



Stettler Minor Hockey Association

Executive Board Meeting – SRC

October 02, 2024

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| Reid Smith | Kari Wilson | Joel Sheperd | Brett Muhlbach |
| Kelsie Miller | Janelle Greiner | Nicole Doan | Christy Comte |
| Matt Fryer | Ruby MacDonell | Deidre Northrop | Dan Hunt |
| Melissa Muise | Brook Watson | Ashley Strome | |

1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:06pm

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

Ruby MacDonell motioned to approve the October 02, 2024 SMHA agenda. Kari Wilson seconded. All in favor.

3. Review of August Meeting Minutes & Action Items: Reviewed the August 28, 2024 meeting minutes and action items.

3.1 Criminal Record Checks: Still ongoing; coaches, board members, and managers need to submit a criminal record check (current within the last 3 years) or sign a declaration form stating there have not been any new infractions since last year.

3.2 Tim Hortons Jerseys – Should be arriving any day.

3.3 Female Ref Room – There is a room directly across from the current Ref room that all female refs may access.

3.4 Coaches & Managers meeting – A date will be decided, for the near future, and communicated to all coaches and managers.

Ruby MacDonell motioned to approve the August 28, 2024 meeting minutes. Kari Wilson seconded. All in favor.



4. New Business

4.1 Tiering Breakdown – As we begin the tiering process, division tiers have been declared as the following:

U11 – Tiers 2, 4, 6

U13 – Tiers 2, 4, 6

U15 – Tier 3 strong (BC) & Tier 3 weak (BC)

U18 – Tier 2 (BC) & Tier 3 weak (BC)

4.2 Coach Credentials – Any coaches needing to update their coaching courses need to do so ASAP.

4.3 Affiliation – All managers should familiarize themselves with the process for using affiliate players, the appropriate use, and the correct approval process. There is an affiliation form / link on the CAHL website under the forms tab.

4.4 Tracking Information: Discussed the need for a better way to keep track of the coaches / managers, as well as their contact information. Joel discussed putting together a spreadsheet.

4.5 Game Books: Game books are on order from CAHL and will be available to teams for their tiering games, there are also partial books that can be used to get us through until the new books arrive. RMFHL will supply the female division with enough books to get them through the first half of the season, as they will be switching over to electronic game sheets for the second half of the season.

4.6 U7/U9: U7 & U9's season will be beginning shortly, after Thanksgiving, Joel and Reid will help on-ice for the first couple of skates. Some of the parents have not been receiving SMHA emails, but this is likely because they were late registrations. This season there will be 5 – U7 teams and 4 – U9 teams.

4.6 Practise Schedule: The 2024-2025 practice schedule has been finalized and uploaded to the SMHA website.

4.7 Injured Players: Discussed the need for an injured player policy as, unfortunately, we do have a few players starting the season off with injuries making them unable to attend team selections. The executive board will discuss this further and have a policy ready for the 2025 AGM.

4.8 External Evaluators: Briefly discussed the pros and cons of having external evaluators come in for our selection process. This is something that will need to be discussed further.



5. Old Business:

5.1 Tournament Dates:

- U13 – November 15-18, 2024
- U11 – January 10-12, 2025
- U11F / U13F – January 24-26, 2025
- U7 – February 15, 2025
- U9 – February 22-23, 2025

6. Hockey Alberta: No update

7. Executive Reports:

7.1 President: Reminder that parents need to be following the proper chain of communication. There has been too many skipping the appropriate chain and it is overwhelming to the board members that have to deal with it. There were a number of complaints that were verbalized to board members, but there were 0 emails actually sent to the complaint email that was set up for this exact purpose. Discussed sourcing out the selections panel, to try to avoid some of parent complaints in regard to the selection process – this will be discussed further.

7.2 Past President: No report.

7.3 VP Development: Wrapping up team selections, a lot of time and energy spent at the rink making sure these ran smoothly.

7.4 VP Operations: Team rosters need to be submitted by October 05, 2024 (CAHL) and October 07, 2024 (RMFHL). RMFHL updated their website with the 3-team point of contact (Coach, Asst coach, Manger), email and phone number need to be included of fines may occur. Team rosters will also be uploaded to the website.

7.5 VP Marketing & Communication: Still waiting for a few criminal record checks to come in.

7.6 Treasurer:

- General: \$ 388 070.96
- Casino: \$ 3 896.74

8. Division Report:

8.1 U7 – Nothing to report.

8.2 U9 – Nothing to report.

8.3 U11 – Nothing to report.

8.4 U13 – They had a really good exhibition game. Discussed the U13 tournament and the possibility of needing to skim a bit of ice from the U9's Friday evening.

8.5 U15 – U15A had an exhibition game, went well.

8.6 U18 – Nothing to report.



8.7 Female – Things are going well. Spoke with the Prairie Rival Sports in town about the possibility of coming up with a female line of SMHA apparel, they were receptive and discussed a couple of options. Discussed the potential need for an iPad to run the electronic game sheets, but will discuss further after the upcoming RMFHL meeting where they will, hopefully, receive more information.

9. Director Reports

9.1 Registrar: Coach credentials are due, these need to be up-to-date before being on the bench. Managers need to have the Jersey Roster finalized and sent to her. Affiliate players need to be submitted as well.

9.2 Equipment Director: Prairie Rival Sports has offered a 5% kickback for the SMHA apparel. They will also be stocking the SMHA game socks and are selling them at a \$1 discount.

9.3 Ref / Ice Allocator: Report attached.

9.4 Fundraising Director: Report attached.

10. Next Meeting: Oct 30, 2024 @ 6:00pm

11. Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm



Ice Allocator Report

Despite losing the Blue Ice at the end of January into early February, overall, we are in pretty good shape with ice allotments this year with sufficient ice availability for all our league teams, pending black outs. Some games may need to be scheduled off-site, with preference to the larger ice and majority of import players at Big Valley, however, we will look to other outside arenas if necessary.

League Ice:

Tiering ice was sent in for RMFHL on September 11 and for CAHL on September 30. RMFHL tiering schedules have been released.

Regular season submission due for CAHL on October 27 and for RMFHL on October 18 (First Half) and November 22 (Second Half).

Tournament Blackout Dates:

A reminder that teams are only allowed 2 blackouts per year. Please refer to respective league calendars to determine when you may have existing blackout weekends, and to ensure that you are not booking tournaments on weekends where tournament play is not allowed (tiering, playoffs, first 2 weeks and last week of regular season, etc).

For female teams, I will need your first half tournaments by October 15th and your second half tournaments by October 24th (for second half, even a rough idea or narrowed down to a few). For male teams, I will need your tournaments by October 24th. Directors, can you please compile this information for me.

Tournament Ice:

I am in the process of confirming tournament ice with Ali for U13, U11 and U11/U13 Female. On the weekends of the U13 (Nov 15-17) and U11 Male (Jan 10-12) tournaments, it would be great if U7 and U9 would be willing to let go of their Friday night ice times, as there are 24 games to schedule over those weekends (18 round robin games, 3 finals and 3 consolation finals). We can try to offer them some time later in the day on Sunday of the same weekend. There should be sufficient ice on the Female Tournament weekend to allow for 16 games (12 round robin games, 2 finals and 2 consolation finals).

Exhibition Ice:

The new process of requesting exhibition ice seems to be working well, but could use some fine tuning for the 2025-26 season. We will look at streamlining the process sometime during the off season.



Fundraising Report:

BACON FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

Here is the bacon fundraising LINK for Kari to share when it goes

live <https://stettlerminorhockey.myteamfund.ca>

[Stettler Minor Hockey \(myteamfund.ca\)](https://stettlerminorhockey.myteamfund.ca) Please don't share until Sept 29 or thereafter as I am still working on updating the registered players and final details on the website.

Fundraising page will **OPEN** on Sept 29 and **CLOSE** on October 29 with **PICK UP** Date of November 8/24 Time TBA

I will be needing 4 more VOLUNTEERS for the pickup date- I have had 2 approach me already (who will stay for full 8 hours to unload and dispense orders) and 4 volunteer hours will be rewarded for the other 4 for unloading and sorting at UNKNOWN time that day (last year was 11-2)

Volunteer hours will be awarded accordingly: 13+ boxes sold = 8 volunteer hours, 7+ boxes = 4 volunteer hours

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

CASH CALENDAR: I have also started collecting for the Cash Calendar which will commence via Rafflebox in January therefore if anyone would like a letter or would like to make a cash/gift card donation from their business towards this please let me know. (Letter also attached) The Calendar Draw will be made each day of the month of March with a final prize of \$1000 (as requested) from SMHA contribution of \$2000. I will apply for a raffle license for this in early December.

Thanks everyone have a great weekend!

Tersha Stevens
SMHA Fundraising Director