

## **VMHA Annual General Meeting March 20, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

### **Call To Order:**

President, Blair Molsberry, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Brooke Fadden made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ryan Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Melissa Guenther. Motion carried.

### **Apex Wellness - Kam Ballas:**

Kam Ballas is looking for interest in "Skills Over Summer", he has a Google Survey on the VMHA Website and the APEX Wellness website, to fill out for the "Skills Over Summer". Kam is looking to book ice times in Wainwright for the month of August to keep the kids skating. Kam is looking to book 1hr-1.5hr sessions in Wainwright 1-2 times per week in August. Kam wants to keep working on Hockey IQ and Game Awareness. Kam is also offering Strength Training for kids 12 years and older during the Spring and Summer months.

### **President's Report:**

Blair offered his thanks to everyone on the board and the executive for the great 2023-2024 hockey season. Blair mentioned some highlights of this season; Girls Hockey Day, hosted 10 tournaments which were all full, hosted 2 U11 League Playoffs, hosted first ever Tigers Day event and will host another year end Gala in April.

Blair wanted to note that our behavior as an Association is getting better; only 1 parent was disciplined; great job by the Discipline Committee and all Board Members that were part of tough conversations. We had no black marks from the NEAHL league and no parents were thrown out of games. Overall Blair was proud of our Association this year.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

As of March 20, 2024 ;  
Main Account \$56,959.52  
Common Shares \$590.64  
Team Accounts \$110,760.94  
Development Account \$5,313.84

Plan 24 \$1.05

3Yr GIC \$20,912.12

1Yr GIC \$9,600.00 (23/24 Season Jersey Sponsor Money)

Closed Raffle 1 and Raffle 2; as they are no longer required as per AGLC, only use Casino Account. Opened a 1 Year GIC of \$9600 for the Jersey Sponsor funds from this year. Ref fees are up \$10,000 from our budget last year. Where will the excess funds come from? We only did one fundraiser this year, we can do more, we can increase fees and we do have a casino coming up. Tournaments brought in a pile of money this year. VMHA is sitting in a good financial position.

**VP Business Report:**

Travis said all the sponsors were very good to deal with this year; and he wanted to give his thanks to all the sponsors. This year he added in puck sponsors and Game Day sponsors (\$200 Donation). Travis wanted to know what everyone thought of the Game Day sponsors? Feedback is the recordings work best, everyone liked it, should get more as it is new and a work in progress.

**VP Development Report:**

See attached "Vice President - Development Report" and "Development Budget"

**Registrar's Report:**

223 kids were registered this year; noted there were lots from out of town. Registration will be open the second week of June 2024. Potential numbers for next year; if everyone registered returns are:

U7 - 21 Boys 8 Girls and 29 First Timers for 2023

U9 - 25 Boys 16 Girls and 4 First Timers for 2023

U11 - 34 Boys 16 Girls

U13 - 16 Boys 7 Girls

U15 - 11 Boys 10 Girls

U18 - 25 Boys 23 Girls

**Election of Directors:**

Positions that are open President, VP of Development, Secretary, Discipline Coordinator, Directors (4-5 Open):

Mitch Visser nominated Sean Tennant for President. Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Nomination was accepted by Sean Tennant. Carried.

Chris Parchewsky nominated Mitch Visser for VP of Development. Seconded Kelsey Rose. Nomination was accepted by Mitch Visser. Carried.

Melissa Guenther nominated Carmen Unland for Secretary. Seconded by Sean Tennant. Nomination was accepted. Carried.

Carmen Unland nominated Brad Wight for Discipline Coordinator. Seconded by Brooke Fadden. Nomination was accepted. Carried.

We need 4-5 Directors.....

Jenna Betz put her name in for Director, Amanda Kotun put her name in for Director, we will require 2-3 more Directors for the 2024-2025 season.

**Fill Bond Positions:**

Team Accounts - Bailey Snelgrove put her name forward for Team Accounts

Coach Liaison - Sean Tennat nominated Braden Stolz. Seconded by Bailey Snelgrove. Nomination was accepted. Carried.

Ice Scheduler - if no interest; will be sent out to tender (open to multiple people)

Ref Coordinator - if not interest; will be sent out to tender (open to multiple people)

Fundraising - Still Open

Website - Canadice Young has put her name forward to stay on to run the website

Equipment Manager - Still Open

VP of Development Assistant - Sarah Kastendieck has put her name forward

Registrar Assistant - Jessie Danderfer has put her name forward

Bond Coordinator - Cheryl Westman has put her name forward

Clothing Coordinator - Jenna Waltz has put her name forward

Picture Days - Corinne Klutz and Lisa Mewis have put their names forward

Summer Parade - Still Open (Connect with Parade People Listed)

Social Media Coordinator - Still Open

Gala Coordinator - Still Open

Minor Hockey Week - Keily Stetson and Kim Zacharias have put their names forward  
NEAHL Rep - Still Open (Check with James Martin if he is staying)

ECAFHL Rep - Trevor Hill put his name forward

AGLC - Sharla Bauer put her name forward

Rec Board Liaison - Ryan Leahy put his name forward

**Unfinished Business:**

None at this time.

**New Business:**

Ice Scheduler and RIC Report - Richard Lavoie could not attend the AGM, but he produced a report summarizing the events of the season. Please see attached "Ice Scheduler and RIC Report".

Who manages the tender for the concession at the rink? The concession is run by the Town of Vermilion. Parents would like to see different portion sizes for kids and have the smoke in the lobby noted. Blair Molsberry will send an email to the Town of Vermilion noting these concerns.

Egamesheets; it is noted we need better wifi speed to do the egamesheets while the game is in play. The band width needs to be opened up. Internet issues are the main problem with the egamesheets in all arenas around the province. Suggestion to have secure wifi with password, so too many people are not using that particular wifi and we have better wifi for egamesheets.

Live Barn: the Town of Vermilion refuses to put Live Barn into the Arena; VMHA has asked the Town of Vermilion for a quote so we can have Live Barn in both locations. The Stadium Live Barn needs the camera repositioned.

**Adjournment:**

Carmen Unland adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

2023/24 Season

Vice President – Development Report

This season provided us new initiatives and opportunities. Our first Request for Proposals brought us Kam Ballas from Apex Wellness and Steve Larry with Net Science. We utilized current practice times to offer further development in an inclusive way that had all players within U11-U18 to participate. The goalie development was huge and a step in the right direction. Both Kam and Steve were assets who provided high level services at affordable prices and were flexible with VMH's needs and wants. The Fall Prep sessions were difficult to schedule with 3 on 3's and volleyball but helped prepare our players for the upcoming season. U9 Coaches were provided an opportunity to choose which development they would like for their teams. To confirm, the RFP for the 2024/25 season is currently available on the website, there will be a few emails and FB posts to promote. Please assist us in promoting it by sharing the post, or sharing the RFP with a provider who may be interested.

VMH received two grants to run female events. In October we held a girls fall fun day. U18 Female players ran on ice sessions for the younger players, parent volunteers hosted a fun skate, yoga was offered to all ages, and all VMH female players received a nice VMH cross body bag. On Female Hockey Day (January 27, 2024) we offered "Lets Cheer It For the Girls" in collaboration with the U15 Female tournament. Foam Tiger Paws were provided to fans, and we were able to add a fun shoot out to the tournament. The goal with these events is to support and celebrate Female Hockey and we appreciate everyone who participates.

In February we had contracted The Nest Project to provide mental health sessions to the U15, U18, and U18 Female teams. Feedback from Coaches, players, and parents was positive. Hopefully this initiative can continue to grow.

I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all volunteers that keep VMH growing. Our Association is lucky to have some pretty amazing parents who care about it, and don't mind spending endless hours in meetings planning, scheduling, emailing, listening, etc. Thank you for helping me be successful in my term.

Tigers Day is this Saturday, March 23. Tigers Day started as a few parent suggestions, ~~and~~ with a generous sponsorship from Alberta Broadband Network & the hard work of the planning committee and volunteers, we are now ready to host over 100 Tigers for a day of competition, food, ~~and~~ fun.

## 2023/24 Season VMH Development Budget

<i>Provider:</i>	<i>Month:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>
Apex Wellness	September	\$2,150.00
Apex Wellness	November	\$2,040.00
Apex Wellness	December	\$1,025.00
Apex Wellness	January	\$1,600.00
Apex Wellness	February	\$600.00
NetScience	September	\$438.00
NetScience	October	\$438.00
NetScience	November	\$516.00
NetScience	December	\$280.50
NetScience	January	\$280.50
NetScience	February	\$280.50
<b>The Nest Project</b>		
Mental Health Sessions	February	\$900.00
U9 Development	\$200/team	\$400.00
Ice for Prep @\$115/hr	September	\$1,725.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12,673.50</b>

# Ice Scheduler R.I.C. Report

## The Group & Statistics:

- 16 Team Managers, 44 Referees, Hockey Alberta NE Regional Coordinator, Town Staffer, Shae, 9 Regional RIC's, 4 NEAHL Deputy Governors & VMHA Executive team
- One written complaint on a referee's performance, my first one in 7 years of doing an RIC role.
- Three R.C.M.P. interventions/interactions this season primarily due to abusive parents, all out of town teams.
- 14 Game incident Reports written this season in Vermilion.
- September 1, 2023-March 18, 2024 Statistics: 394 games played in the Stadium/Arena this season. 834 referee spots booked at a cost of \$50,521.32 less playoff weekends which is up 40% from last season. More teams, more tournaments, more demand.

## Improvements and recommendations for next season:

- Ice Scheduler/RIC needs to be part of the manager's meeting at the beginning of the season as all the NEW team managers need to understand the big picture of the scope of work required to balance the season schedule and make everything work.
- Electronic RAMP game sheet NOT used this season, it would greatly improve the abilities of the referees to do the job more effectively versus paper.
- Lastly, referee safety, especially junior refs 16 years old and under. The verbal abuse & lack of support from all parties when they are placed in a circumstance they didn't expect to have to deal with. If this is not addressed over the next few seasons it will only get worse and it has a life time effect on our kids mental health!