



Vulcan Minor Hockey Association

Meeting

January 22nd, 2025 @ 7pm

Kinsmen Room

Attendance Tanya Campbell, Ashley Glover, Derek Sager, Amy Tiegen, Kale McMorris, Shari Markert, Anne Erickson, Glen Murray, Cole Dunham, Derek Meier, and Kyle Lahd.

Regrets: Jessica Mix

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Adoption of November 25th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Tanya motioned to adopt the minutes with amendments to agenda item - Board Status

Kyle seconded. Motion Carried.

2. Adoption of agenda

- a. Additional items added under 'General Business'
U13 Overage Status

Cole made a motion to adopt the agenda with additions. Derek M. seconded. Motion Carried.

3. Treasurer Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed via email prior to the meeting.

The U13 tournament was a success. All raffle funds are processed through the gaming account, and a \$500 float was issued from and subsequently returned to the casino account. The treasurer is currently developing a document outlining the management of tournament funds.

Additionally, the treasurer has requested a detailed breakdown of ice usage to assess the expenditures of each age division on ice time.

Kyle made a motion to accept the treasurer report as presented. Glen seconded. Motion Carried.

4. General Business

a. Rec Guide

The Town of Vulcan has asked if VMHA would like to run an advertisement in the Vulcan Recreation Guide again. Jessica had previously designed the ad. The cost of a half page ad is \$160.00.

Cole made a motion to renew our advertisement in the Town of Vulcan's Recreation guide. Tanya seconded. Motion Carried.

b. U9 Goalie Equipment

There is surplus U9-sized goalie equipment that is unused and aging. Derek M. will organize the locker, retain 3-4 sets of goalie gear, and donate the remaining equipment.

c. U9 Proposal Letter, Foothills League/Hockey Alberta

Derek M. is seeking the board's support in advocating to the Foothills League and subsequently Hockey Alberta and/or Hockey Canada for U9 teams to be permitted to play full-ice hockey all season. The association has been experiencing player losses to private and unsanctioned hockey programs. Along with this, rural areas have the ice time available to support full ice games.

The board supports drafting a formal letter to the Foothills League. Kyle will assist Derek in drafting the letter. Once finalized, a board member will submit the letter to the Foothills League to seek their endorsement. Derek M. will provide an update of the Foothill league's response regarding support for full-ice play at a future Vulcan Minor hockey board meeting.

d. Draft Survey Feedback

Anne had previously circulated a draft survey which she wishes to distribute to the association in an effort to receive feedback on evaluations and other matters. The board will review the draft survey and provide feedback by February 17th. A revised draft will then be circulated to board members and discussed at the next meeting.

e. Child vs. Parent/Sibling/Friend Game

The board discussed the insurance liabilities and permits concerning Parent/Sibling/Friend games. Moving forward, this style of game will be required to rent the ice privately.

f. Grade 12 Gifts

Grade 12 players from Vulcan and the surrounding area who are registered with the association will receive departure gifts. A total of nine players are eligible. Tanya will provide Derek S. with the list of names.

Cole motioned to purchase personalized duffel bags for the nine Grade 12 players, featuring their names. Shari seconded the motion. Motion carried.

g. Cash Calendars

Amy has begun the process of organizing cash calendars. Kyle will assist Amy with managing the cash calendars this year.

h. Secretary Procedures

As per VHMA policies, the board shall operate under Roberts Rules of Order. Moving forward the board will increase the number of decisions made by way of formal motion.

In an effort to ensure the minutes are captured correctly, as well as board members understanding their commitments from the previous meeting, the secretary will have the minutes issued within one week of the meeting.

Cole made a motion that the draft minutes be distributed to the board within seven days of the last meeting. The VMHA policies will be updated to reflect the timeline requirements. Kyle seconded. Motion Carried.

i. Team Snap – Association Fees

Kale brought forward the idea of utilizing TeamSnap for our registration process. Amy will investigate further to see if TeamSnap or an alternative could help improve our efficiency.

Cole made a motion to move the meeting into closed session. Shari seconded. Motion Carried.

j. Intentions of Standing Board Members

As discussed in closed session.

Kale made a motion to move out of closed session. Shari seconded. Motion Carried.

k. Status Reports from Board Reps

U7: Rep was not present

U9: Player affiliation had been brought to the rep's attention. The board explained that affiliation is at the sole discretion of the coach.

U11: There is a significant amount of affiliation from the U9 group in both games and practices.

U13: Nothing to Report

U18: Nothing to Report

l. Ref in Chief Status

To reduce officiating costs, a two-referee system will be used instead of the traditional three-person crew. Currently there are some games with only two referees.

Games remain open for referees to select. Additionally, the overall referee structure has improved.

m. Officials Professional Conduct

An issue was discussed regarding a referee's conduct. The board acknowledges that the Ref and Chief have discretion to who officiates games, and who is the head referee at each game.

n. Hockey Alberta Player Release

Hockey Alberta has established focus groups to discuss player movement within the organization.

New hockey registrants may enroll with any association that accepts them. Once registered, the player must remain with that association unless officially released. Players already registered with an association must obtain a release before transferring.

o. U13 Overage Player

A player previously registered with Picture Butte was without a team following its dissolution. The player was accepted as an overage player by Hockey Alberta and was registered with Vulcan minor hockey. A complaint was registered with Hockey Alberta, and the player has been suspended by CAHL pending a review by Hockey Alberta. There has been no response from Hockey Alberta and the delay has been excessive.

Glen motioned, that Kale, on behalf of VMHA, contact Hockey Alberta and request that the player be allowed to continue playing the VMHA U13 team. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. Next meeting date

March 12th, 2025, at 7 pm.

6. Adjournment

Cole motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Glen seconded. Motion Carried.