



Stettler Minor Hockey Association

Executive Board Meeting - SRC

February 21, 2024

Reid Smith Martyne Nixon Kelsie Miller Brett Muhlbach
Joel Shepherd Kari Wilson Janelle Greiner Nicole Doan
Brook Watson Dan Hunt Duncan Babchuk Meghan Thompson
Tersha Stevens

1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:04pm

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

Kari motioned to approve the February 21, 2024 meeting agenda. Dan seconded. All in favor.

3. Review of Meeting Minutes: Reviewed the *January 24, 2024* meeting minutes and action items.

Kari motioned to approve the January 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Janelle seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. New Business

4.1. U7/U9 Tournament: Tournament was quite successful with lots of positive feedback, however, parking was an issue due to the size of the tournament. It was quite busy with 22 teams, but it would be worth combining the U7/U9's again. A suggestion for next year would be to rent The Hub as a place for teams to go between games.

4.2. Changes to Ice Sessions: When teams are making changes to their ice session, it needs to be done through the ice allocator, it is not to be done coach-to-coach.

Action Item: Reid will communicate with the coaches regarding the proper channels to use when making changes to ice sessions.

4.3. Global Girls Game: Global Girls weekend was very successful, 3 out of 4 teams participated. The lack of communication from Hockey Alberta proved to be a little disappointing. The Yellowknife game was chosen as the feature game. All-in-all, there were lots of spectators, the girls had a great time, and there was lots of positive feedback.

4.4. Policy Changes - Discussed the possibility of adding a new policy for "Exceptional Players" who are top of their division, and with a recommendation from coaches, to be able to try-out at the higher age division.



Also discussed capping the number of registrations per team, as well as team selections and the possibility of using outside evaluators.

4.5. U7/U9 Jersey Order: It will be closer to June before Tim Hortons will accept jersey orders for the upcoming season. This season we will order larger sizes in jerseys, as the previous ones were a bit on the smaller side.

4.6. Discipline Committee: Discussed whether or not issues that are happening at school and / or the arena should be interlocked or kept separate.

5. Old Business:

5.1 U18 Provincials: Planning is going well, currently working on filling the volunteer positions. Still waiting to collect raffle donations from a few teams.

6. Hockey Alberta: Nothing to report.

7. Division Reports:

7.1 U7: Season is winding down. Having a game in Big Valley this weekend and having the year-end wind-up party in Big Valley the following week.

7.2 U9: Tournament went well, funds were split 60/40. Everything went smoothly, as to be expected, would like to have seen the raffle ticket stay open to a bit later. As for the full ice pilot project, there does not seem to be any issues with taking only the 2nd year players.

7.3 U11: U11A finished bottom of their tier, U11B finished 2nd, and U11C finished 1st. As a pilot, bottom teams in U11 division were given the choice to re-tier for playoffs, U11A has gone this route. Playoff starting this weekend.

7.4 U13: Playoff games starting. A & B finished 3rd in their tier, C's finished 4th.

7.5 U15: Both teams finished at the bottom of their tier, playoffs starting this weekend.

7.6 U18: U18A finished first in U18T1 league play and have a bye this weekend, will be facing the winner of Cochrane/Okotoks the weekend of March 1st. Playoffs wrap up March 18, and provincials begin March 29. Provincial planning is going well. Had a meeting with Hockey Alberta and had some website training where we learned that our volunteer scorekeepers will need to be trained on entering the game sheet electronically, real time. Raffle table donations are continuing to come in from teams in SMHA. Teams who have not yet donated a raffle table item are: U11 Boys, U13 Girls & U18B. We're in good shape for sponsorship and everything is coming together nicely.

U18B finished off our league season in first place. We have a bye this weekend, will be playing opponent from 3Cs or Red Deer on Sunday. We are receiving donations from team members for Provincials raffle table.



7.7 Female: The U18 Female team showcased their strength in round one against Lethbridge, securing a convincing 5-0 victory in game one and tying 3-3 in game two, which led them to advance to the second round. The U15 Female team faced a tough challenge in round one against 3Cs but managed to clinch victories in both games, winning 2-0 and 5-4 respectively. In a closely contested series, the U13 Female team triumphed over Cochrane White with narrow margins, winning game one 2-1 and game two 1-0. However, the U11 Female team faced a tough defeat in the first round against Camrose, with a score of 13-2, resulting in the activation of the mercy rule and the cancellation of the second game. Despite these challenges, all teams demonstrated commendable performance and sportsmanship throughout the season. However, there was a collective sense of disappointment among the teams for not making it to the banner rounds for their respective tiers. Nonetheless, the season was marked by strong teamwork, resilience, and determination from all participants.

8. Executive Reports:

1. **President:** No report
2. **Past President:** No report
3. **VP Development:** Stable in the net was well attended, no complaints. Waiting for the new school calendar to be released so we can book some development sessions for the upcoming season.
4. **VP Operations:** U9 has a full-ice game set up under the HA pilot project, this game will be used for the 2nd year U9 players.
Would like to see a couple of goalie sets purchased for the U11 division, as there are a couple that have expressed interest in this position, this could be used for goalies to use on a deposit-basis.
5. **VP Marketing & Communication:** Will send out communication to SMHA families looking for volunteers to fill positions for U18 Tier 1 Provincials.
6. **Treasurer:**
General \$257 022. 55
Casino \$ 9087.88
Last ice bill \$ 29 025.44

9. Director Reports:

- 9.1 **Registrar:** Discussed the use of affiliates. Will forward the approved U18 affiliates list to Dan to pass onto the U18 managers / coaches.
- 9.2 **Ref and Ice Allocator:** Discussed the proper channels to use when making changes to ice sessions.
- 9.3 **Equipment:** Pucks missing again, still have enough for remainder of the season. All buckets will be replenished for the Provincial weekend.
- 9.4 **Fundraising:** Just finishing up with the cash calendar sales, the draws will run for the month of March, so far there is a \$4500.00 profit.

10. Next Meeting: March 20, 2024

11. Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm