

VMHA Board Meeting October 26, 2023, at 7:00PM

In Attendance:

Carrie Stark	Sarah Kastendieck	Candice Young	Brad Wight
Mitch Visser	Jenna Betz	Amy Eyben	Brooke Fadden
Chris Parchewsky	Carmen Unland	Dwayne Sheppard	Richard Lavoie
Travis Woywitka	Blair Molsberry		

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Blair Molsberry at 7:09 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Dwayne Sheppard made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brooke Fadden.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Amy Eyben made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Dwayne Sheppard.
Motion carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes:

Egamesheets and Ipads - NEAHL has made it mandatory this year to use Egamesheets. ATB is in the process of cleansing some ipads that will be given to VMH to have in the timebox and ref rooms.

Action: Blair Molsberry to connect with NEAHL to get more info on Egamesheets.

Socks - One size is sold out and on order; should be here mid November.

Name Bars - Name Bars will be ready in 7-10 days.

Picture Days - Need to make a schedule.

Livebarn - We should have access to Live Barn in November.

Stadium Room Upstairs - VMHA has rented the upstairs for the remainder of the season for teams to use for pizza parties, dryland etc. This is also for other teams to use such as away teams. Directors need to see which teams would like to use this space for dryland; so we can form a schedule.

Presidents Report:

Executive Meeting Minutes:

Went through the Handbook page by page and made some changes, then reviewed at the executive meeting. The changes will go out to the Board for them to review over a 1 week

period; prior to the next Board Meeting; where they can present their questions and we can discuss at the Board Meeting.

Ref Shortage:

Due to ref shortage U18 Males may have to play week day games. Some teams may lose a practice due to these U18 Male weeknight games. VMHA will try to make up those practices; but sometimes it may not be possible during the week. Richard Lavoie mentioned there are open slots to make up a practice on the weekend also.

Oilers 50/50:

We require 40 volunteers to work the Oilers 50/50 on Saturday, November 4, 2023. At this point we have 5 people who have volunteered and 0 people who took Bond Positions to organize this. VMHA is providing a bus to get the volunteers to the facility to work the Oilers 50/50. Blair Molsberry will put another email out for volunteers; Katrina De Nevers will post a FB ad. If we do not have enough workers by Monday, October 30, 2023, Blair will put it out to other groups to help cover the volunteer requirement and share the funds received. Each team is highly recommended to have 2 volunteers to work the Oilers 50/50.

Breakfast Club:

We have 8 kids registered at this point; that is a break even point for us, so we can offer 1 day a week (Tuesdays) for the Breakfast Club with 8 kids registered.

Treasurer's Report :

Account Balances as of Oct 26, 2023;
VMHA Main Account \$181,974.90
Common Shares \$557.20
Raffle Account 1 \$0.00
Raffle Account 2 \$0.00
Casino \$0.00
Team Account \$111,203.15
Development Account \$14,836.34
Jersey Sponsor \$0.52
GIC \$20,000.00

VP Business Report:

Travis has two more people for Board Sponsors; the Stadium is full, so we are going to place these in the Arena at a cost of \$200.00

Travis checked in to see how the Game Day Sponsor went last weekend; general feedback was good. Make sure the town turns on the microphone.

VP Development Report:

The World Girls Ice Hockey weekend event went well; 39 girls participated and U18's ran on ice development. All girls were given logo'd cross body bags. 3 team position meetings were held;

I have received feedback that will help as we are still making changes. U9 game sheets are on top of the pop machine.

Sarah Kastendieck made a motion to reimburse all Managers this year for TeamSnap team fee. Seconded by Carmen Unland. Motion carried.

Sarah Kastendieck made a motion that VMHA pay for a TeamSnap Organization membership starting next season 2024-2025; the cost of this will be reflected in the 2024-2025 season registration costs. Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Motion carried.

Development Plan 23-24 Season Overview:

U7 - was on ice early this year; no on ice development

U9 - \$200/team on ice development during practice; teams can use team funds for additional development; if it is additional on ice development; please give your Director a heads up as we need to confirm they have insurance or a waiver

U11-U18 - Fall Prep; Net Science Prep and throughout the season; Kam scheduled throughout the season by VPD; Jeff (schedule to be announced) and will be sporadic due to other commitments and will be scheduled by VPD; team funds can be used for additional development ** ALL parents must agree to pay additional funds PRIOR to scheduling if it is a cash call**

AB Broadband Sponsorship:

Sarah is going to ask them to sponsor "Tiger Day" (much like when the teams were paired up last year for on and off ice team events). Sarah is hoping this will take place in February and early March.

Coach Liaison Report:

Waiting to confirm with Hockey Alberta for the "Future Coaches" program....open to U18 Male and Females. There are also programs for current coaches.

A Coaches Handbook is being created and the first draft is ready and will be sent out soon for input.

Action: Blair Molsberry to create a form letter from VMHA that individuals can use for Criminal Record checks.

Registrar's Report:

Registrations and player transfers are completed. Teams are made in HCR and most of them have been submitted to Hockey Alberta for approval. The teams that haven't been submitted are either missing some qualifications or are waiting on coach transfers to be completed.

All fees have been paid/provided cheques.

All Respect in Sport Parent and Activity Leader qualifications have been filled.

There is a Coach 1 course tonight and after tonight, all coach requirements will be filled.

There are a few Criminal Record Checks still outstanding.

Numbers;

U7 - 55

U9 - 42

U11M - 27

U11F - 11

U13M - 14

U15M - 16

U15F - 15

U18M - 18

U18F - 22

Discipline Report:

As much as possible the team deals with stuff first before it is escalated. Make sure to wait the 24 hr period before making a complaint. Please follow the proper chain of command.

Website Report:

If people are not getting emails from the website please make sure to let your Managers know or contact Candice Young to be added. Candice was only given one email per family to add to the website.

Team pages are starting to get filled out and games are starting to be loaded on the website.

Equipment Report:

Pinny's have been ordered. More jerseys have been ordered in bigger sizes to help with the small jerseys issue. Name bars and sponsor bars are all ordered and being made. More socks are on order.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report:

Richard is on a group chat with 20 RIC's to work with for referee issues. Scheduling has been a bit difficult with ref shortages. Richard is getting prepared to schedule the U11-U18 NEAHL regular season games.

AGLC:

None at this time.

Fundraiser:

Cash calendars are ready for sale and were handed to each division director to be handed out to the teams to sell. Cash calendars are due back November 20, 2023, draw date is December 1, 2023. The cash calendars will be handed back to Krista at the November 22, 2023, meeting.

What other ideas do we have for fundraising?

WestJet donates 2 round trip vouchers - to be raffled off with 500 tickets at \$20.00/ticket. Blair will let Krista know to apply with West Jet to see if we can do this raffle.

Directors:

Melissa Guenthner U7 - Great group of parents and coaches; need larger jerseys; will VMHA consider an "Intro To Hockey" group (could be discussed at AGM)

Carmen Unland U9 - All is good

Jenna Betz U11F - All is good

Brad Wight U11M - All is good, Goalie is hurt; can we AP a player for the hurt goalie that plays net and player (need to check with Rob or Hockey Alberta); Coaches that are farming were wondering if we could push the season start two weeks back due to harvest (due to numerous factors it will remain the same)

Action: Blair Molsberry to contact Mike Applegate.

Chris Parchewsky U13M - All is good; there may be a little miscommunication with extra development and contacting Sarah

Amy Eyben U15F - May have a new Assistant Coach; all team bond positions are filled; tournament is filled

Dwayne Sheppard U15M - All is good; tournament is filled

Kelsey Rose U18F -

Brooke Fadden U18M - Net Science falls on Wednesdays; Ty does not need to supply the shooters (but if he has extras; he can); how does ref U18 work (4 man system is recommended); what do we do if we cannot get 4 man due to ref shortage? (we can go with 3 man system); Ryan Topley will coordinate the Oilers 50/50

Bonds:

None at this time.

New Business:

None at this time.

Round Table:

Mitch asked Chase if the pinny's that were ordered would fit the bigger kids; he said no. Blair Molsberry said to check the pinny's in the ref room.

Mitch Visser made a motion that we order more pinny's to fit bigger kids. Seconded by Brooke Fadden. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Action: Carrie Stark to book room upstairs in the Stadium for the next meeting on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 7PM.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Dwayne Sheppard at 9:32 PM.