

VMHA Board Meeting January 31, 2024, at 7:00PM

In Attendance:

Tori McMillan	Jenna Betz	Jodi Selte	Mitch Visser
Kelsey Rose	Amy Eyben	Brooke Fadden	Carmen Unland
Chris Parchewsky	Melissa Guenther	Richard Lavoie	Rob McCulley
Sean Tennant	Travis Woywitka	Blair Molsberry	

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Blair Molsberry at 7:04 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Melissa Guenther made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Rob McCulley. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Presidents Report:

U11 League Female Tournament – VMHA is hosting U11 female league year end tournament, March 8 – 10, 2024. Arena ice is staying in until March 10, 2024.

U11 Male League tournament – Put name in for the semi-finals Tier 2 the weekend after female league tournament.

Bank Card Machine for Tournaments – Are we ready to go cashless for home tournaments? Not ready to go full cashless, but maybe next year we can have a machine and offer both and see how it goes? Put it on the future Tournament Committee and get them to work on this. Elk Point has a POS system for their tournaments. Reach out to them to see how it goes for them.

AGM Date – March 20, 2024 @ 7:00 PM, Stadium Auditorium.

Sponsor Pictures – Teams will need to coordinate pictures with their players. Jodi will reach out to the Good Deeds coordinators from each team. Need to purchase picture frames, Jodi Selte will do this. Have Good Deeds person pick them up from Twin D.

Tournament Money – Are we giving teams bonus money out of tournament funds? Give \$20/kid. Jodi Selte makes a motion to give \$20 per kid to each team. Jenna Betz seconds the motion. Two opposed. Motion passed. Within the next two weeks, managers can contact the treasurer with number of players. Money will be distributed via e-transfer.

Scotiabank – Over the last 9 years, they have given VMHA approximately \$18,000. They have supplied us with jersey logoed patches that they would like to go on a set. Decided they should go on the U13 jerseys. Chris Parchewsky will tell the U13's they need to get them sewed on. A picture should be taken of the team with the completed jerseys and framed and given to Scotiabank. Chris will take care of all of this. Logo placement - Top right side of jersey.

Rob and Blair attended a NEAHL meeting on Jan 22, 2024. Talked about playoff overview. For provincials, Provincials U13 4 tiers, U15 tier 1,2,3. U18 tier 1, 2 3. U18 non body contact. U18 we have wildcards in tier 2 and tier 4. Communication protocol – go through the President. NEAHL AGM is not in Vermilion anymore, April 13, 2024 in Gibbons, AB at 10:00 AM.

Handbook Discussion

Affiliations – include more detail about selecting APs. Rather than just the coach getting the say, include coaches, directors, and managers at the beginning of the year to make the picks. Continue to have conversations as affiliate issues arise. Need to make it clearer in the handbook.

Team selections – If you don't take the time to put application in, you shouldn't be selected. Give props to people who take the time to put apps in. Should coach get one pick, then VMHA helps pick the second? Recommendation about having a Coach Mentorship program for minor hockey grads. They can mentor with a U13/U15 level first before being put in a coaching position.

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balances as of Jan 31, 2024;
VMHA Main Account \$97,453.20
Common Shares \$590.64
Raffle Account 1 \$0.00
Raffle Account 2 \$0.00
Casino (Raffle 3) \$4,380.50
Team Account \$116,588.47
Development Account \$8,494.34
Jersey Sponsor \$1.05
GIC \$20,000.00

VP Business Report:

The pre-recorded game day pre-recorded ads are being played over the speakers. Seemed to work good. Nothing else to report.

VP Development Report:

Proposal to change the volunteer bond – parents or guardians of players registered ib VMHA must contribute one volunteer bond for each player. Overall the board does not feel we should change volunteer bond. Discuss at a later date, At this time do not increase the bond amount.

Apex sessions will run until late Feb/early March depending on team needs. Net Science's last session is February 7th. Looking to have Net Science run 2 sessions for U9's interest in net, during the U9 prep.

The Nest Project – contacted to offer Mental Toughness sessions for U15M/U18M/U18F. U15F declined offer. Both facilitators are hockey parents and have developed a program for athletes of these ages. Sarah Kastendieck makes a motion to approve spending a maximum of \$2000 for mental health sessions with The Nest Project during this season (development budget can accommodate). Seconded by Melissa Guenther. Motion passed,

Female Hockey Day – Lets Cheer It for the Girls during the U15F tournament. Foam tiger paws were given to Tiger girls who attended the games. Foam paws were a hit.

Tigers Day – waiting on numbers. Alberta Broadband confirmed the \$2500 sponsorship. Even with lower numbers, we will run it.

Kruger Big Assist – Submitting a nomination for VMHA, we have a potential to win \$25,000 to help the Association with inclusion and diversity. Also a grand prize of \$50,000 that could cover the cost of a larger scale inclusion and diversity event for next season, with high profile speakers.

Coach Liaison Report:

Had a coach round table – went well. Coach clinic with Hockey Alberta on February 1, 2024. Jody Carrington is having a workshop, some coaches have signed up for the online course – VMHA will cover the cost.

Registrar's Report:

Jan 15th was the last day to register affiliates. Had to add a couple extra coaches. Two outstanding registration fees, dealing with this.

Discipline Report:

Some issues with affiliations. Beiseker issues with U15M. G-forms came in about some coaches, issues were addressed. Going well.

Website Report:

Website is up and running. No issues.

Equipment Report:

880 pucks from Vermilion Chrysler. Still having tournament puck issues. They are in the deep freeze in that room. One bucket goes to arena, one goes to stadium. They need to be returned after they are used.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report:

Two tournaments left, both U11. Finishing up regular season, then into playoffs. Refs are doing good, scheduling is going good. Some changes but no issues.

AGLC:

Good. Nothing currently.

Fundraiser:

Casino coming up. People with remaining bonds should be asked to do the casino.

Directors:

Melissa Guenther U7 – All good. Bit of a mess up on the email about how we book the upstairs room. Good parents, good managers. Everything seems fine.

Carmen Unland U9 – Mitch and Carmen met with coaches and managers about the full ice pilot. Seems good to go. No concerns. Had their tournament – everything went well. Tournament coordinators had some issues, nothing we can do now. If you could take anything back to the board, make a tournament manual for U7 and U9. Streamlining this will make volunteer requirements easier. Hockey Week event – received a few messages about being disappointed with what VMHA did (dietary restrictions, etc).

Jenna Betz U11 Female – For the league playoffs, need some help for running the clocks during March 8 – 10, 2024 weekend. Maybe some bond positions.

Brad Wight U11 Male – A lot on the go. But going fine.

Chris Parchewsky U13 – Everything going good. Got re-tiered.

Amy Eyben U15 Female – Quiet. Had parent meeting, it was good – some conversation. Few outstanding bonds. Players had a chat with their coach before Christmas to change the dynamic of everything, it went well.

Dwayne Sheppard U15M – It's been a busy month. Parents vs parents. Parents vs managers. Parents vs coaches. Beisker tournament was a lot, few majors which resulted in the coach having been suspended.

Kelsey Rose U18F – Nothing to report.

Brooke Fadden U18M – Had team meeting, a lot of attendance. Some concerns about the gamesheets, they hate the online ones due to the wifi. They want a bonded position for gamesheets. They are having issues when playing away teams, gamesheets are entered wrong and no way of fixing them.

Bonds:

Updated list sent to Blair. Still working on getting people to fill them. May have to cash some bond cheques.

New Business:

None

Round Table:

One of the U9 teams is asking if the \$200 development that VMHA is giving per team

Dwayne Sheppard would like to make a motion, no bond for emergency goalies. Discussed that we should leave it up to the President/board to make the decision at the time of the recruitment/negotiation, similar to when the board can decide to wave fees.

KidSport parking spot – other people are using it, how do we enforce it? Post reminder on the Facebook page.

Burnt Rock has more pucks for sale if anyone wants to buy any.

Provincials and playoffs

Str Paul U18F

Mallaig U18 Tier 3

Mannville U13 Tier 1

Irma U13 Tier 3

Vermilion U11 Female

U7 & U9 Ice – Last day March 6th or 7th. Arena goes out on March 10th.

Livebarn - Still coming, in the works.

There is a phone app (Blitz Sports) that can run the time clock. Looking into it for last year. Piece that goes on the clock, it connects to Bluetooth. Approximately \$400/yr for the software. Melissa Guenther makes a motion for using Blitz Sport. Rob McCulley seconds. Motion passed.

Bond positions coming available for next year:

President
VP of Development
Secretary
Discipline Coordinator
Ice Scheduler
Coach Liaison

Gala – Information/intro save the date coming in the next week from Jodi. Bond positions available.

Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Blair Molsberry at 9:51 pm.