



Executive Meeting Agenda  
 DATE: March 14, 2021  
 LOCATION: 6:30 pm – Google Meet

VOTING POSITION	NAME	Y/N	NON-VOTING	NAME	Y/N
President	Miranda Niebergall	Y	Special Events	Kaylee Duncan	N
VP Admin	Chad Kulak	Y	Social Media	Kyla Semotiuk	Y
VP Operations	Blaine Bretzlaff	N	Equipment	Dez Hamilton	N
Player Dev.	Kevin Worry	Y			
Coach Dev.	Matt Curry	N	Registration Coor.	Harmony Pawluk	Y
Treasurer	Ray Saruk	Y	Scheduler	Dawn Helm	Y
P & P	Kelly Stockwell	Y	Head of Officiating	Ryan Steinke	N
Director at Large	Jeff Wilson	Y			
Past President	Michael Thomas	Y			
Referee in Chief	Killey Vaughan	N			
DEI Director	Rose Olson	N			
U7 Director	Danielle Ribich	Y			
U9 Director	Curtis Boudreau	Y			
U11 Director	Alana Kirkman	Y			
U13 Director	Thomas Scantlebury	Y			
U15 Director	Mike Short	Y			
U18/21 Director	Collin Kuca	Y			

**Call Meeting to Order: 7:35 pm**

**1. Approve Agenda:**

- Added discussion re: Registration

**Motion: Mike Short**

**Second: Thomas Scantlebury**

## 2. Approve Previous Minutes:

**Motion:** Kevin Worry                      **Second:** Thomas Scantlebury

## 3. Old Business:

- a. Update from Player Acceleration Committee – No report.
- b. Affiliation Process –
  1. Emphasis on player replacement to facilitate game play. Not a player development tool
  2. Recommended 2 practice : 1 game ratio
- c. Season timeline committee – No report

## 4. COVID update:

- N/A

## 5. New Business:

- **PAC report** – Trevor Dowhaniuk
  - Not present.
  - Would like to provide the report to the SPMHA after their playoffs are done.
- **VP Administration**
  - U18 merger request from the Spruce Grove Minor Hockey Association.
  - Driven by Dan Szoo – Operations Director in Spruce Grove.
  - Just completing the first full season for our U18 program.
  - Had polled our U15 and U18 parents prior to repatriating.
  - What reasons do we have for wanting to join our program back with Spruce Grove?
  - We had two competitive teams this season.
  - We don't have any pressing issues at this time (i.e. number of players for two teams, ice availability, etc.).
  - Should we be looking west to see if they would like to add their U18 program to ours?
  - Do we have greater growth potential for our U18 program?
  - As a whole, the executive feels it is best to proceed with our program to see if it will grow.
- The split of the VP Admin and VP Operations roles
- *Motion: Fold VP Admin role back into VP operations role so there is only one VP and then add an Evaluation's Director position, which will be a non-voting role.*
- **Motion: Chad Kulak                      Second: Kevin Worry**

### Discussion:

- This would be feasible if we look at expanding the paid Administrator role.
- Could we add this to the Director at Large role, with them reporting to the VP Operations during evaluations? i.e. Director of Evaluations / Director at Large – it formalizes the Director at Large's involvement in evaluations.
- Very important that this role is clearly defined before we can put together a motion to bring to the AGM.
  - Motion tabled until there can be further clarification of the new Evaluation's Director job scope.

- **VP Hockey Operations**
  - Not present. Nothing to report this meeting.
- **Special Events**
  - Not present. Nothing to report this meeting.
- **Social Media**
  - Getting lots of notifications regarding playoff successes to post on the social media.
- **Policy and Procedures**
  - Need to resume progress on the manager manual (progress had stalled).
- **Director at Large/EMHL Rep**
  - Meeting for the EFHL is tomorrow.
  - Wants to address with the EFHL why there wasn't a bracket provided for the U18 playoffs? Difficult to decipher the scheduled games without a bracket.
  - Is there any feedback from other age groups regarding the process and timeliness for disciplinary matters from the EFHL this season? Saw some issues at the U18 level this season.
  - Format for qualifying for provincials wasn't adequately communicated to our team managers (only red group in the tier was eligible), so some teams felt they missed out on an opportunity. Some executive members saw it scrolling through the Hockey Edmonton website, almost accidentally.
  - What was the point of the regular season in the EFHL, given the format of the playoffs that they ended up using (no home ice advantage, the teams you ended up playing in your pool were odd, etc.)?
  - We should let the managers know that when they submit paperwork regarding an incident to Sharlene Cook, they should always CC the applicable SPMHA Division Director to liaise as required so there are no lengthy delays and you mistakenly play an ineligible player.
  - Would the EFHL be open to ending the last month of the U9 season with some full ice play to prepare them for moving up into U11?
    - U9 is a fairly new program still, that is being subjected to lots of conversation, so probably a good idea to bring forth feedback like this.
    - Hockey Alberta directs the association to do the four prep skates prior to evaluations to get the U9 players ready for U11.
    - Hockey Alberta relayed to us that some associations are doing some full ice exhibition games and the end of their U9 season to help transition the players to U11.
- **U7 Director**
  - Does not get much feedback from managers, so not much to report.
- **U9 Director**
  - Thank you to Kevin for putting together the U11 prep skates that are coming up.
  - Cost is working out to ~\$5/player per ice time.
- **U11 Director**
  - Nothing to report.
- **U13 Director**
  - Teams have been doing very well in the playoffs.
  - Team size for U13 should be larger next year – some player commitment struggles on the lower tiered teams.
- **U15 Director**
  - 2008/09 is our largest age group, so we may have up to three or four teams in U15 next season. Expecting that there will be a shortage of goalies.
- **U18 Director**
  - It has been an eventful month in U18, with several disciplinary issues.
  - Evaluating players without body contact affected the placement of several players on both SN701 and SN702. Might be something that affected team formation at the U15 level as well.



- Will we be able to facilitate this type of game play, based on the size of our U15 and U18 age groups?
  - Might not be able to guarantee that we can build this type of programming.
- Are we going to try to do the U21 program this year? Can we add it to our registration package?
  - Agreed that we should add it to the registration package, promote it on social media and see what kind of response we will have.
  - The team would play in the EFHL.
  - Need to determine how much ice they will require so can determine a fee (games, plus 4 – 5 practices at the start of the season) - EFHL website says we need to provide 10 x 90 minute ice times.
  - Getting ice for this age group is relatively easy, less demand for late ice times.
- Follow up meeting regarding fees set for Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at KC's in Stony Plain.
- Goalie recruitment – should we be offering a discount on their registration fees? Include this in the meeting next week.
- **Coach Development**
  - Not present. Email report to the executive:
    - We have 194 completed coach surveys.
    - Assistant coach survey is being sent out at the end of the playoffs for head coaches to evaluate their own assistant coaches.
    - Coach conduct has been extremely well during the last portion of the reg season and playoffs, we had a few reports of questionable behavior and dealt with the appropriate parties right away. No issues going forward.
    - There have been lots of complaints about only having two junior referees during games - that the junior refs are having a hard time controlling a rough game and struggle to properly handle an aggressive coach. Believes this is bigger than just Stony Plain, and would be interested to see how Hockey Alberta is approaching things.
- **Referee in Chief**
  - Not present.
- **Equipment Director**
  - Not present. Nothing to report this meeting.
- **Head of Officiating**
  - Not present. Nothing to report meeting.
- **President Report**
  - Deferring until the next meeting.
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Director**
  - Not present. Nothing to report this meeting.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2021 at 6:30, tentatively at the Stony Plain Library.

AGM date set for Wednesday April, 27<sup>th</sup>, tentatively at the Family Connection Centre in Stony Plain.

<b>Adjourn Meeting Order:</b> <b>11:11 pm</b>	<b>Motion by: Collin Kuca</b>	<b>Second: Kevin Worry</b>
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