

**VMHA Board Meeting
January 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM**

In Attendance:

Jenna Betz	Sean Tennant	Carmen Unland	Brad Wight
Brooke Fadden	Amanda Kotun	Braden Stolz	Chris Parchewsky
Blair Molsberry	Mitch Visser	Shannon Tennant	Terri Herzog
Tori McMillan	Chase Zaharko	Joel Boutillier	Amy Eyben
Rob McCulley			

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order by Sean Tennant at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Chris Parchewsky made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Chase Zaharko. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Parchewsky made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Brooke Fadden. Motion carried.

President's Report

NEAHL - Playoff format and bid guidelines are on the website. They are trying to limit travel for the first round.

U11 teams have shown interest in hosting.

Town will keep ice in to accommodate playoff games.

Moving toward Alberta 1 guidelines to streamline hockey in Alberta.

Affiliation - this is being left up to individual associations.

Complaints with referees - must go through our RIC - Dawson.

8-10 teams were re-tiered after Christmas. NEAHL will start looking at 2 year history progression to make tiering more appropriate. Use tiering grid from Hockey Alberta as players need to be playing at the right level.

Depending on tier size, in an effort to reduce travel, games may be reduced to 16.

No body contact is being re-evaluated.

Sean sent out a form for board members in order to give feedback - this provided some great insights and steps moving forward to address concerns, and continue with what is working well.

Reminder - Please refer to the Chain of Communication flow chart!

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of December 31, 2024

Main = \$144,393.17

Team = \$97,857.13

Plan 24 = \$10.17

Development = \$8,749.76

Casino = \$9,033.25

Common Shares = \$626.17

3 Year GIC = \$20,912.12 *maturity date: Feb 24, 2026

1 Year GIC (23/24 Jersey Sponsors) = \$9,600.00 *maturity date: Mar 12, 2025

December referee fees (with clinic reimbursements) were \$12,006.00. December ice fees were \$24,001.24.

The 1-year GIC for the 23/24 jersey sponsor funds renews on March 12th of this year. Tori will reach out to the Vermilion Credit Union for rates.

VP Business Report

Nothing to report at this time.

VP Development Report

Mid-season coach feedback has been received.

Mitch submitted an article to the voice recognizing Heine's contribution of the shooter tutors.

New equipment (rebounders, pylons) are here.

NetScience has one more session coming up - Feb. 5.

Looking into some additional training opportunities - checking clinic, female clinic, etc.

We will be using Competitive Thread again next year for tiering (U11, U13 for sure).

Coach Liaison Report

Discussed coach feedback as well and made the suggestion to not make it anonymous as this may cut down on unnecessary comments.

Discussed whether to open up a board feedback form for parents to complete.

Some teams are/have used their development funds. Braden will reach out to coaches to get reasons as to why they haven't used it.

Registrar's Report

Still waiting for Hockey Canada approval.

January saw 2 new registrations and 1 player leaving the association.

Discipline Report

Received a few complaints with respect to affiliation, ice-time management, and visiting teams' treatment of referees. All have been addressed.

Website Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Equipment Report

The U11 McDonald's jerseys have been ordered. Socks and pucks have also been ordered. The issue of pucks disappearing during tournaments has been brought up again.

RIC and Ice Schedulers Report

Ice Management - issues are arising from teams running over their allotted time. Teams, referees must be on time and ready for games. Delays may warrant taking away a flood or, as a last resort, going to straight time.

Shannon has blocked off some time in the schedule for U11 playoffs (March 15-17) on the chance we host. *Reminder U13-U18 playoff games will take precedence.*

Shannon also received feedback from the U9 tournament coordinator with respect to scheduling a game that conflicted with their set ice times. While not ideal, it is sometimes unavoidable.

AGLC

Nothing to report at this time.

Fundraiser

Nothing to report at this time.

Cash calendars were collected and handed in.

Directors Reports

- a) U7 - Nothing to report at this time.
- b) U9 M - Nothing to report at this time.
- c) U9 F - Wondering if teams were receiving year end \$/player as they had in the past - no, money has been put into development, ref incentives, etc. There seems to be a lack of enthusiasm with refs at this level. Curious about full ice games as some towns are doing it - as we follow Hockey Alberta rules, we won't be hosting full ice games until February 1.
- d) U11 M - Nothing to report at this time.
- e) U11 F - Home tournament coming up this weekend.
U13 M - played in a 12 team tournament on the weekend. Curious is this would be an option for us. Not at this time due to a variety of factors (ice schedule, floods, etc.)
- f) U13 F - Blair Molsberry made a motion to reimburse goalie clinic fees in the amount of \$500.00 to the U13 F goalie family. Seconded by Brad Wight. Motion passed.
- g) U15 - Nothing to report at this time.
- h) U18 M - Coaches are not interested in coming back next year.
- i) U18 F - Nothing to report at this time.

Bonds

Please advise if anyone has not yet completed their bond.

New Business

Competitive Thread to be booked one week earlier next season.

Round Table

Stan Hartwell Memorial Award nominations - ad went to the voice. It will need to be put on our facebook page and sent out to families if they wish to nominate. Deadline is Feb 21, 2025 .

Brief discussion about stadium vs arena game slots for teams.

Should we have a young referee program?

Teams are having video review sessions in the Mead Building at the college.

Get team pictures out to sponsors.

Tournament dates need to be booked for next year.

Job turnover at the Town will have us working with a different ice coordinator.

Tournament rules to be sent out again.

Redefine Minor Hockey Week guidelines - perhaps get the volunteers plan in advance to ensure it meets requirements.

Save the Date - Hockey Gala is scheduled for April 12, 2025.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Adjournment

Sean Tennant adjourned the meeting at 9:45.