

**VMHA Board Meeting  
October 23, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

**In Attendance:**

|                  |                 |               |               |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Rob McCulley     | Jenna Betz      | Sean Tennant  | Carmen Unland |
| Brad Wight       | Amy Eyben       | Brooke Fadden | Tori McMillan |
| Chris Parchewsky | Mitch Visser    | Kelsey Rose   | Terri Herzog  |
| Candice Young    | Travis Woywitka | Hilary Richer |               |

**Call To Order**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Brad Wight made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Rob McCulley. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**President's Report**

**REMINDER:** It is expected that information shared and discussed at the board level during meetings remain confidential. Please be mindful of your role(s) within the organization and act accordingly both in and out of the rink. If anyone feels a conflict between your duties (parent, team, or board level), please see Sean to discuss.

The board discussed the breakdown of fees with respect to the Marwayne/Vermilion U15 and U18 teams. The directors, together with Brad, Sean, and Travis have been working together to ensure there is equality and fairness with fees, fundraising, bond fulfillments, etc. Brad Wight made a motion to **not** accept any additional fees from Marwayne players. Seconded by Terri Herzog. Motion carried.

The Skating Club has started a petition to maintain their ice in the stadium which could potentially affect our ice schedule if town supports.

**Treasurer's Report**

Account Balances as of October 22, 2024

Main Account = \$186,108.01

Plan 24 = \$1.05

Common Shares = \$590.64

3-Year GIC = \$20,912.12

1-Year GIC (23/24 Jersey Sponsors) = \$9,600.00

Team Account = \$76,115.00

Casino = \$13,820.83

Development = \$12,714.00

Tori confirmed that she has finished up Year End and everything is good!

### **VP Business Report**

Travis reported that all jersey and board sponsors have been invoiced. Reminder to please not solicit sponsors for additional money (ex - warm up jerseys).

There will be weekend sponsors again this year.

Travis will send out the list of sponsors to all directors to pass along to the tournament coordinators. Two posters (stadium and arena) will be made to put up.

New U18 jerseys have been ordered.

### **VP Development Report**

Information/handbooks for coaches, managers, and tournament coordinators have been completed and are on the website. **Action:** Directors - please inform parents in these roles.

Box Coordinator and Social Media job descriptions have also been updated.

Beginning of the year meetings with managers, coaches, and tournament coordinators went well.

NetScience is starting their clinics next week and will continue one Wednesday/month until February. Information has been sent out.

Mitch Visser made a motion to order additional black and white jerseys for the U7 and U9 age groups to a total of approximately \$2000 (14 each black and white - 10 s/m and 4 l/xl).

Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Motion carried. They should be here in about 6 weeks.

Sarah reported that the Tiger Girls Kickoff was another successful event with lots of positive feedback. They had 66 girls attending and came in under budget (Sarah received a grant from Hockey Alberta for \$2500).

### **Coach Liaison Report**

Braden is working on developing a playbook of skills for all coaches to access. Reminders regarding expectations/conduct of coaches have been communicated. Clinic deadlines have been sent out to coaches. Completing any certification is also being finalized. Information on the Affiliation process has been updated in the handbook.

### **Registrar's Report**

Rob is currently working submitting all final information. He suggested that the addition of "for players U11 and up" be added to the handbook with respect to goalie retention. He also mentioned that we need to have the right amount of safety positions/team and that they all need the proper certifications.

### **Discipline Report**

Reminder to show courtesy and respect while in our community's facilities as well and when traveling out of town. (Arenas, hotels, etc.)

Blitz is not working in the arena and the town needs to approve running a new cable.

Brad Wight made a motion to pay ScotLen Electric approximately \$600 to install a coax cable in order to set up Blitz in the arena. Seconded by Rob McCulley. Motion carried.

Managers from the U7 and U9 age divisions have suggested that it would be beneficial to have teams in place earlier in the year to make booking games easier. Sean suggested that it would be beneficial to revert back to scheduling meetings between associations at the beginning of the year. Having a tentative ice schedule by the end of August will also be beneficial.

Brad is also working on some ref appreciation ideas. Will approach the concession staff again to make an agreement - work in process.

### **Website Report**

Candice is continuing to update the website. She is also updating emails. IF anyone is not receiving emails from VMHA - let Candice know!

### **Equipment Report**

Goalie equipment has been received and handed out. Will order more socks to keep all sizes stocked.

Mitch Visser made a motion to purchase new First Aid kits for all teams as per recommendations by Hockey Alberta to a total of approximately \$1200. Seconded by Brooke Fadden. Motion carried.

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

Nothing to Report at this time.

### **Position Descriptions**

All have been updated and are on the website.

### **Donation Policy**

Tori McMillan made a motion to replace the existing Donation Policy with the updated version as presented at the meeting. Seconded by Kelsey Rose. Motion carried.

### **AGLC**

Nothing to report.

### **Fundraiser**

Hilary has worked out details and deadlines for this year's cash calendars. Draws will be in February. They will be given to Directors at the December board meeting and will be handed back at the January meeting.

### **Directors Reports**

- a) U7 - nothing to report
- b) U9 M - nothing to report
- c) U9 F - The girls are heading to Irma for a tournament Sunday.
- d) U11 M - Chris will look into getting sound systems fixed.
  
- e) U11 F - nothing to report

- f) U13 M - Tournament is coming up and is almost filled. Looking for one more team.
- g) U13 F - Everyone is still trying to get this team up and going for the year. Discussed the coach's suggestion of doubling their development budget. Brooke Fadden made a motion to double the development budget for the U13 F team. Seconded by Amy Eyben. Motion rejected.
- h) U15 - Parent meeting will be held tomorrow
- i) U18 M - Brooke Fadden made a motion to change practice ice times so that the U18 M teams practice in both the arena and stadium each week. Seconded by Amy Eyben. Motion rejected.  
It has been discussed that Team 2 could possibly move 1 practice/week to Marwayne once their ice is in. Will be in communication with Shannon with any changes.  
The rotary garage sale will still be a U18 project but will be handled by the Good Deeds Committee.
- j) U18 F - Kelsey suggested going forward to be aware of how ice times impact all ages. With the addition of a third U11 M team, some practices end up quite late. Something to think about going forward.

### **Bonds**

Cheryl has sent out a reminder to give her a list of all the team bonds.

### **New Business**

More coaches should be required to take safety certification. It was suggested to host the First Aid course earlier to accommodate everyone.

Media release is not the same as FOIPP. **Action:** Sean will look into FOIPP waivers.

### **Round Table**

Positive feedback regarding the evaluation process this year in both the U11 and U18 age divisions.

Mitch suggested the possibility of a ref mentorship program.

Stadium Auditorium - Sean will have the only key and will be letting groups up for dryland. A fob will also be in the cash box for the tournament coordinators. Bookings will still be done by Carmen. Discussed issues with cleaning and maintaining the space. We will see how it goes and decide further steps.

### **Next Meeting Date**

November 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Sean Tennant adjourned the meeting at 10:35

