

## **VMHA Board Meeting December 13, 2023, at 7:00PM**

### **In Attendance:**

Carrie Stark	Sarah Kastendieck	Candice Young	Brad Wight
Tori McMillan	Jenna Betz	Krista Miller	Jodi Selte
Mitch Visser	Kelsey Rose	Amy Eyben	Brooke Fadden
Carmen Unland	Chris Parchewsky	Melissa Guenther	Richard Lavoie
Rob McCulley	Sean Tennant	Travis Woywitka	Blair Molsberry

### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Blair Molsberry at 7:10 PM.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Brooke Fadden made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Amy Eyben. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Rob McCulley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Motion carried.

### **Presidents Report:**

Blair wanted to note that it is okay to let people know they are not behaving appropriately during a hockey game; and to try and gently stop it; and please support each other when doing so.

Blair also wanted to update the Board that our own Coaches are behaving poorly towards our own refs; the refs do not want to be screamed at by our own coaches, it needs to stop; our own refs do not want to work our games. Blair also noted that this past weekend our own Vermilion coaches would not shake the refs hand. Blair wants this to stop; and is going to deal with it.

**Action: Directors, please tell your coaches/parents/players to act appropriately; please remind them we all take Respect In Sports; have a meeting in early January and remind them of this and touch base.**

Amy Eyben had a suggestion to use practices from U11-U18; have the kids scrimmage and have refs come and learn at the practices.

### **U9 Pathway:**

U9 can have full ice from February 1 - March 31, 2023, the total games played can be up to 10 for each association; since we have four teams; each team would get 2 games to keep it fair. The full ice games require a sanction number from Hockey Alberta. The 2 game total per team is for home games only; if a team is invited for an away game full ice, it does not take away from their 2 games. There are different rules for these particular games; for the coaches, teams and refs to know. U9 Coaches, Managers and Directors must meet before these games to share the information and they need to make sure they share the info with the opposing visiting team.

**Egamesheets:**

Mitch Visser stated their U11 group has tried them and it seemed pretty seamless. Sean Tennant shared that the Ipads being donated from ATB are in Edmonton being cleansed. NEAHL has said they want it used; but they have not emailed Blair back stating it is mandatory as of yet. Blair said everyone in each age division should try the egamesheets alongside the paper sheet.

**Treasurer's Report :**

Account Balances as of Dec 13, 2023;

VMHA Main Account \$141,829.29

Common Shares \$590.64

Raffle Account 1 \$0.00

Raffle Account 2 \$0.00

Casino (Raffle 3) \$20,935.50

Team Account \$114,799.82

Development Account \$12,280.34

Jersey Sponsor \$1.05

GIC \$20,000.00

There are two VMHA players that have not paid their annual hockey fees; Tori and Rob are dealing with it.

**VP Business Report:**

There are 2 sponsors in the Arena; and the U7 and U9 boards were set up wrong, so the sponsorship is facing the wrong direction. Travis explained to Melissa and Carmen how they need to be set up and she will let the U7 group know and Carmen will let the U9 group know.

Directors please remind your teams to announce goals and assistants from U11 and up and remember to announce with your team sponsor ex. "Lakeland College Vermilion Tigers Goals Scored By Number 7".

**VP Development Report:**

Mental Wellness development is a need. Grant application for \$1,000 submitted to Hockey Alberta for Female Hockey Day. Possible E.D.I. grant application, \$5,000 max isn't enough for the plans; so Sarah will talk to Hockey Alberta about combining grants. Still in early planning stages of TIGERS Day, Alberta Broadband Network has confirmed \$2,500 in sponsorship for TIGERS Day. Sarah is done with this position at the end of this season. We have two banners from Hockey Alberta about zero tolerance.

**Coach Liaison Report:**

Metal Shooter Tutor; Mitch Visser had Heine Westergaard come out; he is making one bigger one and smaller ones and they are being donated by Heine.

Mitch confirmed that the Instructional Stream Clinic for Coaches hosted by Hockey Alberta will take place here January 9, 2024, and a Coaches Roundtable hosted by Hockey Alberta will take place here also on January 11, 2024.

Mitch Visser will meet with Carmen Unland and the U9 teams for the U9 Full Ice Pilot Program.

**Registrar's Report:**

Rob had to cross stream (Male to Female) affiliate all the U9 Females to the U11 Female team as when we registered one U9 team; it was considered a Male U9 team. The cross (Male to Female) affiliation is now complete and approved.

Rob briefly touched on estimated numbers for next year's age divisions.

All our teams are now approved.

**Discipline Report:**

Sean has had more GForms submitted; they have increased, it seems it is mostly one team and coach/parent conduct. Please ask questions, and feel free to approach Sean to ask any questions.

**Website Report:**

All is good.

Brooke Fadden asked that Candice send out an association wide email stating that the 3 on 3 tournament has been canceled.

**Equipment Report:**

Pucks seem to be an issue for tournaments; Tournament Coordinators are responsible to get pucks from the deep freeze in pails in the Coaches Room in the Arena; and return them after every tournament.

U11 goalie equipment; Chase was wondering if we wanted to purchase some U11 goalie equipment; as our current stock is pretty old and not worth using. U11 kids can still be on the fence about committing to a goalie position and parents will not purchase equipment.

Melissa Guenther made a motion that Chase can purchase two sets (preferably used) of U11 goalie equipment for a total value of \$3200; and two different sizes of goalie equipment for U11. Seconded by Rob McCulley. Motion carried.

Brooke Fadden brought it to our attention that the sponsor bars on the U9 Team 2 jerseys have "Vermilion Insurance" spelled wrong "Vermillion Insurance".

**Action: Blair Molsberry to contact Armstrong's to rectify this.**

**RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report:**

U11 Tier 4 needs to re-tier after Christmas, Richard needs a heads up on this and how many games need scheduling. U18 needs to make up two league games and U15 has 1-2 league games they need to schedule. Richard noted we may have to bump a few practices to make all the league games fit.

Richard noted we have received compliments on our refs; and we have some of the best in Alberta. The refs are now parking in the back; so they do not have to subject themselves to harassment after a game.

**AGLC:**

Nothing at this time.

**Fundraiser:**

Our cash calendar fundraiser was a success; we sold 776 calendars, 10 went missing and 4 were left unsold. We made a gross income of \$15,740.00, expenses were \$3800.00 in prize payouts and \$304.00 to get the cash calendars printed. Our Net Profit was \$11,636.00. The prizes were drawn a week late and will be posted on VMHA Facebook page. Krista did note the biggest challenge is figuring out how many families there are in minor hockey; and who belongs to what family. VMHA will determine in January 2024 if we need to have another cash calendar.

**Directors:**

**Melissa Guenther U7** - All is good

**Carmen Unland U9** - All is good; refs are not calling penalties at U9 games

**Jenna Betz U11F** - Had some feedback on the Fort Mac weekend; is it necessary to go and spend so much (bus fees) as the team is very strong; can they forfeit the game and pay the fees; for now we must go as they are part of our league; there is a rumor going around that U11 Females are hosting league finals

**Action: Blair Molsberry to contact Jill Wallase to find out who is hosting League Finals**

**Brad Wight U11M** - All is good; sees meeting in January as a positive; having some affiliation issues (need less gray guidelines from VMHA); having extra practice issues with affiliations (need some guidance on this also)

**Chris Parchewsky U13M** - All is good

**Amy Eyben U15F** - Amy was told by a parent of the team; that she should not be a Director to the U15F as she does not have a child on the team; she is out of the loop; she feels there is more going on then she knows; plans to have a parent meeting in the New Year

**Dwayne Sheppard U15M** - Nothing official; waiting on an email from an angry/frustrated parent; sounds like U15 has some issues coming up

**Kelsey Rose U18F** - Nothing to report; not aware of the Fort Mac issue with penalties

**Brooke Fadden U18M** - Just had their tournament and all is well

**Bonds:**

Cheryl provided an email to Blair with a list of kids who have not done a bond yet. Blair will send the list out so everyone has it.

**New Business:**

None.

**Round Table:****3 on 3 Tournament:**

They do not have enough kids registered at this point; U7/11, U9/16, U11/22 and U13/12; Brooke feels we should cancel and return everyone's money at this point as she has posted it everywhere. One comment was that Christmas is the wrong time of the year; and that we should look at hosting prior to Mannville 3 on 3 in the beginning of the year; when we have ice in earlier than them. This is to be planned for Sept 2024.

Brooke Fadden made a motion to cancel the 3 on 3 tournament and return all paid fees to everyone. Seconded by Amy Eyben. Motion carried.

Carrie Stark is going to look into doing a Retro Style Hockey Jacket order; the jackets with felt and leather sleeves. She is going to see if at least 12 people have interest as this is the minimum order. Once she confirms 12 people are interested; she will get mock ups done by Factory Sports and have Candice Young send them out to the entire association to see who is interested in ordering.

Equity, Diversion and Inclusion is really being pushed by Hockey Alberta; Sara is thinking maybe a live speaker would be a good idea and wants to include parents, coaches, players (U13 and up) as no one seems to want to do online courses. She reached out to three speakers; George La Roque is one and speaks on Diversity; a Humboldt Survivor is the second and speaks on Mental Health; the third one is Sheldon Souray from Fishing Lake who would speak on Diversity. The cost for some of the speakers is quite high; we do get a \$5000 grant for EDI from Hockey Alberta; Sara wanted to see if we could combine grants for this.

Directors please tell your Managers to tell Tournament Coordinators that they must spend the \$1000 given for the purchase of the raffle table items from VMHA; at local businesses. Please shop local small businesses; within towns that are on your team; not Walmart.

U9 had a suggestion of someone who they could use for development next year from Viking; to spend their development budget on. Jodi thought we should keep these names on file for start of year development also.

Jodi asked to please text her ideas for the Gala.

Amy Eyben suggested using a white board with a grid for draw table prizes and 50/50 winners.

Brooke Fadden made a motion to purchase a white board and have a vinyl grid created on it for a total price of \$500; to be used at tournaments for draw table prizes and 50/50 winners at

tournaments and owned by VMHA; Amy Eyben will complete this action. Seconded by Melissa Guentner. Motion carried.

Darren from Southview asked if the Jr B Tigers could be part of Minor Hockey Week Practices; Richard is to let Darren know to contact Keily Stetson or Kim Zacharias who are in charge of Minor Hockey Week.

There are so many errors in the penalty box and time clock; Richard Lavoie suggested that we should make a scorekeeper and timekeeper position as a bond position. Refs and parents are both making mistakes.

**Next Meeting Date:**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

**Action: Carrie Stark to book the room upstairs in the Stadium for the next meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7:00 PM.**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned by Richard Lavoie at 10:15 PM.