



**Stettler Minor Hockey Association**

**Executive Board Meeting – SRC**

**May 15, 2024**

Reid Smith            Joel Shepherd            Kelsie Miller            Nicole Doan  
Kari Wilson            Martyne Nixon            Tersha Stevens            Meghan Thomson  
Duncan Babchuk

**1. Meeting Called to Order:** 6:07pm

**2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:** No new additions or deletions.

**3. Review April Meeting Minutes:** Reviewed the April 21, 2024 meeting minutes along with all action items.

**3.1 Proposed New Policies; Exceptional Player Policy & Mouthguard Policy:** The new policies were thoroughly reviewed and board members in favor. The policy can be reviewed on the SMHA website and will be brought to the 2024 AGM.

*Nicole motioned to approve the Exceptional Player and Mouthguard policies as read. Meghan seconded the motion. All in favor.*

**3.2 Amendment to the Refund Policy:** The refund policy was reviewed and amended. The policy can be reviewed on the SMHA website and will be brought to the 2024 AGM.

*Martyne motioned to approve the amended Refund Policy as read. Joel seconded the motion. All in favor.*

*Joel motioned to approve the April 21, 2024 meeting minutes. Nicole seconded the motion. All in favor.*



#### 4. New Business

**4.1 Coaches Meetings:** Reid made phone calls to coaches who had issues on their teams this season, the intent being to discuss how the season went, overall. These calls seemed to be received well.

**4.2 Tournament Dates:** Reviewed the CAHL Critical Dates for the upcoming season and tentative tournament dates, which we may need to move slightly due to ice restraints.

**4.3 Curling Bonspiel / Ice for January:** Discussed this is a great opportunity for our community, but it will cause SMHA to have to do some altering to the ice schedule for the end of January / beginning of February. This may mean having out-of-town practices.

**4.4 Coach / Director application forms:** Discussed moving up the application deadline for Coaches, as there was a real struggle in some divisions to find enough coaches / assistant coaches. Doing this earlier would allow more time to reach out to different avenues for interest if there are some divisions short.

**4.5 Registration:** Would like to open registration shortly after the AGM. Opening registration earlier would allow us to have a better understanding of numbers, which would be helpful in sorting out tentative team numbers, as well as ice times. Also discussed opening registration to our home association players first, then opening it up for any import players that are interested.

#### 5. Old Business:

**5.1 Year End Team Financials:** Any teams that haven't handed in their year-end financials to Janelle, this needs to be done ASAP.

**5.2 Year End Summary Reports:** Have only received a few, these need to be emailed to Kelsie ASAP to have them ready for the AGM.

#### 6. Hockey Alberta Report: No Report

#### 7. Executive Reports:

##### 7.1 Treasurer Report:

Year End is April 30<sup>th</sup>, so I have just dropped it off at the accountants.

General Account Balance \$192, 508.23

Casino Account Balance \$9,087.88 (\$3,896.74 once cheque clears for March Ice )

Savings has a balance of \$32,213.82.

Discussed transferring a portion of the sponsorship money out of the general account into savings account, will continue discussion at next executive meeting.



**8. Division Report:** No Division Reports

**9. Director Reports:**

**9.1 Ice Allocator:** Report attached

**10. Next Meeting:** June 19, 2024 – AGM @ 630pm

**11. Meeting Adjourned:** 8:40pm



## Ice Allocator Report

First thing, we lose our Blue ice from January 29 - Feb 11, as there is a curling event in town. We will have to build alternative schedules (possibly 1 practice per week?) or look to other arenas to book ice for practices/games.

Tournaments for the year have been booked tentatively. We need to formalize these by June 1st, so I'm hopeful league will release their dates in time. Typically, you cannot attend a tourney 2 weeks post-tiering or 1 week at season-end with CAHL. RMFHL has not had these regulations in the past.

Bear in mind for every team in a division, we require 6 round robin games and 2 final games, so U11 and U13 male typically would have 24 games in a tournament weekend, U11F/U13F combined would have 16. For the U11 and U13 Male divisions, it is nice to have a PD Day Friday to work games in, but not sure if we can accommodate.

CAHL is planning on starting after Thanksgiving, and plan on having 4 weeks of tiering, so that will likely have us tiering over the Remembrance Day long weekend, which is a real bummer. This would be a perfect weekend to host U11 or U13 boys, as there are usually 3 tiers. We have still booked this weekend tentatively with SRC and remain hopeful that we can use for the U13 Male tourney.

There is also a PHL tourney in Big Valley or Alix on Jan 3-5, so this would not be a suitable weekend to host a larger division tourney, as all room blocks in town are occupied. This was our U11 Male tourney last year.

Here is our best-case scenarios, and weekends we have booked:

- BOOKED November 8 - 10 - U13 Male tourneys (if not still tiering)
- BOOKED November 22 - 24 - U11 Female / U13 Female tourney (if RMFHL does not impose regulations like CAHL on first weekends post-tiering)
- BOOKED Jan 25 - 26 - U7 and U9 combined tourney (pushed ahead due to curling event in February, cannot book over Family Day weekend as playoffs usually begin)

We have also BOOKED Jan 10-12 and Jan 17-19. Ideally, one of these would be the U11 Male tourney. We should determine around the Imperials schedule, and also will need to ask U7 and U9 to give up their ice that weekend. With 24 games on the schedule, it is a very full weekend, and without being able to use ice on Friday during the day, it will be a real challenge to get everything fit in otherwise.