

**VMHA Board Meeting
September 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

In Attendance:

Rob McCulley	Jenna Betz	Sean Tennant	Carmen Unland
Brad Wight	Amy Eyben	Brooke Fadden	Amanda Kotun
Braden Stolz	Tori McMillan	Chris Parchewsky	Blair Molsberry
Mitch Visser	Melissa Guenther	Joel Boutillier	Kelsey Rose
Chase Zaharko	Bailey Snelgrove	Shannon Tennant	Dawson Allen
Candice Young	Beaudon Rogers	Drake Centazzo	Nathan Saunders

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order by Sean Tennant at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

****Agenda has been amended***

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

Approval of Minutes

Chris Parchewsky made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Amy Eyben. Motion carried.

Ice Schedulers Report

Shannon has practice times almost finalized. With all users, there is a limited amount of ice times available. The U15 M team will be practicing in Dewberry once a week. This may also be a possibility with the U18 M team(s). ECAFHL league teams to be given 12 game slots to take to the scheduling meeting on Oct. 2. U7 and U9 home game schedules to be completed once female game slots are booked. Ice schedules are due to go live on the town website October 19, 2024.

Website Report

Candice will be updating website information with new season information as it comes in and will be sending log-ins, etc. to team social media position holders.

RIC Report

NEAHL is requesting 90% electronic game sheet completion by the end of the year. Team box managers to help train teams with the new scoreboard app. It is suggested that all parents, managers, etc. train and familiarize themselves with the new technology.

Referees are limited again this year especially for the older age divisions. Having weekday games can help ensure referee availability.

U18 Directors Report

In attendance for discussion were Drake Centazzo (Marwayne Hockey President), Nathan Saunders, and Beaudon Rogers (U18 coach). They currently have 23 skaters and 4 goalies (5 skaters from Marwayne) and have been debating whether to move forward with 1 large team or conduct evaluations and divide the players into two smaller teams. Information and preferences was presented from players, parents, coaches, and Marwayne board based on a multitude of discussions with those involved. As no agreement could be reached, it was brought to the board to discuss.

Melissa Guenther made a motion to move forward with the evaluation process according to the preassigned protocols put in place by Competitive Thread and to divide the players into two separate teams for the 2024/2025 season. Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Motion carried.

President's Report

Code of Conduct to be finalized and signed. Reminder to all players, parents, and coaches to adhere to the code throughout the season.

Bond Positions - Safety Coordinator has not been a bond position in the past. The board reviewed requirements and time commitment of this position.

Rob McCulley made a motion to make the Safety Coordinator a bonded position. Seconded by Amy Eyben. Motion carried.

Brooke Fadden made a motion that Shannon Leonard will instruct Basic Life Saving and First Aid courses to the Safety Coordinators and that this will fulfill her family bond. Seconded by Amanda Gibson. Motion carried.

Action - Sean Tennant to provide a Safety Checklist to Directors. This position will also be finalized in the VMH Handbook.

Blair Molsberry has expressed his intent to put in an application to host the U18 Provincials to be held March 27-30.

NEAHL Report - Preseason is starting. Tiering to take place October 15 to November 12.

Re-Tiering, if needed, to happen at the end of December. NEAHL is hoping for no split tiers this year. Travel time may increase to ensure a proper level of competition.

Sean Tennant is going to enter the following tiering information to get us started:

U11 - Tiers 1, 3, and 5

U13 - Tier 4, possibly Tier 3

U18 - Tier 2 and 3

U15 - undecided as Marwayne will make the call.

U11 will have a two weekend tournament style play-off. U13 and U15 will start play-offs the week of February 16. U18 play-offs are scheduled to start February 23.

Rob McCulley is the Deputy Governor.

Action - All directors are to complete contact sheets (input team info on website).

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of September 23, 2024

Main Account = \$171,930.87

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 = \$50,000.00

Casino = \$21,802.11

Development = \$13,500.00

VP Business Report

Travis has reported that, if needed, he has another jersey sponsor for the additional U9 team this year. Discussion as to whether to order and sew new sponsor bars on jerseys.

Rob McCulley made a motion to split the Rotary sponsorship between the U9 female teams.

Brad Wight seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Any new or replacement name bars need to be ordered ASAP.

VP Development Report

Sarah Kastendieck has secured another grant for the October 20, U7-U18 Female Hockey Weekend.

Manager and Tournament Coordinator meetings are to be scheduled for the beginning of October once all positions have been filled. A Safety Coordinator meeting will also be held at this time.

Mitch suggested we get a picture of players with the shooter tutors Heine Westergaard (Kennilworth Combustion) made and donated.

Coach Liaison Report

Coaches have been selected for the most part - waiting for some team evaluations before some teams coaching staff is finalized. Next steps are to ensure coaching requirements are completed and up to date. Braden has looked into the cost and ordering of on-ice equipment. He has also looked into ordering a subscription for an on-line coaching plan and practice website.

It has been suggested that the application deadline for coaches close mid-August instead of the end of August to ensure they have enough time to evaluate and select coaches.

Registrar's Report

We currently have about 221 kids registered.

Rob's goal is to clean up contact information on Hockey Canada website.

Discipline Report

Nothing at this time.

Website Report - see above

Equipment Report

Rob McCulley made a motion to purchase goalie equipment from Justin Bowtell for \$400.00.

Brooke Fadden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Black jerseys have been ordered to replace the set gifted to last year's graduating players.

Armstrong's ordered white jerseys in error, but VMHA will purchase them at a discounted price.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report - see above

AGLC

Nothing to report.

Fundraiser

Nothing to report.

Directors Reports

- a) U7 - teams are made. There are 4 teams of 11 kids each. Managers have been selected and some games are already planned.
- b) U9 M - 3 co-ed teams with 10 players each. Wainwright has asked if we'd be interested in sending a "major" team to play them a couple times a year. Jenna is to discuss and approve with parents and coaches.
- c) U9 F - coaches have been selected and are looking at having a scrimmage to finalize team rosters. Bond positions will need to be filled. A great group of coachable and excited girls.
- d) U11 M - Have had prep skates in preparation for evaluations coming up first weekend of October.
- e) U11 F - Bonds are filled. Question arose as to whether bussing will be paid for to travel to Fort McMurray. As many teams may have longer travel times, this will no longer be provided. **Action - the handbook has to be modified to reflect this.**
- f) U13 M - Manager and bond positions have all been filled.
- g) U13 F - Amy Eyben made a motion to reimburse the Richard Family's registration fees in order to retain Rylie, their goalie, in the future. Seconded by Brooke Fadden. Motion carried.
- h) U15 - Teams (Marwayne and Vermilion) have merged nicely. Great group of cooperative and positive players and parents.

- i) U18 M - See Above
- j) U18 F - Working on filling bonds and finalizing coaching staff.

Action - Directors to inform Sean of who their teams' tournament coordinators are so that he can put their names on the Hockey Alberta website for tournament contacts.

Bonds

Winter Parade position remains open.
Social Media to merge with Website.

New Business

Look into raising tournament fees as ours are considerably lower than other associations.
Bailey and Tori will draft the Team Sponsorship guidelines to review and finalize.

Round Table

Directors are to let their teams know to contact Carmen if they would like to book the upstairs of the stadium for team bonding, dryland, etc. Tournament dates are already booked off for each weekend.

Next Meeting Date

Oct 23, 2024 at 7:00.

Adjournment

Sean Tennant adjourned the meeting at 10:41