

VMHA Board Meeting
Oct 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM q

In Attendance:

Carrie Stark	Blair Molsberry	Sarah Kastendieck
Carmen Unland	Terri Herzog	Kelly Gannon
Krista Rajotte	Sharla Bauer	Ashley Holowaychuk
Cheryl Westman	Mitch Visser	Sean Tennant
Chase Zaharko	Rob McCulley	Steve Meissner
Roger Garnett	Derek Young	Richard Lavoie
Brandy Poliakiwski	Jodi Selte	

Call To Order:

President, Blair Molsberry, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Steve Meissner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Cheryl Westman. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Rob McCulley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Steve Meissner. Motion carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes:

We have Aaron Starko as Governor with the NEAHL; therefore we do not have to supply anyone else to the NEAHL as per Blair's discussion with Randy Martin. There are still vacancies in the U18 level, so we can have a second person from the association fill that if someone is interested.

AGLC uses will be fanned out.

NEAHL game sheets are available downstairs on top of the vending machine and there are extras in the hockey room upstairs.

President's Report:

Jersey's - The jerseys are ready for pick up, there are 27 boxes to be picked up, the U15 team will be in Wainwright on Saturday and will pick up all the boxes. The sponsor bars need to be put on. Blair suggested we have some parent volunteers pin the sponsor bars on so Katrina can get them sewn on quicker.

Team Pictures - We will have them back before Christmas. The team sponsor is going to attend for picture day and will have their picture taken with their team. The dates are November 15 and November 16 for Picture Day. Practice will be canceled for the two picture days for ease of scheduling.

Jr B Games/Practices - we have some scheduling conflicts in regards to this and the U18 Female Team; Richard is trying to find them make up slots.

Ice Plant Grand Opening - November 9, 2022, Blair will share more info when he knows. Blair will not be able to attend; so he would like someone to go from Vermilion Minor Hockey.

Meetings - Who Should Attend - needs to be further discussed at another meeting.

Action: We need to create another committee to go over our Bylaws and Handbook; this will help us determine who has voting positions and needs to attend regular meetings.

Tournaments - \$1000 from VMHA for each tournament - **Action: Executive will meet in the next 7 days to finalize this.**

All Gatorade and Water is to be purchased in town from local businesses. **Action: Blair will talk to Coop to see if he can do a bulk order for us.**

Bussing - Trips on a bus paid for by Vermilion Minor Hockey will not be allowed to have any Minor Hockey players consume alcohol.

Jr B Liquor Sold At Concession - The Jr B's are supplying the concession with liquor to be sold and have obtained a license for the entire facility. Vermilion Minor Hockey was not made aware of this change at the facility. Roger Garnett made a motion that Blair Molsberry write a letter to the Jr B Executive and the Town of Vermilion from Vermilion Minor Hockey about our concerns with liquor being sold at the facilities during Minor Hockey events. Seconded by Ashley Holowaychuk. Motion carried. **Action: Blair Molsberry to write a letter or concern to Jr B Board and Town of Vermilion over liquor being sold at Vermilion Minor Hockey**

VP Business Report:

All teams have been assigned their jersey sponsor. Sarah had talked to Colleen Symes at Lakeland College to ask for her help to work with DJ on assisting us to build a sponsorship package for VMHA and have that package ready for the end of the season; this will allow us in the Spring to approach businesses with a set plan of what we offer a

sponsor and how much we are looking for. Sarah spoke with the Rotary President; he was under the impression they were still a jersey sponsor and they have not been for the last 2 seasons; but they have budgeted for VMHA sponsorship. The Rotary President invited VMHA to come and do a presentation requesting sponsorship from the Rotary (the idea is to ask the Rotary if they will sponsor the Cash Calendars). DJ will have a fillable PDF invoice set up shortly and will get sponsor invoices out shortly.

VP Development Report:

VMHA received a \$15,000 grant from Hockey Alberta, we have to follow the guidelines presented and the proposal Sarah submitted; Female Jamboree \$4000, Female Enhancement \$2500, Player/Coach Enhancement (on/off ice) \$5000 and Goalie Enhancement/Assistance \$3500. Jodi Selte and Sarah Kastendieck met Managers and Directors regarding team staff requirement, training, qualifications on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The meeting went well and covered many other areas; we received positive feedback and Sarah will host this meeting every year once U7 Manger info is provided. Sarah proposed we look at offering Coach 1 to 6-8 U1-U18 players who are interested in attending and Jr Coaching or Coaching next season. Goalie sessions start Tuesdays 7-8 AM starting November 1, 2022.

Sarah Kastendieck made a motion that we reimburse the VMHA goalies for the season of 2022-2023; \$500 per goalie for purchase of goalie equipment in U11-U18 with proper receipts provided. Seconded by Derek Young. Motion carried.

Discipline Report:

Nothing at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

As of September 30, 2022:
Concession Account NOW CLOSED
VMHA Main Account \$233,545.82
VMHA Plan 24 \$0.52
Common Shares \$530.62
GIC 1 Year Cashable \$11,816.48
Raffle Account \$0
Casino Account \$0
Team Account \$31,043.16
Development Account \$19,762.34
Ref Fees \$0.00
Ice Fees \$0.00

Action: Brandy Poliakiwski to obtain investment options and rates for our GIC maturing in December 2022, and can present at a later meeting.

Registrar's Report:

Jodi Selte requires any individuals who hold positions on a team to have their Respect In Sport - Activity Leader and a Criminal Record Check complete. Teams need to be approved and uploaded by Nov 15, 2022.

Affiliates are almost set up, they can only play 10 games as an AP; then they are permanently a part of the team they AP for. Female players can AP to any team; so we need to determine what is the best fit for them.

Website Report:

Master Roster is basically updated; waiting on a couple confirmations. All but 1 website reporter's logins have been emailed out. Candice is waiting on the Tournament Info from the Tournament Committee to load on the website. Candice updated the link for the ice schedule to go to the Town of Vermilion schedule.

Action: Terri Herzog to send all the Tournament Info to Candice Young to load on the website.

Equipment Report:

All teams got their jerseys. Many had jerseys missing. There was a \$2000 budget for U9 equipment; with searching for the best price and getting an additional 20% discount Chase was able to purchase gloves and blockers also and came in \$12 under budget. Chase purchased a few crates of pucks at the beginning of the season from Canadian Tire.

All the jerseys that are currently out; ask our teams if they want to keep their jerseys; pay \$10 and we will donate the funds to a local program in town. The extra jerseys upstairs; we will disburse them on picture night; a parent or family member can buy them for a donation; we will fine tune the specifics at our executive meeting.

AGLC:

The online 50/50 which is called RaffleBox; the set up fee is 7% of total sales and there is a merchant fee of 2.95% plus \$0.30 per transaction. The RaffleBox has a dropdown menu to choose who you are supporting; we will try to just have Vermilion Minor Hockey. The ticket prices are 1/\$10, 4/\$2, 20/\$50 and 100/\$100. The RaffleBox will start now as soon as Sharla can get it up and running; and we will make the draw on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at our final tournament before Christmas. Sharla will

create all the posters with the advertising and QR code to put up around town and someone will update the total pot weekly on those posters.

Action: Sharla needs the new logos sent to her for advertising.

Fundraiser:

Krista is just waiting on the family list to make packages, then she can print them all off and hand them out. Sarah Kastendieck stated that the Rotary had it in their budget that they are sponsors for us; DJ Mewis is going to attend a Rotary Meeting and see if they will sponsor the Cash Calendars (expenses and/or prizes). The Cash Calendars will be sold in January and we will draw prizes in February.

Action: Approved List of Uses of AGLC Funds (ex. 50/50, raffle) to be sent to the entire association; so everyone knows what we can and cannot use these funds on.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report:

We have 20 local refs this year; so we are sitting in a good position for referee's this year. Our local refs have been traveling to help other associations such as Lloydminster, Wainwright, Dewberry and Irma.

Richard's next big project is to set 10-12 home game slots for each team to schedule their NEAHL league games.

Cheryl Westman made a motion; effective immediately, to add Richard Lavoie and Dillon Lavoie as Authorized Signers to the Vermilion Credit Union Bank Account named Vermilion Minor Hockey Referees and remove any previous listed signers on this account. The account will be either or to sign. Seconded by Rob McCulley. Motion carried.

Action: Managers need to make sure they check the Town of Vermilion website on a regular basis to make sure their games and practices are showing up properly.

Action: Blair Molsberry to send out the two facility schedules again; that is the base schedule; and subject to change with Jr B games and tournaments.

Jodi Selte was asking for a chart to be created for each tournament coordinator that shows the costs of ref and ice for each division.

Coach Liaison:

Kelly Gannon is helping Jodi Selte get all courses and required things up to date for all team staff. Kelly has sent out a survey to all the coaches for player development from U11-U18; so far he has had 1 response. Need to remind our managers to respond.

Directors:

- a) **U7 Derrick Young** - All good
- b) **U9 Carmen Unland** - Practice time issues; Carmen has it handled
- c) **U11 Roger Garnett** - Tier 3 and 5, all is good
- d) **U13 Rob McCulley** - 2 wins, 2 losses, middle of standings, all is good
- e) **U15 Female Ashley Holowaychuk** - League starts this weekend, all good
- f) **U15 Male Steve Meissner** - Tier 3, all is good
- g) **U18 Female Mitch Visser** - All bond positions filled; remind chain of command
- h) **U18 Male Terri Herzog** - 2 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie; 5 teams in tournament

Action: Each team please text Richard Lavoie and let him know when your team is out of town for a tournament (if you know), it will help him create home league game slots for each team.

Committee Reports:**a) Jersey Committee:**

Nothing at this time.

b) Tournament Committee:

Nothing at this time.

c) Discipline Committee:

DJ Mewis and Sean Tennant met and have done 2 updates. They want to see tracking of coach suspensions and proper communication to teams where coaches have been suspended (there is lots of hearsay in these situations). DJ and Sean find our discipline policy very wordy and lots of gray areas; they are looking at other associations' policies to adopt. Note: If a player is suspended in a game and they are a referee; they cannot ref while suspended.

d) Manager Guide Committee:

We reviewed the Manger Handbook Draft.

Ashley Holowaychuk made a motion to accept the new Manager Handbook and put it into circulation for VMHA. Seconded by Sarah Kastendieck. Motion carried.

New Business:

None at this time.

Round Table:

Terri Herzog was told there are grants for bussing for hockey; Sarah Kastendieck said she would look into that. We need our new logo digitized, Rob McCulley thinks he can maybe do it for us; Jodi Selte will send him the JPEG. Terri wanted to know if a team could buy practice jerseys with 50/50 proceeds. Terri Herzog contacted Darrin Farkash to see if we could rent the Jr B bus for trips to Fort McMurray for the girls league; Darrin never responded to her inquiries; so she booked Doc Holiday.

Roger Garnett wanted to know if a new scoreboard was in the budget; the Town of Vermilion would own the scoreboard. Roger noted some of the lights are missing or very dim. **Action: Blair Molsberry said will ask.**

Richard Lavoie mentioned this coming Saturday there are a few games in the AM and then the Stadium ice is open; Blair wondered why there is no shinny and requested we get shinny for the week of Nov 7-10 when kids are off of school. **Action: Get shinny booked for the week of Nov 7-10.** If you cannot read the referee names on the game sheets; please text Richard Lavoie and he will confirm who the referees were.

Jodi Selte wanted to make sure all teams have filled out the Media Release forms. **Action: All Managers to get the new version of the Fair Play Form filled out and Media Release signed by all hockey players and parents.**

Blair Molsberry asked “how do we make meetings shorter?”, looking for any suggestions.

Next Meeting Date:

Next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, November 24, 2022, at 7:00 PM, upstairs in the Stadium and Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM, upstairs in the Stadium; with appetizers for Christmas.

The Executive is meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 8:00 PM, at Twin D Plumbing.

Action: Carrie Stark to book the meeting room upstairs at the Stadium with Bari at the Town for the next meetings November 24, 2022 and December 15, 2022.

Adjournments:

Derek Young adjourned the meeting at 10:04 PM.