

VMHA Board Meeting November 22, 2023, at 7:00PM

In Attendance:

Carrie Stark	Travis Woywitka	Blair Molsberry	Krista Miller
Candice Young	Tori McMillan	Kelsey Rose	Brad Wight
Mitch Visser	Chris Parchewsky	Sean Tennant	Jenna Betz
Carmen Unland	Richard Lavoie	Melissa Guenther	Dwayne Sheppard
Jodi Selte	Brooke Fadden	Rob McCulley	

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Blair Molsberry at 7:06 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Dwayne Sheppard made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Carmen Unland. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Carmen Unland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Motion carried.

Presidents Report:

Business Arising From The Minutes:

Egamesheets: The NEAHL wants full use of Egamesheets this year.

Upstairs Room: Minor Hockey has rented the room upstairs the season; Blair will send an invite out to all Directors for a Google Calendar that can be sent to all Managers; that will manage the use of the room. Tournament weekends get precedence over other teams using the room on those weekends. The room can be used by other teams during the tournament weekends (teams attending the tournament) to have team meals etc. There will be no charge for the use of the room upstairs on tournament weekends; but we will leave it up to the Tournament Coordinators to decide if other teams can use it on their tournament weekends.

Oilers 50/50: Blair has not heard how much we will get from the Oilers 50/50 or when we will get it. We are not allowed to make any posts about how much we received from this 50/50. Blair thinks we will get around \$12,000.00

Casino: We have received our date for our Casino to be worked for Minor Hockey. The dates are June 13 and 14 of 2024; it is a Thursday and Friday. We need to hire a Casino Advisor for this event and AGLC has a list of advisors (Keith Onysyk has reached out to us to be our advisor; as he is local). The package has been received by Minor Hockey and is in the hands of Sharla Bauer our AGLC Coordinator.

Criminal Record Check Template: Rob McCulley has made a template and given it to whoever required it.

LiveBarn: Jodi Selte inquired if we were getting Live Barn this year. Ryan Leahy stated the Rec Board approved it; but Council still needs to approve it.

Treasurer's Report :

Account Balances as of Oct 31, 2023;

VMHA Main Account \$178,947.01

Common Shares \$557.20

Raffle Account 1 \$0.00

Raffle Account 2 \$0.00

Casino \$0.00

Team Account \$118,703.15

Development Account \$14,836.34

Jersey Sponsor \$0.52

GIC \$20,000.00

VP Business Report:

If we are doing any advertising online for the Gala for 2024; it is going to be the Vermilion Chrysler Gala for 2024 (\$500 Sponsor). Travis wanted to know how the Game Day Sponsors and information was going. Everyone seemed to be happy. Please remind your teams to announce using Sponsor Names ex. "Vermilion Agland Tigers Goal, scored by....." If the microphone is NOT working; please find the rink attendant to help you get it going.

VP Development Report:

First TIGERS Day Committee meeting was held Monday Nov 20, 2023. Alberta Broadband Network is sponsoring \$2500 towards it. We will provide details at a later date.

Kam sent his schedule until Christmas break. I will forward the 2024 schedule when he sends it.

Would like to create an E.D.I. Event Committee, with the goal of applying for the grant and hosting a speaker. Looking at 2 now, they would be around \$15,000 together. We can get \$5,000 from Hockey Alberta.

I am working with Roger Garnett on applying for Government of Alberta Community grants to cover the rest of the expenses.

Sarah Kastendieck made a motion to purchase the big magnets from Decals & Sign Obsessions (request size to be 8.5 x 11 - easy to store in binder) up to a maximum of \$560. Seconded by Carrie Stark. Motion carried.

Coach Liaison Report:

Mitch Visser spoke with Mike Applegate trying to set up Instructional Streaming Clinics for Coaches; still trying to nail down dates to have a good turnout.

A Coach had brought to his attention that we could use a second Metal Shooter Tutor; Mitch Visser tried to find it online and was not able too; was thinking we could have a second one fabricated by someone local.

Mitch Visser made a motion to have a second large shooter tutor fabricated by someone local in Vermilion (Heina Westergaard); and have them also come down to the rink and do some measurements to have some smaller ones made for the smaller nets. Seconded by Melissa Guentner. Motion carried.

Registrar's Report:

We have 7 teams that are not approved by Hockey Alberta. The U7 team was rejected as the Safety's do not have Respect In Sport; Rob McCulley will get this fixed.

Discipline Report:

We have had some use of the GForm; mostly comes down to parent and coach conduct; please forward the Handbook to our teams and remind them of the Zero Tolerance Policy. Anything that has been brought forward by the GForm; will be investigated.

Blair Molsberry would like to be kept in the loop about what teams/parents get kicked out so we can keep the NEAHL up to date.

Website Report:

Nothing to report; she is assuming everyone is getting emails unless she is told otherwise. Candice is adding coaches that do not have kids in hockey so that they are receiving emails from Vermilion Minor Hockey.

Equipment Report:

All sponsor bars are on; the U7 teams had to get some of the bigger jerseys from the new lot of jerseys we received; so they need a few sponsor bars and a mom on the team will sew them on. Melissa Guentner will let Blair Molsberry know which sponsor bars she needs exactly. There are also letters falling off the sponsor bars on the U7 jerseys. Melissa Guentner will let Blair Molsberry know which sponsor bars need to be fixed.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report:

Scheduling is going fairly well; most teams have their league games scheduled; few games left for U15 and U18. U11 needs to re-tier in January 2024. There have been numerous incidents this year; more than normal. Still lots of texting from outside associations trying to schedule refs. Tell your managers to keep watching the town website; for game changes; the town keeps adjusting times to close gaps; without notice.

With a 4 man system for U15 and U18; the Stadium Ref room is not feasible to fit everyone (8 with back to back games) anymore; Richard is moving some refs to use Room 1 (Female Dressing Room) when there are no females using the room.

AGLC:

None at this time.

Fundraiser:

Nothing to report; just needs all teams to hand in cash calendars; Krista plans to complete the draws by December 2, 2023.

U18 Female cash calendars are missing; Krista will make a plan to get them.

We will decide in January 2024 if we need to do another cash calendar in March 2024.

Directors:

Melissa Guenthner U7 - U7 is struggling with dressing room issues; too many kids for one dressing room; town has agreed to allow U7 to use dressing room 1 on Sundays. Parents have reached out looking for an Intro To Hockey where kids do not play on the weekends; to be discussed at AGM. Had some scheduling issues with the town where all 4 teams ended up showing up for the same practice; Melissa got it sorted and a practice will be made up for the 2 teams that missed out. A parent had requested if they could donate to a specific team for a specific item; it is recommended that they write in the MEMO exactly what they want the funds used for and for who. U7 would like to see an afternoon game or evening game; it is recommended that U7 looks for open spots to move things around.

Carmen Unland U9 -

Everything is going well.

Jenna Betz U11F -

Jenna had a parent ask whose job it is to recognize our team sponsor; it is not designated anywhere. The website coordinator/social media position should be recognizing the sponsor on social media. Vermilion Minor Hockey has ordered photos for all the team sponsors; so the teams can organize to deliver the photos to the sponsors. It was mentioned that maybe we should add this task of delivering the team photo to the Good Deeds position.

Brad Wight U11M -

Everything is going well.

Chris Parchewsky U13M -

Everything is going well; kids may have been tiered too high; would be nice to see a re-tier; Blair suggested that Jim Ruller email Blair and ask to have them moved down to Tier 3; having some blow out games and scores; Chris said he will wait and see after a few more games; they have only played 2 leagues.

Amy Eyben U15F -

Everything is going well.

Dwayne Sheppard U15M -

Everything is going well.

Kelsey Rose U18F -

Everything is going well.

Brooke Fadden U18M -

Everything is going well.

Bonds:

Blair will connect with Cheryl to see how Bond Tracking is going.

New Business:

None at this time.

Round Table:

Blair Molsberry would like to have Sheila Cadman and Kam Ballas come upstairs to see the space and give recommendations on what could be purchased for dryland equipment to be used in the space; and the equipment would be purchased and owned by Vermilion Minor Hockey.

Brad Wight asked if U9 is going full ice at Christmas; Blair Molsberry will look for an answer and provide an update.

Mitch Visser and Brooke Fadden have organized a 3 on 3 Tournament over Christmas Break. The registrations are as follows so far; U7-6, U9-9, U11-8 and U13-5. They are not doing U15 or U18 this time; as this is our first go and want to see how it goes. Brooke and Mitch were hoping they could have a bonded position to have someone fill out all the paperwork that weekend; and sit and get waivers signed. Brooke Fadden made a motion to have a bonded position for the 3 on 3 Tournament Weekend; with more details to come. Seconded by Rob McCulley. Motion carried. **Directors please ask your Managers to ask your teams to register, if the numbers do not increase, this will not happen.**

Jodi Selte is working on some stuff for the 2024 Gala; she is thinking the best date to host the Gala is Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Rob McCulley wants to note that all Non-Parent Coaches get their hotel rooms paid for; for away tournaments.

Richard Lavoie mentioned that Picture Day should include a Referee photo. Brooke Fadden mentioned not to state what Jersey Color needs to be worn. No other comments on Picture Day.

Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM. This is our Christmas potluck meeting and everyone is welcome to bring appetizers and a drink of their choice.

Action: Carrie Stark to book room upstairs in the Stadium for the next meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Carmen Unland at 8:49 PM.