



Vulcan Minor Hockey Association Meeting

November 25th, 2024 @ 7pm
Kinsmen Room

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Adoption of September 26th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Cole motion to adopt the September 26th meeting minutes with the amendment – U9 plays half ice until mid-January. Tanya 2nd. Motion Carried.

2. Adoption of agenda

a. Additional items added under 'General Business'

- CAHL Update
- Etiquette and Respect - Board
- U13 Locker for Tournament – Nolans

Jessica made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Shari 2nd.
Motion Carried.

3. Treasurer Report

The Treasurer's Report was circulated via email prior to the meeting. October's 50/50 draw generated approximately half the funds needed to cover referee fees.

Tayna made a motion to accept the treasurer report as presented. Cole 2nd.
Motion Carried.

4. General Business

a. Ice Scheduling

The U13 and U18 schedules have been received. There are a couple of days that do not have sufficient ice time. U11 schedule is not out yet. We may be required to schedule ice time at a different rink. Tanya's position for next year needs to be filled as it is time-intensive and requires training. This matter must be addressed promptly.

b. Finding Officials

Glen summarized the challenges related to officials. The scheduling system highlights availability and blackout dates. However, other associations utilize Vulcan's officials without reciprocating. Challenges in securing referees during tiering were noted.

The board's feedback: It is the responsibility of each ref to ensure they're meeting their game requirements. Glen will post games 2 weeks in advance in an effort to secure refs.

c. Evaluation Review/Feedback

Anne presented the idea of creating a survey regarding the U9 and U11 evaluations. This will open a feedback loop with the association and hopefully provide insight on where these processes can improve. Anne will draft the surveys and send them to the board for approval. The surveys will be prefixed with a summary that includes the cost of the evaluations.

d. CAHL/Tiering Update

The fees for CAHL have changed. It used to be a per person fee, but it has been changed to a per team fee. It will likely average out to the same amount; however, it should be easier.

CAHL will not force you to go to a game if the weather is bad. The away team gets to decide if travel is safe and the game proceeds. The managers send an email to both directors, and then to the governor if they want to cancel. Weather cancellation policy on the CAHL website.

The U11 Tier 6 team faced challenges during the tiering process as they were initially placed above their skill level by the association. The board believed they were obligated to tier the team at this level based on instructions from the CAHL. However, other associations appear to be disregarding the tier table provided by the CAHL online. Once a tiering decision is finalized by CAHL, associations have the option to appeal or veto the decision if they disagree with the placement.

e. Thank you for Wendy Miller and Collette Seders

Wendy Miller and Collette Seders volunteered to sew name bars onto jerseys. The board will send a thank-you card. Amy will contact teams to contribute to a gift.

f. Merchandise

Merchandise will be handled by Threadlink this year. However, Threadlink has indicated they will no longer handle hockey association merchandise moving forward. Next season, merchandise will be managed through an online store with a new vendor.

g. Rink Behavior Families/Kids

Rink staff have reported kids are running around and making a mess at the rink. Tanya will send an email to Managers asking them to remind families/parents to ensure their children behave respectfully at the arena.

h. Board Status

Previously there was a member of the association who was interested in taking on the ice schedule and registrar position, however this individual was not voted in at the AGM. The position will be formally filled at the next AGM meeting.

i. U9 Final Game Status

The U9 schedule is currently at 8 games before Christmas – 8 games after Christmas. For the December 22nd game, potentially Nanton may have ice time to move this into the new year, if not, both teams will play $\frac{3}{4}$ ice.

j. U9A attendance at U9B tournament

Discussion was had about communication between the two teams and the number of games within each team's schedule.

U9 will rent the ice for the kids vs. adult game.

Derek Sager left the meeting due to prior commitments.

k. U9 Coach

For the merger of the U9 teams, the head coach will be Brent Warren.

I. U13 Locker for the Tournament

Ray and Nancy requested to use a locker upstairs for the U13 tournament.

Tanya made a motion to allow Nolan's will use the locker and the Noland are to provide their own lock. Amy 2nd. Motion Carried.

m. Etiquette and Respectful

The board must use proper etiquette and respect at meetings and in email correspondence. Do not make assumptions and take time to cool down prior to communicating. We share the same goals.

5. Closed Session

Anne made a motion to move the meeting into closed session. Shari 2nd. Motion Carried.

Amy Tiegen, Jessica Mix, Derek Meier, and Kyle Lahd recused themselves from the meeting.

a. U9 Manager

For the U9 merger, the U9 assistant coaches and manager will be chosen by the head coach, Brent Warren.

6. Next meeting dates

December 18th

January 15th

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.