

Viking Minor Hockey Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm by Jeff Bird in the Louis Sutter Memorial Meeting Room at the Viking Carena Complex

Attendees: Sheila Erickson, Rosanne Morken, Nicole Gaboury, Trent Place, Jenn Amundson, Tyler Amundson, Katie Shepley, Kim Crocker, Laura Bird, Jeff Bird

Jeff Bird presented the agenda for the meeting. Jenn Amundson approved the agenda. Rosanne Morken seconded. All in favour carried.

Kim Crocker presented the minutes from the last meeting on August 29, 2023. Laura Bird approved the minutes. Jeff Bird seconded. All in favour carried.

Report from U7 Director: Jenn Amundson presented the report. 23 players. 2 new players joined after the start of the season and 1 released. October 14, 2023 Home game against Mannville and October 21, 2023 Home Game against Vermillion. The U7 have roughly 2 games a month for the season. Tournament on January 20, 2024 there are 6 teams registered and 2 interested.

Report from U9 Director: 12 players total. Have a Home game October 14, 2023 against Wainwright team 4. U9 team has a lot of games booked for the season. February 3, 2024 is the U9 tournament.

Report from U11 Director: 12 players total. Tiering game this weekend October 15, 2023 Home game against Tofield Titans. October 21, 2023 Home game against St. Paul Canadiens and Away game against Cold Lake Sunday Oct 22, 2023. Tiering ends Nov 5, 2023. As of right now they are in Tier 5 but they could bump up to Tier 4.

Financial Report: Read by Rosanne Morken. Total assets of \$170103.19 Total Income of \$8241.21 Total expenses of \$3352.82 leaving a net Income of \$6503.64. Laura Bird moved that the financial report had been read. Sheila Erickson seconded. All in favour. Carried.

Skills/Player Development: Ashley Grantham coming every second week throughout the season. Spending roughly \$5000 on her expenses. Leaving extra money for other skills with the intention of spending roughly the same as last season.

Registrar: Presented by Laura Bird. Every player is registered on teams. All of the rosters are up to date.

Ref Update: Presented by Jenn Amundson stating that all 4 games this weekend there are refs for. Has contacts for Irma & Killam refs. Ref rates have gone up for the 2023/2024 season.

Equipment Update: Presented by Trent Place stating L/XL jerseys have been ordered. Small socks ordered as well as plain jerseys as spares in case anyone new registers throughout the 2023/2024 season. Looking in to buying goalie equipment.

Advertising/Sponsorship: Sponsorship request letter has been sent to Skully's Oilfield Maintenance for the U11 team. Lingley Welding is the team sponsor for U7 and Bullseye Fire & Safety Consulting is the U9 team sponsor. Sponsor Boards will need to be updated.

Casino|50/50: Presented by Jenn Amundson that all 50/50 raffles are done for this weekends games.

New Business:

- Any changes to bylaws need to be done at the Annual General Meeting & then approved by the province. New Refund Policy needs to be removed and changed at next AGM Meeting.
- Discussions will be made throughout the season in regards to NEAHL League to see what is needed for game ice slots for 2024/2025 season based off of the 2023/2024 season.
- Discussion was made to have Ice Scheduler added back on as a Board Position as it was in the past. Further discussion will be made in regards to this matter.
- Coach Course Level 1 was partially subsidized by the Edmonton oilers Community Foundation.
- Discussion was made to have a signing table for each team. Player will get to sign a banner/ or poster and get their picture taken for the team that they are registered for. If this does not take place this season have something in place for next season.
- Refeing rates have changed by Hockey Alberta for 2023/2024 season to \$90 for a U11 game. Travel rates of \$0.41 cents per kilometre in addition to the mileage fee. 0-50km \$0, 51-100km \$10, 101-200km \$20, 201-300km \$30, 301-400km \$40, 401-500km \$50, 501-600km \$60, 601-700km \$70.
- Discussion was made to start the U7 & U9 team practices after Thanksgiving for next season based off of Coach availability during harvest season. This matter will be considered when planning 2024/2025 season start dates and ice schedules.
- NEAHL League is now transitioning out of paper format for game sheets into a online format. VMH will purchase a iPad for the use of this app. The NEAHL league wants majority of teams switched over by Christmas to the app.

Next Meeting Date: Nov 22 @ 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:07pm