

VMHA Board Meeting

April 22, 2024, at 7:00 PM

In Attendance:

Rob McCulley	Mitch Visser	Bailey Snelgrove	Jenna Betz
Brad Wight	Amy Eyben	Melissa Guenthner	Chase Zaharko
Sean Tennant	Carmen Unland	Kelsey Rose	Braden Stolz
Chris Parchewsky	Tori McMillan	Amanda Kotun	Dwayne Sheppard
Blair Molsberry			

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Sean Tennant at 7:20.

Approval of Agenda

Chris Parchewsky made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Braden Stolz. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Jenna Betz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Amy Eyben. Motion carried.

President's Report

Donation (acceptance and use) guidelines need clarity before next season starts so that there is no miscommunication between teams.

Action - Review and be ready to vote at the next meeting so guidelines can be drawn up and be in place for the start of next season.

Affiliation - Braden Stolz, Mitch Visser, and Brad Wight are working on clearing up guidelines for affiliation.

Action - Braden, Mitch, and Brad will work on finalizing, Sean Tennant will send out for review by board and get approval. Guidelines to be put in place for 2024/2025 season.

Director positions have been filled. Needing one more director for 2024/2025 season.

- a) U7 - Melissa Guenthner
- b) U9 - Jenna Betz
- c) U11 Male - Chris Parchewsky
U11 Female - Amanda Gibson
- d) U13 Male - Chase Zaharko
U13 Female - Amy Eyben
- e) U15 Male - Dwayne Sheppard
U15 Female - empty
- f) U18 Male - Brooke Fadden
U18 Female - Kelsey Rose

The Casino is booked for June 13 and 14, 2024. We are looking for 4 volunteers to work shifts. Candice will send out the information asking for volunteers and Sharla Farkash is working on AGLC requirements.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of April 22, 2024

VMHA Main Account - \$42,068.20
Casino - \$0.00
Common Shares - \$590.71
Development - \$5,313.84
Plan 24 - \$1.05
Team Account - \$110,760.94
3yr GIC - \$20,912.12
1yr GIC - \$9,600.00 (23/24 season jersey sponsor money)

Tori McMillan will zero out the development account and refund next season based on budget.

Tori McMillan made a motion to balance the team account to \$50,000 for the 2024/2025 season. Seconded by Blair Molsberry. Motion carried.

Rob McCulley made a motion to update signing authority removing Blair Molsberry and adding Sean Tennant. Seconded by Melissa Guenther. Motion carried.

VP Business Report

None at this time.

VP Development Report

Coach evaluations have been completed and sent out.

RFP for Development will be sent out and is due in 3 weeks, before the next board meeting.

Alternate idea for development is to give each team \$1,000 to be used for an approved development plan. Braden Stolz would monitor throughout the year.

Once RFP's come in, they will be reviewed and the board will vote on a development plan for next season.

NetScience reached out and will be available again for next year. Concerns about scheduling as the same teams lost ice times.

Kam Ballas would prefer to run breakfast and drop-in development sessions instead of during practices.

Heine Westergard will have shooter tutors made and ready for the start of next season.

Mitch Visser will work with a committee to plan a 3 on 3 tournament for the fall. Dates will be set once ice goes in.

Mitch has suggested reaching out to Becky Zajic with the Vermilion Skating Club to work on implementing a power skating program with more of a hockey focus for younger skaters. Discussion about U7 group with respect to start date, shorter practices, and possibly having an intro to hockey group.

Mitch proposed implementing a "Hockey Fights Cancer Day." Ideas include mustache game day and pink tape day to raise awareness and increase morale at no cost. Minor Hockey could possibly make a donation?

Sarah Kastendieck reported that there were 103 kids registered for Tiger's Day, feedback was positive, and there were a lot of towels left over to sell.

She is planning female events to take place in October and January that will be funded by Hockey Alberta.

Grants will be applied for if VMHA is eligible and an application will be created for Kruger Big Assist.

January 25, 2025 is Female Hockey Day - Female tournaments (for U9 and U11) to be combined and possibly be held on that weekend?

Minor Hockey Week is January 13 - 19, 2025. All teams to book a home game.

Coach Liaison Report

None at this time.

Registrar's Report

Registration/Communication Apps (association-wide account) - Rob McCulley discussed the options of TeamSnap or TeamLinkt in order to streamline registrations, payments, scheduling, and communication. The board will do a test-run with the TeamLinkt app and discuss at the next board meeting in May. Decision to be made before registration in June.

Discipline Report

Sean Tennant to add Brad Wight to Gform.

Website Report

None at this time.

Equipment Report

Equipment bond position needs to be filled for next season.

Reorder jerseys, count and order socks by August 1, 2024.

Get quotes on mid-range equipment for first year U11 goalies.

Brad Wight made a motion to replace the U9 goalie equipment's velcro straps with leather.

Seconded by Chase Zarkarko. Motion carried.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report

Position to be filled ASAP for next season. Posting for the position will be made and sent out.

AGLC

None at this time.

Fundraiser

None at this time.

NEAHL Report

Blair Molsberry attended the NEAHL meeting in Bon Accord. Highlights include:

U11 and U13 playoff tournament dates released by Christmas

U15 and U18 will have a modified 3 game system

Issues with fairness in U18 no-contact tiering system

Split tiers to be redone at Christmas, looking for more equality

Up to the association to monitor over-age players - there needs to be a valid reason to play

Off-ice incidents to be dealt with by the association and the RCMP

No affiliations in the preseason

4-man ref system for games U11 and up

Referees to be given reimbursements such as food, equipment, registration

Managers ARE NOT allowed to change game sheets at the request of other managers

Penalty Limits consequences such as teams going over and coach gets suspended

Indigenous Rep on board - any concerns go through her

Egamesheets have had an update - paper can continue to be used and will need to be ordered and picked up

U15 tournament style for preseason

Meadow Lake is in NEAHL

Directors Reports

None at this time.

- a) U7
- b) U9
- c) U11
- d) U13
- e) U15
- f) U18

Bonds

Future bond options as many people no longer have cheques.

New Business

- a) Having a list of sponsors sooner rather than later will help with jersey orders
- b) Can the U9 and U11 Female tournaments both take place on Female Hockey Day weekend?
- c) Is switching sponsor bar and name bar on female player jerseys an option?

- d) No longer have a Good Deeds bond, rather focus more on acknowledging sponsors, refs, etc.
- e) Tournament committee was formed by Mitch Visser, Bailey Snelgrove and Kelsey Rose. They will meet in May to go over tournament dates, scheduling, rules, etc.

Round Table

None at this time.

Next Meeting Date

Next board meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024 at 7:00 upstairs in the stadium.

Action - Carmen Unland to email Mike at town to advise of use of space.

Adjournment

Sean Tennant adjourned the meeting at 9:06.