

**VMHA Board Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2024 at 7:00PM**

In Attendance:

Sean Tennant
Brad Wight
Dwayne Sheppard
Melissa Guenther

Tori McMillan
Chris Parchewsky
Travis Woywitka
Dawson Allen

Jenna Betz
Mitch Visser
Hilary Richer
Blair Molsberry

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Sean Tennant at 7:01 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Sean Tennant made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Melissa Guenther. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Tori McMillan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Brooke Fadden. Motion carried.

President's Report

Ice Times – Had a meeting with the town about ice scheduling. Similar to previous seasons, limited ice availability due to multiple users and the growth of VMHA. Practice times may vary. Discussion regarding if we would like two U7 teams and two U9 to stay strictly in the arena for practices throughout the season. Generally agreed we would like more access to the stadium for younger age groups. U18M home tournament weekend (Dec 6 – 8) was pre-booked by the Town for an out-of-town tournament. We will need to utilize surrounding towns ice as only Stadium ice is available.

U9 – Discussion about doing major and minor U9 teams this year. Not ready to do this season, but something to discuss next season.

U18 – Presently 25 players registered. Potential there to make two teams. Suggestion to put posts out saying we are looking for U18M players in hopes of forming two teams. If two teams come to fruition, evaluations can be done the same weekend as U11.

Still looking for an Equipment Manager.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of July 31, 2024

VMHA Main Account – \$143,137.28

Casino – \$0.00

Common Shares – \$590.64

Development – \$0.00

Plan 24 – \$1.05

Team Account – \$50,000.00

3 year GIC – \$20,912.12
1 year GIC (23/24 Jersey Sponsors) - \$9600.00

Wrapping up the July 31, 2024 fiscal year end books. Will take to accountant.

VP Business Report

All jersey sponsors are back. Just need to update Agland to Horizon Ag & Turf.

All board sponsors from last year will continue this year. One new board sponsor.

VP Development Report

Minor Hockey Development Plan - \$1000 per team for coaches to do their own team development. Working on a document for this. Applications for use of development funds to be approved by the board or a committee.

Apex Wellness submitted a plan for what they would like to offer for development. Looked great.

NetScience is booked for goaltender development/goalie prep sessions. Inquired with other goalie developers but none were interested in travel at this time.

Coach application deadline is August 30, 2024. Coach Selection Committee will meet after deadline.

U11 Evaluations – Competitive Thread has been hired for evaluations. Dates are October 5th and 6th.

U9 Prep Skates – This is for first year U11's. Will run skates once the ice is in. Four sessions.

Coach Liaison Report

To date, have received 27 coach applications. Developing starting notes for coaches to receive at the beginning of the season. Focus on expectations of coaches (maintaining balance between fun, fair play, and winning).

Registrar Report

Current registration numbers:

U7: 30 Male, 14 Female, 44 Total

U9: 23 Male, 21 Female, 44 Total

U11 Male: 34 Total

U11 Female: 12 Total

U13 Male: 19 Total

U13 Female: 7 Total

U15 Male: 10 Total

U15 Female: 3 Total

U18 Male: 25 Total

U18 Female: 17 Total

U9 – Presently have the numbers to form two female U9 teams.

U11M – 1 transfer in progress. 2 transfers inquired but no paperwork. Looking at ~39 kids so likelihood of three teams. Need to discuss how we are tiering that.

U13M – Potentially have one very large team.

U13F – Need three more skaters for a bare minimum team. Suggest putting a Facebook post and website post to attract a few. Potential to overage one player.

U15M – Need to work with Mannville in order to have a team.

U18M – Second goalie transfer still in progress. Finally approved by the other association so expecting it to be approved soon.

Would like to see payment options in the handbook removed. A sentence something like “The Registrar will release the payment option and processes prior to registration”. Unnecessary to hard code the dates and payment options in the handbook.

Discipline Report

Nothing to report.

Website Report

Need to update the VMHA handbook on the website to a PDF instead of a word document.

Equipment Report

Still need to update U11 goalie pads. This motion was approved at a prior meeting.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report

Referee clinic is booked for September 7th. Timesheets will be done online. VMHA to work on something for incentives for referees. This will help retention of refs. Some suggestions: recognition to referees after tournaments – need this communicated to tournament coordinators, coupons for burgers at the concession after games. Finalize something at the next meeting.

Arena ice is going in the last week of October. Stadium ice going in September 6th. Lots of vendors and limited ice in Vermilion.

AGLC

Nothing to report.

Fundraiser

Hilary Richer has taken on the role of Fundraiser Coordinator. Nothing to report.

Directors Reports

U7 – Nothing to report.

U9 – Nothing to report.

U11M – Some questions coming in. Chris had a Zoom meeting with Competitive Thread and reviewed the app that will be used during evaluations.

U11F – Nothing to report.

U13 – Nothing to report.

U15 – Nothing to report.

U18M – Nothing to report.

U18F – Nothing to report.

Bonds

Need a Gala Coordinator.

Good Deeds Coordinator – Rather than a Good Deeds Coordinator per team, suggestions to have a Good Deeds Committee with 5 or so people with focus on team sponsors, referees, VMHA board members. Melissa Guenther made a motion to form a five person Good Deeds Committee and to scrap the individual Good Deeds Coordinator per team. Seconded by Jenna Betz. Motion carried.

New Business

At the special meeting, open the floor about how to fill Social Media Coordinator bonded positions.

Tiger wear – Reviewed what Rural Roots and Twelve Thirty-Four submitted for clothing. Tori McMillan makes a motion to use Rural Roots for team wear. Seconded by Blair Molsberry. Motion carried. Aim to have a clothing night the first week or two of hockey.

Need to review rental agreement for the stadium room upstairs with the Town of Vermilion.

Round Table

Scrap the 3-on-3 tournament idea for next season.

Need to communicate with Team Managers that teams should be using TeamLinkt for team correspondence. We will not be reimbursing TeamSnap fees this year.

Increase of tournament entry fees – Bumping up each entry fee for U11 and up by \$100. Mitch Visser makes a motion to increase tournament entry fees by \$100 for U11 and up. Seconded by Melissa Gunether. Motion carried.

Directors will need to do up a list for people who need name bars (i.e. new players or those who lost/damaged theirs). The Equipment Manager to order.

Brooke Fadden makes a motion to form a new bond position as a Box Manager for each team U11 and up. Seconded by Dwayne Sheppard. Motion carried.

- This person would be responsible for coordination time clock and gamesheets throughout the season.

The Blitz boxes are in for the timeclocks. This allows clock to be run by an app on phones.

U11 Tiering – If three teams, all will be tiered.

Next Meeting Date

Fall AGM/Special Meeting - September 5th at 7:00 pm

Board Meeting – September 25th at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm.