### VDMHA Meeting Minutes September 16

Members Present: Colin, Brad, Scott, Trevor W, Kaylee, Ryan W, Kristen, Trevor Z, John, Trevor K, Garrett, Kyle, Joanne, Bryan, Mike, Breanne, Travis, Steph, Tracy

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda - motion to adopt agenda as presented by Ryan W. Seconded by Steph. Additions to the agenda include: provincials bid and association apparel.
2. Approval of last meetings minutes - motion to accept minutes made by Trevor Z. Seconded by Mike
3. Criminal Record checks - TZ looked into what other associations are doing. Varies between 1-3 years. Agreed that all coaches/assistants/managers need to complete every 3 years. This will include a child intervention check as well that can be added to appeals account. Binder to be kept upstairs?? Need to look into regulations to confirm - will approve at next meeting. Need form available for access.
4. League Update - review of email. Colin’s notes as follows. All teams must be registered to the NEAHL by Oct. 4 - U11-U18- League will not all 2 equal teams - not in the same tier. So that's good for future discussions on whether equal teams can be created or not - Oct. 18 - Nov. 8 is preseason and tiering. Will need 6 ice slots available to the league sooner than later so they can start making up the schedule for tiering. Can start tiering early if wanted, managers will need to talk to league govenors to let them know- Big emphasis on teams being placed in the correct tier, based on history, caliber etc. - Travel will be a big factor in preseason. Long distance travel will not occur for preseason.- Affiliation rules have changed - You can now affiliate to a full roster size. Although the league will be looking at affiliation again regarding affiliation for strength. There are no guidelies as to what that means. It's quite subjective currently but will try and get clarity on this.- Over-age - limit is 3 OA players and if they are impact it will be up to the association to find them a home. Re-tiering - Nov. 12Final adjustments if any will be made over the Christmas break. As there won't be any games scheduled over Christmas and New Years. Regular Season - Nov. 15. - expect 10 home games (on average) - would like all games scheduled within the first month-Split tiers will be utilized again. Suggestion was to schedule games up until December and then once split, then schedule the rest of the games.- HA will be watching travel closely. They want competition so we all know what the means in rural AB.- Suspensions will be sent to President- U11 league goes to March 2-U13/15 - regular season ends Feb. 13 (13 weeks)-U18 - regular season ends Feb. 23 (14 weeks)ProvincialsU13/U15 - March 20-23, U18 - March 27-30, U11 - lots of people wanting to bring back U11 provincials, we need to voice opinions to Red Deer to make some noise. Playoff Format will be proposed by Nov. 12 and finalized by Jan. 15. Every president will get schedule. U11/U13 will be tournament style. Fees will be split. Invoices must be paid withing 5 working days or we lose our bond and the rest of our association cannot play. - application process for hosting these -U15/18 - Finalized in Nov. Lots of discussion on website stuff and game sheets. Will cover most of that in coaches and managers meetings. One interesting thing is that on the NEAHL website there are practice games uploaded for 'newbies' to practice using the online gamesheets etc. And also for refs to go in and figure out the login stuff, where to enter notes etc. So for our new refs, it may be a good idea for them to look into this. Lots of discussion on NBC (No Body Checking). Great point brought up that no checking doesn't mean no contact. If a team is placed say at a tier 3 level in U15/18, and they don't cut the mustard for competition, they'll be bumped into a tier 3B. Which means it won't be great. This is something that really needs to be looked at going forward. It won't be mandated but it's moving that way more and more.
5. Financial Report presented by Kyle. The registration fee income has been invested to earn some income for the association. Few expenses over the past month but will amp up once players hit the ice.
6. Raffle box starting soon - will run October 1st until Christmas. Only having one run for the season. Not mandatory but will be strongly encouraged.
7. Fundraiser group - casino night a no go, Tracy talked with the company that would come out to run it but it a large expenses with the association having to put a lot of money out up front.
8. Bottle Drive - planned for October 19. Steph to get poster done up.
9. Critters Update - Tracy and TK updated board in this event that is happening on November 28 @ 7pm. Board will provide half the team players with GM staff/family filling the remaining spots. Players are required to have sponsors. RW to line up Jr.B to run the bar. Tracy to message Stephanie Shaw about getting jerseys made. Steph to provide programs for the evening. Board to decide what kind of raffles to do. $10 tickets to attend event.

6) Tournament Schedule/Ice Update

Tournament Dates

U13 boys **November 15-17 Mundare**

U11-1 **November 30-Dec 1 in Vegreville**

U11-2 **December 6-8 in Mundare**

U13 Girls **January 18-19 Vegreville**

U7 Feb 1 830-800 in Vegreville

U9 March 1-2 in Mundare

Pond hockey is blocked for Wednesdays in Mundare 645-745 if still wanting to go ahead.

A few Wednesdays this will be used for Girls hockey when JRB has a game in Vegreville. (Nov 27 and Jan 22)

**U7** will start October 3 500-545 and Saturday October 5 800-900 and continue until February 26, this will be the final practise scheduled and no further Saturday time will be available

**U9** will start October 1 500-600 and October 2 600-700

Major team will skat in Mundare October 3 530-630

Team 2/3 will skate Tuesday October 8 500-600

Tuesday team 2/3 in Veg 500-600

Wednesday team 1/3 in Veg 600-700

Thursday team 1/2 in Mundare 530-630

| **U9 MAJOR** | **WEDNESDAY 600-700 VEG** | **THURSDAY 530-630 MUN** |
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| **U9 TEAM 2** | **TUESDAY 500-600 VEG** | **THURSDAY 530-630 MUN** |
| **U9 TEAM 3** | **TUESDAY 500-600 VEG** | **WEDNESDAY 600-700 VEG** |

\* team 3 will only practise in Veg if you need to take this into consideration with selections

Will receive Saturday ice 915-1015 starting Nov 2. NO GAMES IN OCTOBER

Communication will be key with U9 as there are 3 teams this is their ice time, I can divide it up 1/2 ice between the three teams but they can work together to coordinate this.

I believe scheduling teams 2/3 on the same Saturdays every third week, can benefit for intersquad if they do not have a game.

Last scheduled ice will be the tournament weekend March 1/2 no further Saturday ice will be provided and it is up to the executive regarding practice continuation or transition practises for U9 moving to U11.

Also communication as mentioned before between U7 and U9 if one team schedules a game and the whole ice isn't being used they can work together.

BUT the ice must be confirmed Sunday at midnight for the following week and NO changes will be accomodated after that.

**Remaining practise schedule:** In order to accommodate our growing association, every team was listed from youngest to oldest, with the times then listed earliest to latest and that is how the practise schedule was decided. )

**U11** ice times (will not be posted or team specific until the teams are decided to avoid confusion)

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| **U11** | **TUESDAY 530--630 MUN** | **THURSDAY 645-745 VEG** |
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| **U11** | **TUESDAY 615-715 VEG** | **WEDNESDAY 530-630 MUN** |

U13 Girls (they already have a manger and these times have been released to them)

| **U13G** | **TUESDAY 645-745 MUN** | **WEDNESDAY 715-815 VEG** |
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U13 Boys

| **U13-BOYS** | **TUESDAY 730-830 VEG** | **THURSDAY 645-745 MUN** |
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U15

| **U15** | **TUESDAY 800-900 MUN** | **THURSDAY 800-900 VEG** |
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U18

| **U18** | **TUESDAY 845-945 VEG** | **THURSDAY 800-900 MUN** |
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7) Jr. B Security - they require 3-4 volunteers for each game. Discussion about how to assign/divide up games. Idea brought forward to have U15/U18 work all the games and in return they can get money to put towards a bus trip or tournament. The coaches/managers of these levels would like a ballpark idea of how much money would be given to the teams to bring idea forward at their respective parent meetings. $1500 was the suggested number. Needs to be discussed further at next meeting.

8) Provincials - dates are set. November 15 is the deadline to submit a bid package. Need to have a committee to organize. TW, Steph, RW, Joanne and Colin agreed to be on the committee to be able to get the ball rolling. TW made the motion that we put in a bid to host 2024-2025 provincials for whatever level we believe has the best chance. RW seconded the motion. (Live barn will need to be installed Scott/Colin to talk further with the town (Dan) about this)

9) Apparel - usually we have an association apparel day. Parents are wondering when this is going to happen. Kris has socks coming and will need to coordinate with SinBin for clothing. Steph will have jackets available in the upcoming week for player sizing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

\*\* Next meeting October 27 @ 6:30 pm\*\*