



Stettler Minor Hockey Association

Executive Board Meeting – SRC

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

6:00pm

Reid Smith	Kari Wilson	Jerilyne Raab	Janelle Greiner
Kelsie Miller	Joel Shepherd	Nicole Doan	Deidre Northrop
Matt Fryer	Christy Comte	Todd Schlender	Tersha Stevens
Ashley Strome	Brook Watson	Ruby MacDonell	Melissa Muise

1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:01pm

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

3. Review of Last Month Meeting Minutes: Reviewed the December 11, 2024 meeting minutes and action items.

Christy Comte motioned to approve the January 28, 2025 meeting agenda. Brook Watson seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. New Business

4.1.First Goal Trophy: Brook will order 1st goal trophy's for all of the U7 players, as well as go through the list of U9's for any new players that will need one.

Action Item: Brook will order the 1st goal trophy's for U7 & new-to-hockey U9 players.



4.2. Dressing Room Access During Curling Provincials: A letter from the Stettler Recreation Center was forwarded to all coaches & Managers regarding the dressing room access during the curling provincials. There will not be any hallway access, players will need to go through the red arena doors to get into the dressing rooms

4.3. Coach Development Sessions: Had a good turnout for the 1st session, 20 coaches were in attendance. There was a lot of good information shared and the next session has already been booked. ECHS has been picking up the majority of the costs for these sessions, and it was discussed that SMHA set aside some funds towards these coach development sessions for next season. It was also discussed that these sessions be mandatory for head coaches to attend.

4.4. Mid Season Reviews: Overall, mostly good reviews for the first part of the season, there were around 25 good reviews, a couple neutral, and a couple with concerns. Some of the concerns were regarding the evaluations process, we discussed gathering information on having outside evaluators, with no ties to SMHA or the area, come in and run our evaluations for next season. There was also some concern regarding lack of goalie development, which is something SMHA is aware of and working to improve.

4.5. CAS Meeting: Meeting will be held January 29, 2025

4.6 U13 Provincials: Thick into the planning of this event. Will send out a letter for help from all SMHA teams for raffle table donations. In previous years, people were able to bank any additional hours, over-and-above the mandatory 8 hours, and roll them into next season. This was discussed and it was agreed that families can bank their volunteer hours.

Action Item: *Kari will send out communication to all families informing them that volunteer hours done at the U13 Female Hockey Provincials can be banked and rolled over into next season.*



4.6.Tournament Review U11 & U11/U13F: Both tournaments went really well, receiving lots of compliments and little-to-no complaints. The Female tournaments received a ton of compliments, especially, on their swag bags and raffle table.

4.7.Cash Calendar Fundraiser: Fundraiser is live and currently raised \$3800.00. Last day to purchase tickets is February 28, 2025.

4.8.Female Development Session: There are currently 30 players registered for the development session with Jessie Jack. This will be the last development session of this season.

4.9. Black Pucks: We are low on black pucks, again. With 4 user groups using our SMHA purchased pucks, it was discussed that it might be time to reach out to these groups requesting assistance in replacing pucks in the future.

Christy motioned that SMHA spend up to \$1000.00 to purchase 1 box of blue and 3 boxes of black pucks. All in favor

Action Item: *Deidre will purchase 1 box of blue & 3 boxes of black pucks through Prairie Rival Sports.*

4.10 New Development Equipment & Storage Locker: Joel has made some new development equipment and it is ready for use. The storage lockers are getting too full, so may look at using the U18 second locker to store some of the equipment.

4.11 Full Ice U9 Games: Would like to go ahead with this again this year. There should be enough ice, as the ice will stay in longer this year to accommodate hosting provincials. Discussed the possibility of using weeknight ice or hosting a small “tournament style” weekend.



Action Item: *Brook will discuss ice options with Martyne for U9 full-ice games.*

4.12 2024/2025 Playoff Format: Playoff formats have been mailed out to all coaches and managers.

5. HA Update: No report

6. Executive Reports:

6.1.President: A few fires have been put out on a couple of teams, still addressing a couple. Discussed the upcoming Casino fundraiser, which is a big fundraiser for SMHA, and we chose the Red Deer Resort Casino.

6.2.VP Development: Nothing to Report

6.3.VP Operations: CAHL meeting next week to review playoff format and to review all teams and their current penalty minutes going into playoff gameplay. Also discussed the weather policy and it was suggested that teams be agreeable to rescheduling if the opposing team isn't comfortable driving in the conditions.

6.4.VP Marketing & Communication: An email went out to managers today with a list of families that have outstanding volunteer hours (with the exception of U9). There will also be an email going out in the next couple of days with those coaches & managers with outstanding criminal record checks, as I have just had a few to update.

6.5.Treasurer: Accounts as of December 31, 2024

Casino \$ 9 471.20

General \$ 317 156.95

December Ice \$ 21 022. 07

Action Item: *Janelle will look into a GIC or other investment for some of our funds.*

Ashley motioned to adopt the treasurer report, as read. All in favor.



7. Division Report:

7.1.U7 – Ramping up for the home tournament, currently working on the raffle items.

Will have a hat bar available for the players, tournament will be short and sweet 10:30 – 3:00. We were approached by a photographer interested in doing action shots – there has been mixed reviews on this from the team.

7.2.U9 – Getting ready for 7-team tournament, currently working on the raffle licence.

MMH Apparel will be set up onsite to do T-shirt & hoodies for players awarded the H & H.

7.3.U11 – Tournament went very well, lots of good reviews and was quite profitable, brining in around \$14 000.00. All teams are doing well.

7.4.U13 – Nothing to Report

7.5. U15 – Nothing to Report

7.6.U18 – U18A currently sitting 4th place in the North division of Tier 1. Had a big win against the top team, 3C's, last weekend followed by a tough loss against Red Deer. Currently down several players due to suspensions, illness, injury, and vacations so will be drawing affiliate players from U18B for this weekends game in Airdrie. Only 3 games left in regular season, two of which are crossover games with the south division.

U18B is doing really well, currently at the top of their tier, and just recently had their first loss in regular season gameplay. We have 2 graduating players and have planned a short ceremony for them at our last regular season home game, February 16th. Replica jerseys have been ordered and we are just waiting for them to come in.

7.7.Female – All teams are doing well. Currently planning U13 Provincials, as well as a banquet for all SMHA Female players, which will be sponsored by The Brick. Girls are looking forward to it.

8. Director Reports

8.1.Registrar: Discussed the affiliation policy and reminded that SMHA needs to keep the affiliation usage within SMHA, not sourcing from outside associations. Need to keep in mind that you cannot enhance your roster with affiliate usage.

8.2.Equipment Director: Low on black pucks, a motion was made, above, to purchase more of the black and blue pucks through Prairie Rival Sports in town. Also discussed encouraging all 4 user-groups to help with costs of replacing pucks.



8.3.Ref / Ice Allocator: Refing is going well. The U11 & U13 Female teams treated the Officials very well during their tournament which was much appreciated.

8.4.Fundraising Director: Currently working on our Cash Calendar fundraiser, which is the last of the season. Please spread the word and encourage people to buy tickets.

9. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday February 26, 2025 @ 6:00pm

10. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:15pm