

**VMHA Board Meeting  
Sept 29, 2022, at 7:00 PM**

**In Attendance:**

Carrie Stark	Candice Holowaychuk	Ashley Holowaychuk
Kelly Gannon	Terri Herzog	Carmen Unland
Sean Tennant	Rob McCulley	Steve Meissner
Richard Lavoie	Cheryl Westman	Roger Garnett
DJ Mewis	Jodi Selte	Brandy Poliakiwski
Blair Molsberry	Sarah Kastendieck	Kirsta Rajotte

**Call To Order:**

President, Blair Molsberry, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Jodi Selte made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Roger Garnett. Motion carried.

**Business Arising From The Minutes:**

- a) Ice Scheduler Position - Richard Lavoie has put his name forward to take the Ice Scheduler Position; he would like to take the position for 2 years. DJ Mewis made a motion to make the ice scheduler position a paid position of \$2500/yr. Seconded by Steve Meissner. Motion carried. Cheryl Westman made a motion to hire Richard Lavoie as the ice scheduler for a two year position. Seconded by Ashley Holowaychuk. Motion carried. Blair Molsberry has created a job description for the ice scheduler position.

**President's Report:**

- a) Organizational Chart - Blair Molsberry created an Organizational Chart for VMHA as to whom each position reports too (see attached).

NEAHL - is up and running, Jodi Selte has registered all the teams and placed us in starting tiers. Pre-season games will take place Oct 7, 2022, to Oct 30, 2022. Blair Molsberry reached out to Randy Martin to confirm if we had to play on Thanksgiving Weekend; Randy Martin confirmed we do not have too. Directors are to reach out to their teams to see if they would like to play October 7, 2022, weekend. Blair Molsberry

has already sent the NEAHL ice slots for pre-season games. **Action: We need a Deputy Governor Volunteer position filled from each association.** The NEAHL is going to be having interleague games this season; more for teams with small tiers.

Picture Day - three quotes were submitted for Picture Day. The board had a vote between Nicholas David and Camrose, the board voted 11 for Nicholas David and 7 for Camrose. Nicholas David is the chosen photographer for Picture Day.

Clothing Day - three options were submitted for Clothing Day. Ashley Holowaychuk made a motion to obtain Armstrong's for our Clothing Day. Seconded by Cheryl Westman. Motion carried.

Hockey AB AGM - looking for leaders, wants to keep players; have less leave to super leagues, creating "Every Kid, Every Community" plan, 2025 Goals; values, positive players, evaluations, U11-U13 new models, new models all the way up to U18, Tournament format for playoffs.

**Action: Blair Molsberry will contact Kirby Whitlock to make a plan with the BBQ's (such as renting them out; Kirby makes a donation to VMHA to use them etc.)**

Blair spoke to Kirby and he is happy to keep our BBQ's at his property and keep them up to date. Kirby uses them the most, if someone wants to rent them, Kirby will let us know.

**Action: Job Description needs to be created for Team Account Advisor.**

Job description has not been completed, but the Team Account Advisor will work in conjunction with the Treasurer.

**Action: The board needs to find and/or create a job description for Ref in Chief.**

Blair Molsberry created a job description for Ref In Chief. DJ Mewis made a motion to approve the Ref In Chief job description. Seconded by Cheryl Westman. Motion carried.

### **VP Business Report:**

**Action: DJ Mewis is to look into the cost of providing jersey sponsors with a Tigers Logo Picture Frame that can house the team sponsor photo.** DJ Mewis has committed to get picture frames for the team sponsor photos.

Sponsors - we have 15 teams this year and we have 15 committed team sponsors. DJ Mewis has created the invoices and will go around and collect the cheques. The association had new businesses approach us this year to sponsor teams.

Puck Sponsors - DJ Mewis has puck sponsors lined up, they will sponsor a case of 100 pucks and they can choose how many colors and sides are decal'd and they will receive their logo on the mini boards for advertising.

Sponsor Bars - we had to order new sponsor bars for the new jerseys. **Action: We need to find someone who can sew 420 bars on to get them ready for the season. DJ Mewis is to contact Tammy Richardson, Linda Morton and any other seamstresses to get quotes.** DJ Mewis made a motion effective Sept 15, 2022, to approve Blair Molsberry to purchase new sponsor bars for the new jerseys at an approx. cost of \$3000. Rob McCulley seconded. Motion carried.

### **VP Development Report:**

**Action: Sarah Kastendieck needs to pick a weekend for evaluations for U11, book 2 ice slots for Saturday (skills/3 on 3) and 1 ice slot for Sunday (full scrimmage). Sarah is to ask Glynn MacDonald, Evan Carlson and Darren Zubiak if they would be interested in doing the evaluations again and to find alternates if they are not.** Sarah has scheduled U11 evaluations for October 1 and 2. Three evaluators have been asked and have volunteered to do the evaluations. None of the evaluators are tied to the Vermilion Minor Hockey Association. The evaluators Kam Ballas, Lydon Pulyk and Samantha McLeod. Roger Garnett made a motion to purchase \$100 gift cards for each evaluator as an honorarium from VMHA. Seconded by Carmen Unland. Motion carried.

Sarah is working on team pairing with Stacey Wight; they will have the older teams pair up with the younger teams multiple times throughout the year.

Sarah is working on a Hockey Alberta Grant; the grant can be used for; Female Development and Enhancement, Goalie Development and Enhancement and Inclusive Player Development.

Apex Training; Kam Ballas; is wanting to work with Minor Hockey for Dryland and On Ice Skills. They are currently working on a plan as to what he can offer VMHA and what the cost may look like, we need it to be cost-effective.

Mannville hosted a 3 on 3 tournament at the start of the season. Sarah thought it was a great idea for getting conditioned and the kids had a great time. Sarah feels VMHA should offer this type of tournament at the beginning of our season.

Sarah will be starting to look at if all coaches have their coaching requirements in place; she will be touching place with all Directors.

**Discipline Report:**

None at this time.

**Treasurer's Report: ADD**

As of August 31, 2022:

Concession Account \$16,103.62  
VMHA Main Account \$207,333.46  
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 \$20,262.34  
Ref Fees \$0.00  
Ice Fees \$0.00

**Action: Brandy Poliakiwsi 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 has all the teams registered with Hockey AB and NEAHL, Female teams need to be registered. **Action: Jodi would like the Directors to forward her and the board everyone on their team who is on the coaching staff and who holds all the team positions.** Jodi has been very busy with member transfers from other associations.

**Website Report:**

**Action: Candice Holawaychuk needs all the website coordinators names so she can get them access to the website.**

**Equipment Report:**

Chase Zaharko and Justin Bowtell have taken inventory of the goalie equipment we have owned by Vermilion Minor Hockey; there is very limited equipment that is up to date or proper for a current goalie to wear. Blair would like to see a budget given to them to start updating goalie equipment. Blair Molsberry is going to ask for the list of wants and prices and we can discuss once he has this.

**AGLC:**

A reporting period was missed with AGLC due to change in board positions and some loss of paperwork. Carrie Stark, Sharla Bauer and Brandy Poliakiwski were able to complete the reporting requested by AGLC.

**Fundraiser:**

Krista Rajotte will do a cash calendar again to be sold during October and November; with the draws being in the month of December. The association has decided that we would like to change up 50/50 raffles for this year.

DJ Mewis made a motion to run two association wide 50/50 raffles; one before Christmas; one after Christmas, with a specific draw date or when it reaches the cap of \$19,500. There will be no 50/50 sales at home games for each individual team this year, but each age group can sell 50/50 tickets at their home tournaments. Seconded by Cheryl Westman. Motion carried.

**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.**

**Directors:**

- a) **U7 Derrick Young** - There is enough kids for 4 teams
- b) **U9 Carmen Unland** - There is 47 kids placed on 4 teams, all coaches and positions are filled except for 2 tournament coordinators
- c) **U11 Roger Garnett** - Evaluations are scheduled for this weekend, new refs will be reffing the scrimmage of the evaluations for practice
- d) **U13 Rob McCulley** - No Manager in place, ice booked in Dewberry for our tournament that conflicts with JR B games
- e) **U15 Female Ashley Holowaychuk** - All positions have been filled except 2 tournament coordinators, ice is booked in Mannville for our tournament weekend that conflicts with Jr B games, league scheduling meeting is Oct 6; needs ice slots, league play starts Oct 28, lots have joined the team from surrounding towns, coaches need to look at moving practices to Tues/Thurs, Fort McMurray is in their league again and Ashley would like to know if bussing will be paid for again from VMHA for league games to Fort McMurray.  
Ashley Holowaychuk made a motion to have bussing to Fort McMurray for league games paid for by VMHA. Seconded by Roger. Motion carried.
- f) **U15 Male Steve Meissner** - All positions are filled, we have found goalie from Chauvin, application for oversize roster has been submitted, Steve has booked

ice for our tournament in Mannville that conflicts with Jr B games, U15 boys are registered in a tournament in Kindersley SK, U15 home tournament is filled

- g) **U18 Female Mitch Visser** - Manager in place, Tournament Lead Coordinator in place, all team bond positions filled, scheduling meeting October 6, 2022; tournament ice times are reviewed and booked
- h) **U18 Male Terri Herzog** - All positions have been filled for this team; Midgets would like to have two practice slots now before two ice surfaces are in, reffing will be 1 ref and 2 linesman, can players drive to home games (midget team to make own policy with coaches)

Richard Lavoie made a motion to offer U15 and U18 3 extra practices for 1hr and 15 min and U11 and U13 3 extra practices for 1hr if they so choose. Seconded by Jodi Selte. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

a) **Jersey Committee:**

None at this time.

b) **Tournament Committee:**

Terri is working on tournament rules.

c) **Discipline Committee:**

None at this time.

**Action: The Discipline Committee has until October 15, 2022, to meet and update the Discipline Policy within VMHA.**

d) **Manager Guide Committee:**

Derek and Roger have emailed out what they have set up so far for the Managers Guide, they would like us to review it and supply feedback.

### **New Business:**

- a) Facebook Access - Directors Get For Their Teams From Melissa Guenthner
- b) Room Clean Up - Blair Molsberry would like some help hauling out boxes of old paperwork this Saturday, October 1, 2022, and have it taken for shredding (Kelly Gannon can take for shredding)
- c) How To Fill Positions on Teams - Managers Must Be First
- d) Westman Release - Not Required Anymore
- e) Picture Day - Completed Above
- f) Clothing - Completed Above
- g) Jr B Tournament and Regular Season Games - all the tournaments that have conflicted dates with the Jr B regular games have already been scheduled in other locations such as Mannville and Dewberry; the Jr B's will have 5 home

games on Thursday nights that will affect our VMHA hockey schedule that we will need to work around

**Round Table:**

Richard Lavoie - Need Managers to have all games in by Monday morning to set up refs. There is a ref shortage and we need to work with other associations and refs. We have time on Tues/Thurs for late night games. Keep in mind with refs coming for Jr B games we could have good refs for a game at 4 PM; using the refs for the Jr B game for U18 games as an example; and would save on mileage.

Jodi Selte - do we have NEAHL and home game sheets; if not; do we need them; how do we get them.

**Action: Make sure we have NEAHL and Vermilion Minor Hockey Game Sheets available; and to order some if we are low.**

**Next Meeting Date:**

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM, upstairs in the Stadium.

**Action: Carrie Stark to book the meeting room upstairs at the Stadium with Bari at the Town for the next meeting Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM.**

**Adjournments**

Rob McCulley adjourned the meeting at 9:44 PM.