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Members Present: Breanne, Trevor W, Kristen, Tracy, Kaylee, Travis G, Kyle, Lesley, Travis W, Bryan, Garrett W, Stephanie, Garrett C

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.
  - a) Approval of Agenda - Kristen made the motion to approve the agenda with additions. Breanne seconded.
    - i) Additions to be added: installation of Brad M as the new President. Travis W. as new U7 Level Director and Garrett C. as new U11 level director. Mike Gabruck stepped down from his position. TW nominated Brad Morrow as President for the upcoming season. Breanne seconded. No opposition.
    - ii) Signing authority on association accounts
    - iii) Try-out communication.
- 2) Approval of last meeting's minutes - Tracy made the motion to approve the minutes. TW seconded.
- 3) Female Director - discussion about whether this job falls into Joanne's with being the female league liaison. Will check to make sure Joanne is ok with having the extra title and duties.
- 4) Fundraising - TW approached the Kinsmen and Elks about a donation. Potential to receive up to \$2500 with a letter. Brad thinks we need to reach out to these local groups more often especially for help funding larger items. Discussion about all the grants/donations we could be applying for. TW will get information to Tracy. Need to get posters done up with information for the Raffle Box which will start ASAP and run until around Feb 15. Association bottle drive Jan 10. Need to be transparent and inform parents about the increased cost of ice and the importance of fundraising.
- 5) Equipment Purchases - development aids
  - a) Jerseys - need sets for the girls teams - Owen to take stock of what we have; can mix sets together as was done last year for the smaller teams to get enough. TW
  - b) Development aids - TW would like to purchase developmental tools for Veg/Mundare. TW explained all of what he wants to purchase ie. small passing nets, rebounders. Cost will be about \$2000 for both [rinks](#). TW is looking for donations (has most of the cost covered). TW made a motion to spend roughly \$2000 on development aids for both Vegreville/Mundare to aid coaches/players in development. Travis seconded.
- 6) Minor Hockey Week - Brad would like to see us book an entire weekend of games in Vegreville to promote hockey. Lesley said their most likely will not be enough ice times open for all teams to play in the same weekend. Brad would like everyone to try their best to make the weekend of Jan 10 work for this. Can sell 50-50 at each game to raise funds for the association. Lesley will send out the details to all managers once the ice schedule is set asking managers to try and book home games first on this weekend.

- 7) Female Hockey Day - set day & details - HA has a grant available to put towards promoting girls hockey. TZ not present at this meeting so discussion is tabled until the next meeting.
- 8) Tournament Dates are booked and as follows:
  - a) U7 - February 8 in Vegreville
  - b) U9 - January 23-25 in Vegreville
  - c) U11 - November 14-16 - Vegreville & Mundare
  - d) U13 - January 2-4 - Vegreville & Mundare
  - e) U11 & U15 Female - December 5-7 - Vegreville & Mundare

\*\*level directors to get initial emails once the tournament dates are posted on the hockey alberta website. Recommended getting the tournament coordinators picked ASAP. Garrett W will list the tiers along with the dates. Lesley recommended setting permanent dates for all tournaments for the next couple of seasons. It will make is easier for booking hotels and scheduling in the future. Lesley has already booked 4 weekends for the 2026-2027 season. They will need to be confirmed or canceled by the end of this season. Brad made a motion to keep tournament dates the same for the upcoming year. The booked weekends are: Nov 20-22, Dec 4-6, Jan 22-24, Feb 12-14. Kaylee seconded.
- 9) Season Start Dates for U11- U18. Tiering Oct 10 - Nov 9. Retire Nov 10. Regular season starts Nov 14. End of season depends on level and tiers. \*\*U9 teams to participate in the development weekend. Steph to post info.
- 10) Level Directors - information to be passed along at the team meetings. Discuss the importance of fundraising (increased ice costs). Dates for the upcoming season. Need for more refs. Tournament dates (need coordinators ASAP), \*\*\*24 hour rule\*\*\* chain of communication that must be followed. Any complaints need to be written/emailed so there is a paper trail to follow up with. Breanne to send out info to the level directors.
- 11) Evaluation Committees - U11/U13 - level directors to get evaluators. Question about missing one of the tryout dates - according to HA regulations players only need 3 sessions to be evaluated.
- 12) U9 Team Size - concerns about numbers of players in this age group. Two female players moving to U11 girls. No reason to have 4 teams. Will have 3 decent sized teams. Coaches have been selected,
- 13) ½ ice practice or combo between teams - issues with having enough ice slots available with the increased numbers in teams this year. Lengthy discussion about how to use the available times especially with the earlier slots the town wants us to use. Breanne has been in multiple meetings with the town about ice times but Brad said he will go talk with the Rec manager to see if we can come up with a happy medium. Brad would like to have a decision made and things figured out by next Tuesday/Wednesday.
- 14) Goalie Evaluation - Bryan wanted to discuss having 3 goalies in U13 and how we decide which teams get 2 goalies and which gets 1. Historically the second team has two as this allows them to be affiliated up to the first team. Discussion about having 2 goalies on team 1 especially if they are of the same calibre and evaluate close to one another. TW thinks that is that situation the coach should have the final say on the number of goalies he wants to take on his team.

- 15) Signing authority - Kyle noted that we need to change Brad for Colin on signing authority. Also recommends adding the secretary. Kyle to update the changes but needs meeting minutes. Kyle also made a motion to add the new RIC (Steph) to have signing authority on the referee account. TW seconded.
- 16) Announcing teams - discussion had after concerns/complaints about how teams were posted or notified in the past. Lots of suggestions and ideas brought forth. Kristen made the motion to have the teams posted on the website at the same time with the option for parents/players to chat with the coach if they want feedback. Tracy seconded.
- 17) Adjournment at 7:55 pm.