



Stettler Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2019
Stettler Recreation Centre

Nicole Doan	Katie Bainbridge	Brad Robbins
Brett Nixon	Danielle Wheeler	Sarah Payne
Keith Werbowesky	Jerilyne Raab	Sandra Schell
Trevor Speakman	Christa Cornelssen	Meghan Nichols

1. Call meeting to order- 7:00pm
2. Agenda
 - 2.1. Additions/deletions-
 - 2.2. Approve agenda- ***Christa Cornelssen motioned to approve the agenda. Keith Werbowesky seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.***
3. Minutes from February 13, 2019
 - 3.1. review of minutes and Action Items from February 13, 2019
Action Item: Reminder for coaches and managers to order First Goal trophies for first year players in other age divisions.- done
 - 3.2 approval of minutes- ***Keith Werbowesky made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13. SP seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.***
4. New Business
 - 4.1. Town of Stettler- Red Arena Banners need to be cleaned out. There are some very old banners- not all big championships. Brad proposed a new organizational system for championship banners, only. Brad suggests to hang zone banners are displayed for 1 year and then taken down and distributed to a member of the team.



Keith Werbowesky made a motion to organize the banners as per Brad Robbin's proposal. Trevor Speakman seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.

Trophy cabinets- Brad recommended that Minor Hockey trophies be moved to cabinets 6 and 7. SMHA would be responsible for cleaning out the trophy cabinets.

Christa Cornelssen and Jerilyne Raab have offered to take on the job.

5. Jersey Replacements- Brad presented a mock-up for jersey replacements. The colours will remain the same as our current jerseys. The style is more "university" look. All of Bauer's jerseys are now made in Canada. Option #1 with pro crest and twill will be \$90-\$125 per jersey (depending on shoulder crest options). Option #2 with all sublimation will be \$67-\$92 per jersey (depending on front and shoulder crest options). Jersey replacement will be approximately \$4000 per team.

Discussed which age divisions need jerseys to be replaced.

Action Item: Jerseys to be handed in on Monday April 1st at 7pm.- Jerilyne will email all managers.

Christa Cornelssen made a motion to allocate \$20,000 to purchase jerseys. Keith Werbowesky seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

6. Hockey Alberta- Spring meeting in Wainwright on April 7th or April 13th in Leduc or April 14th in Okotoks. At least one executive member will attend.
7. Executive Reports

7.1.President- Sandra Schell- Doug Smith has informed SMHA that he is retiring and hopes that SMHA would take over interim administration and organization for the Stettler Lightning. The majority of the board members will remain, including the secretary and treasurer.

Discussed the pros and cons of taking on Lightning management. SMHA's major concern is that we have been unable to fill all board positions on our own board for the past 2 years.

Will continue to discuss at next meeting.

Questions have come up regarding how tournament proceeds may be spent. Teams need to be sure to adhere to the AGLC guidelines. Discussed the need for an SMHA policy.

- 7.2.**VP Development- Brett Nixon- Novice and Mites meetings- Parents would like consistent practice times. Propose that Novice practices are moved to 4pm for each practice.

Propose that Mites move to Wednesdays at 5:15pm and Saturday mornings at 8:30am, both in the Red.

Looking into minor hockey development time, possibly during a morning ice slot.



West Country League meeting on April 9th. Brett proposed polling the Novice parents regarding a Half-Ice Novice travel team. The survey will be sent out to all Novice players.

Coach Evaluation- dates and processes- Process will remain the same. Coach evaluations will be available for parents by March 25th and must be complete by April 8th. The interviews/feedback nights will be held in mid April.

Action Item: Send out survey to Novice parents.- Jerilyne

7.3.VP Operations- Keith Werbowesky- attended CAHL meeting. Cranbrook has been accepted into CAHL. They will be entering in tier 1 and 2. They plan on putting in a team in every division in tier 1 and 2.

CAHL AGM is on April 9th. Keith made a motion to purchase \$50 gift certificates for our 2 CAHL governors. Christa Cornelssen seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.

Midget 15 year old division is still being considered. Pee wee tier 5 provincial style tournament will be held in Hanna. Pee wee tier 6 provincial tournament did not happen due to not enough interest.

Ref room motion- each team must have representation if there are issues being discussed.

League wanted more power to enforce suspensions (as in additional suspensions on top of HA). Motion was unsuccessful.

Penalty minute rule will be re-evaluated.

Social Media- suggest that there needs to be an official complaint form with a fee. CAHL dealt with over 500 complaints due to social media.

7.4.VP Marketing and Communications- Cash raffle fundraiser draw is on March 25th. Should make approximately \$10,000.

7.5.Treasurer- Christa Cornelssen- Christa presented financials. Casino funds have been deposited into the account. Funds will be allocated to jerseys.

Bank accounts- Christa talked to the Vision Credit Union about having all minor hockey accounts under one umbrella. This could be set up before next season. Christa will meet with the bank in April to figure out the details.

The Dodge Caravan money has been received and will be deposited.

7.6.Past President- Trevor Speakman- nothing to report

8. Division Director Reports-

8.1.Initiation- Nicole Doan- all is good

8.2.Novice- Meghan Nichols & Sarah Payne- Novice travel finished second in league. All is well!



8.3. Atom- Martyne Nixon- absent- sent email report.

League and Provincial Playoffs:

Atom A and Atom B teams unfortunately missed playoffs this season. Atom C is the winner of the Tier 7 banner. Atom A lost out in OT in the final round of provincial playdowns against Castor.

In regards to banners, I see that there is some business on the agenda for banners in the red rink, but I have had people asking about past banners (Atom C won one last season) and current banners (current Atom C team just wants to know what to do with theirs).

Jersey Inventory:

I have gone through the Atom jerseys and all look to be in fairly good condition, some piling and stains here and there, but no rips or tears. Atom B could benefit from a new jersey bag. Inventory is in spreadsheet format and has been attached to this email.

Financials:

Tournament and team accounting, and the bank reconciliation, has been prepared and sent to Christa.

8.4. Pee wee- Marsha Mailer- absent- Sent report. Season ended well. C team won league and tier banner. B team lost out in 2nd round. A team lost in last round. Good season!

8.5. Bantam- Keri Snowden- absent- no report

8.6. Midget- Guy Chapman-

Practice Jersey's :

This was discussed in the fall. There were some comments that the bantam and midget boys teams had received jerseys in prior years and had not looked after them. When I explained this to Ryan Koehli he checked with Mike Tucker and they were of the view that the midget team had never received the practice jersey's recent years. Ryan thought they were required to do lines and run practices properly so he purchased the jerseys himself . I did not think this was right that a volunteer coach should need to pay for these so I reimbursed him. On further reflection I wasn't sure should personally pay for these either so the midget team reimburse me. Total \$350. If SMHA doesn't want to pay for them then the midget team already has. If SMHA wants to pay for then please provide a cheque to the Stettler Midget team (net of reffing costs for BV game).

Season wrap up:

We had some close games in playoffs with 2 shoot outs against Lacombe (we won the series 3-2) and we were just outmatched against the 3C's . Our games were well



attended including the final game in Big Valley where the stands were nearly full. We were able to donate \$460 to the Big Valley Ag Society from our 50/50 draw.

Ice time:

We had a few disgruntled players /parents this year with lack of ice time. This is not a new issue. However, it becomes a bit more apparent when you only have 1 midget team and you are playing tier 1. It is a big jump for some of the first year players to jump from tier 3 bantam to tier 1 midget, particularly when they are playing against kids not only 1 but 2 years older than them. It can be a difficult situation and there is no easy solution. Hopefully, the Big Valley players will return to Stettler next year and we will have enough players for 2 midget teams with the bantam players moving up.

Final comment:

I would just like to say, that having coached 9 years previously, I have never been a team manager or director. I have a new respect for the time that this takes. I also have a better understanding and greater appreciation for all the time that the SMHA board puts in and the challenges faced with league matters, ice scheduling and other aspects of managing the SMHA. Thank you all for the support you have provided myself as a "newbie" manager this year.

8.7 Female- Brad Robbins- Peewee and Midget won leagues and are playing for Provincial championships this weekend.

9. Director Reports

9.1. Director Registrar and Administration- Danielle Wheeler- Need to sort out dates, any fee increases, acknowledgement of volunteer hours, etc. (Imports cannot register online, so we need to make sure they acknowledge volunteer hours.) Can possibly set up for Novice league tryouts.

9.2. Director Equipment- open

9.3. Ice/Ref Allocator- Sandra Schell- Ice scheduling was crazy to schedule this year, but it all worked out.

Ref room has new shelving unit and it's very impressive! There was a ref meeting on Monday night and

Brad Robbins made a motion to approve Heart of Alberta Bucks for refs for approximately \$2700. Trevor Speakman seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.

9.4. Director Communications- Jerilyne- all is well!

9.5. Director Sponsorship and Fundraising- Crystal- absent

10. Adjournment- **Keith made a motion to adjourn. Christa seconded. All in favour. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.**

11. Next Meeting- April 10th, 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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