payment to SMHA from the profits of the Novice raffle. ***Jerilyne Raab made a motion that Novice will not need to pay a 10% fee to SMHA from the profits of the fundraising raffle, as this is an unusual season where Novice did not have a home tournament and did not receive the usual Dodge Caravan sponsorship. Keith Werbowesky seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.***

Note: The 10 % fee from tournament profits is normally applied to help cover administration costs associated with ice and ref assignments.

- 6.2. VP Development- Brett Nixon- New developmental tools have been ordered.

Action Item: Jerilyne will send out an email reminding coaches to bring back any developmental equipment after each practice in Big Valley.

Defence clinic will be held next Monday.

Discussion regarding net size in Mites and Novice.

Helmets- Coaches must wear helmets, with the straps fastened, during all on ice practices. ***Action Item: Jerilyne will send out an email with the memo from HA regarding the mandatory use of helmets for coaches.***

- 6.3. VP Operations- Keith Werbowesky- Fun Hockey has purchased 70 pucks that will be shared between SMHA and Fun Hockey. Thank you to Fun Hockey!

CAHL is having an issue with Midget tier 4 penalty minutes. They have issued a team suspension, and have expelled 1 player.

Pee wee C's have some concerns regarding travel distances for crossover games.

Bantam A player has been suspended due to accumulated penalty minutes. He will serve his 1 game suspension at his next league game. He is allowed to play in tournament games this weekend, as they are not league games. If this were a HA suspension, the player would not be allowed to play in any HA sanctioned event.

CAHL meeting has been cancelled for January. Next meeting is Feb. 23, 2019.

- 6.4. VP Marketing and Communications- Jerilyne Raab- The application form for our next Casino in 2020 has been signed.



We need to do another fundraiser to use up volunteer hours and to make up for not hosting a provincial tournament. ***Jerilyn Raab made a motion that SMHA hold a cash raffle as a fundraiser. Martyne Nixon seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.***

6.5. Treasurer- Christa Cornelssen- absent- sent report- reminder for teams to get their 10% tournament fee in. Provincial teams need to submit their \$200 provincial fee asap. Office clean up has been started. Please let Christa know if there's anything that needs to be saved. Midget Provincial plaque needs to be engraved. ***Action Item: Ask the Midget manager, Guy Chapman, to have the 2018 Midget C Provincial Championship plaque engraved.***

6.6. Past President- Trevor Speakman- absent- no report

7. Division Director Reports-

7.1. Initiation- Nicole Doan- Planning home tournament. Question regarding whether or not SMHA pays for 1st goal trophies. SMHA will cover cost of trophies if there is not enough tournament profit to cover the costs.

Discussion regarding some strategies for behaviour management.

7.2. Novice- Meghan Nichols & Sarah Payne- There were some affiliation issues recently, but things have now been clarified. Discussion regarding coaches needing to notify director before asking for affiliate players.

7.3. Atom- Martyne Nixon- All is well! Atom C won the Hanna tournament. Atom A won their first game this weekend.

7.4. Pee wee- Marsha Mailer- All is well. Pee wee A is leading tier 1. Pee wee B is second in tier 2. Pee wee C is doing well. Pee wee A team volunteered at Gear Up Kids Foundation for Good Deeds campaign. Pee wee C volunteered at Points West. Teams are doing well with low penalty minutes.

7.5. Bantam- Keri Snowden- Struggling with Bantam side of tournament. Teams have dropped out due to no available hotel rooms. There will be 3 teams instead of 4. Bantam A-Cold Lake and Kneehill; Bantam B-Coaldale and RMAA. Both teams are doing well in league.

Bantam B manager is looking for clarification for using affiliates. Keith will talk to the manager regarding this.

There have been some requests to have a "hitting" clinic before the next season starts.

7.6. Midget- Guy Chapman- absent- sent email report-

The Midget/Bantam tournament is this weekend. Midget has 4 teams- Stettler, Strathcona 15AA Okotoks, Grande Prairie.



The Midget team has been moved from provincial C division up to A division based on the number of registrations. This was an unexpected move and it will be a challenge to make it to the provincial tournament in Strathmore.

The team is doing well so far in league, sitting in 2nd place in Tier 1 north, with a 6-3-1 record.

7.7.Female- Brad Robbins- All is well.

8. Director Reports

8.1. Director Registrar and Administration- Danielle Wheeler- Need to clarify that affiliations in Novice need to go through the director.

New player in Novice. All team rosters are officially closed as of tomorrow, January 10.

8.2. Director Equipment- open

8.3. Ice/Ref Allocator- Sandra Schell- Big Valley Ice Times- Many hours, and great accommodation from Big Valley, to ensure that Stettler teams have practice times. There will be absolutely no further ice cancellations for the scheduled practices in Big Valley. Big Valley has gone above and beyond to help SMHA find ice time and we are very grateful for all of their help.

HA Refing fees for Novice are extremely high, considering the time and skill needed to ref at the Novice level. Novice games provide a great opportunity to develop young refs. Sandra and Doug would like the support of SMHA in writing a letter to the Ref Association outlining these concerns.

8.4. Director Communications- Jerilyne- all is well!

8.5. Director Sponsorship and Fundraising- Crystal- absent

9. Adjournment- ***Keith Werbowesky made a motion to adjourn. Danielle Wheeler seconded. All in favour. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.***

10. Next Meeting- Feb 13th, 7pm

Members who would like to attend a board meeting are asked to fill out an attendance request form on our website.

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