

**VMHA Board Meeting
Feb 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM**

In Attendance:

Carrie Stark	Blair Molsberry	DJ Mewis
Jodi Selte	Terri Herzog	Brandy Poliakiwski
Roger Garnett	Rob McCulley	Steve Meissner
Carmen Unland	Candice Young	Ashley Holowayuchuk
Derek Young	Kelly Gannon	Richard Lavoie
Kirsta Rajotte	Sean Tennant	

Call To Order:

President, Blair Molsberry, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Jodi Selte made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Derek Young. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Jodi Selte made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Steve Meissner. Motion carried.

Business Arising From The:

Kinsmen Award - Recipients have been selected by U18 coaches

Gary Ferbey Award - Recipients have been selected by U11 coaches

Stan Hartwell Award - There were 4 nominations and the recipient has been selected by the board. All awards are to be presented at the Gala.

Action: DJ Mewis is to make sure all the awards are created and ready for the Gala.

President's Report:

Executive Minutes - Blair went through the Executive meeting minutes. Carrie Stark made a motion to have 3x \$250 VMHA Gift Certificates (to use towards fees) and 2x \$250 Chamber Bucks Gift Certificates as door prizes at the Gala. Seconded by Terri Herzog. Motion carried.

Refs are allowed to call penalties in U9. There are no full ice U9 games allowed.

Rob McCulley made a motion to invest \$20,000 for 3 yrs at 4.55% at the Vermilion Credit Union. Seconded by Richard Lavoie. Motion carried.

Parent/Player Year End Games: Blair Molsberry contacted Hockey Alberta and we are allowed to have a Parent/Player game. All coaches and kids are covered for insurance and parents are not. All teams are allowed to have a parent/player game at the end of the year if they choose to do so. Parents need to wear helmets.

Year End Ice Slots: If a team is done the season early because they lost out of playoffs, when do they get to continue to practice till, if they want to? If teams wish to continue to have practices or an exhibition game, they are fine to do so, if their season ends early. Please have your Director keep the President Blair Molsberry in the loop.

U7/U9 Ice - U7/U9 will finish their season with VMHA the last week of Feb 2023; which gives them ice till March 5, 2023, to give each team a fair advantage for the week on ice time. If they wish to play or practice beyond March 5, 2023, on home ice they must use their own funds to pay the costs and book the ice in their own name; such as 50/50 monies earned. Richard Lavoie made a motion that the U7/U9 season will end with VMHA March 5, 2023. Seconded by Steve Meissner. Motion carried. U7 and U9 Managers need to keep communication open with VMHA on their plans.

VP Business Report:

DJ Mewis has all invoices out, sponsors cheques are all collected except for two; which DJ Mewis has nailed down to collect. DJ will work on getting those awards ready for the Gala.

VP Development Report:

Coach Surveys by Parents and Players have started with U7's (yesterday and today). Next Monday is U9, and I am waiting to hear back about the other dates. I am scheduling Directors with Kelly Gannon to attend. *Reminder, make parents open the link and fill it out while in the room.

The surveys for Coaches will also be sent out next week, any ideas on how to get responses?

Next month I will start emailing VMH volunteers in different positions to get some information on what their tasks, responsibilities, etc are. This Spring/Summer there will be a committee to review the information and create Position Roles and Responsibilities for all VMH Volunteer positions. The goal is to even out some work loads, and provide as much information as possible so we don't have people volunteer and then do nothing all season.

The RFP has been drafted and is ready to send out (when voted on). I am reaching out to other associations and contacts to send it out, I will also have it on the website and we will promote it. If anyone has any suggestions as to where to send it please email me their information.

The Female Jamboree planning is going well, another poster with further information will be out early next week at the latest. The morning consists of a 4 team U9 tournament (1/2 ice and every 1/2 hour they switch), the afternoon consists of fun activities for U7-U11 including a bring a friend component.

Dates are scheduled for U11 Prep. This is for 2nd year U9's. Ryan Martin and Travis Woywitka are hosting the sessions as they are both moving to U11 next season. I would like Roger to attend a parent meeting with the 2nd year U9's to go over the changes in U11 (league, timebox, evaluations, expectations of players and parents, etc). The goal is to have as much information out as possible to ease any future issues.

Each U9 team was provided \$200 for team development, if they would like. Kam was out with our team for a session and is planning on another.

Kelly Gannon made a motion to accept the RFP proposal and post it. Seconded by Roger Garnett. Motion carried.

Discipline Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

As of January 31, 2023;
VMHA Main Account \$120,395.28
Common Shares \$557.13
Raffle Account 1 \$4,201.95 (Rafflebox)
Raffle Account 2 \$14,712.00
Raffle Account 3 \$0
Casino Account \$0
Team Account \$72,130.33
Development Account \$19,762.34
Ref Fees \$9,157.00
Ice Fees \$27,629.60

There is one cheque payable to Hockey Alberta has not been cashed; Brandy is following up with that. Brandy is to contact each director of each division to let them

know how much 50/50 money is available for them to spend. The teams need to provide receipts before Brandy will release the funds.

Registrar's Report:

Jodi has spent some time looking at what we may have next year for team numbers;

U7 - 29 + NEW

U9 - 41

U11 - 32

U13 - 17

U15M - 20

U15F - 6

U18M - 16

U18F - 23

Website Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

Equipment Report:

McDonald's jerseys are ordered. Scheduling equipment drop off for U7 and U9. Chase will schedule a second date for equipment drop off after playoffs for older teams.

AGLC:

Nothing to report at this time.

Fundraiser:

Krista will get the cash calendars organized and need to select a draw date. Krista Rajotte needs to do the draws on March 2, 2023. Jodi will help her get the draw barrel from the Ag Society, Kirsta needs three people including herself. Terri Herzog can help.

Fair - Beef Raffle - Suggestion to do at fair; will approach our new fundraiser person after AGM.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report:

Richard has made notes through the year for things to make it easier. 10 weekends of tournaments back to back was very hard to manage. U18 Female and Male is allowed to have 4 ref systems only; no one else is allowed. Richard was proud to report 10 tournament weekends with only 1 suspension and no further incidents. There is a user-group meeting planned to happen this summer with the Town of Vermilion and

user-groups to open up communication and see what each user-group needs. Directors please remind you Managers to make sure to check your practice schedules going forward; as there has been practices not on the schedule in error. If you are not on the schedule you will NOT be allowed to practice going forward, the Town Staff will not allow it.

Coach Liaison:

Kelly and Sarah are working on scheduling year end meetings and coach assessments with the Directors of all divisions.

Bond Positions:

List is dwindling down with names. Cheryl has sent an email out with all the positions and a detailed listing available for the Gala; there are enough positions for everyone to take a position for the Gala that are left to fill bonds. People started signing up as soon as Cheryl sent the email.

Directors:

- a) **U7 Derrick Young** - can the teams keep old jerseys; tournament went well; the jerseys will remain
- b) **U9 Carmen Unland** - tournament went well; aside from full ice game; Carmen has sent dates to the coaches for the U9 development sessions; once confirmed; she will let 2nd year U9's know
- c) **U11 Roger Garnett** - Prepping for year end tournament; each team must pay for a portion of ice; we must invoice that out
- d) **U13 Rob McCulley** - Still going in league play; 3rd in the league
- e) **U15 Female Ashley Holowaychuk** - Lost out in first round of playoffs; want to keep skating till Female Jamboree on March 12; mention to Female League to have League go to same time as NEAHL; attended Badd Cycle for 7 sessions and really enjoyed it; concern brought forward (what do we do with a parent that volunteers and is hit and miss or depends on someone else to do it)
- f) **U15 Male Steve Meissner** - League playoffs start Feb 24; Playoffs are a different format this year; Round robin and crossovers for all 8 teams
- g) **U18 Female Mitch Visser** - Finished 4th in league; in first round of playoffs now
- h) **U18 Male Terri Herzog** - Finished 3rd in league; playoffs start Feb 26/23; Non carded people cannot be on the ice

Committee Reports:

- a) **Jersey Committee:**
Nothing to report at this time.

b) Tournament Committee:

Nothing to report at this time.

c) Discipline Committee:

Nothing to report at this time.

d) Manager Guide Committee:

Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

Richard Lavoie presented the U18 Females with a letter that VMHA referees would like to play the U18 Females for a fun year end wind up and President and VP of Development will ref. The refs would like the upstairs to be rented after the game for pizza and drinks.

Derek Young made a motion that VMHA fund the ice fees and upstairs rental fees and pizza and drinks for this year end wind up with the refs. Seconded by Rob McCulley. Motion carried.

Richard Lavoie is in charge of organizing this event and ordering food and drinks.

Round Table:

Savannah Smart has been out of hockey since November 20, 2022; and due to her injury she will not be cleared to play again this season; they would like to request a refund as per VMHA bylaws. Brandy will issue a refund for \$735/2-\$50.

Jodi has requested that Candice Holawaychuk s Sport Parent for free right now; she believes Canadian Tire is picking up the tab till April 1 approximately. Our association has lots of parents who could complete this now for free for next season. Managers please let your parents know via an email.

Do we want to do namebars next year? We can add a \$10 fee for each kid registration and they get their own name bar and the parents stitch and remove it each year. Jodi Selte brought forward the idea to do a Cash Calendar at the beginning of the season as a kick off to do some lobby improvements.

Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM, upstairs in the Stadium.

Action: Carrie Stark to book the meeting room upstairs at the Stadium with Bari at the Town for the next meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7PM, upstairs in the Stadium.

Adjournments:

Carmen Unland adjourned the meeting at 9:17 PM.