



Executive Meeting Agenda
 DATE: September 12, 2022
 LOCATION: 6:30 pm – Stony Plain Library

VOTING POSITION	NAME	Y/N	NON-VOTING	NAME	Y/N
President	Miranda Niebergall	Y	Special Events	Alana Kirkman	Y
VP Admin	Colin Kuca (Gmeet)	Y	Social Media	Donna Freake	Y
VP Operations	Blaine Bretzlaff	Y	Equipment	Dez Hamilton	N
Player Dev.	Michael Thomas	N			
Coach Dev.	Matt Curry	N	Registration Coord.	Harmony Pawluk	Y
P & P	Kelly Stockwell	Y	Ice Scheduler	Dawn Helm (Gmeet)	Y
Treasurer	Ray Saruk	Y	Head of Officiating	Ryan Steinke	N
Director at Large	Jeff Wilson	N			
Past President	Vacant	N			
U7 Director	Brad Labine	Y			
U9 Director	Curtis Boudreau	Y			
U11 Director	Paul Befus	N			
U13 Director	Robert Helm (Gmeet)	Y			
U15 Director	Derek Onysko	Y			
U18/21 Director	Brent Riczu	Y			
Referee in Chief	Vacant				
DEI Director	Kaylee Duncan	Y			

Call Meeting to Order: 6:45 pm

1. Approve Agenda:

Motion: Blaine Bretzlaff

Second: Ray Saruk

2. Approve Previous Minutes:

Motion: Brad Labine

Second: Kaylee Duncan

3. Old Business:

- a. Paid positions (offer letter/contract)
 - i. Working documents still.
 - ii. Miranda available to help.
- b. Need a new home for the fundraiser part of the policy elsewhere in the P&P's, as the Covid Policy has been removed.
 - i. Will report back before the next meeting.
- c. Subcommittee for Bingo coordination and credit management.
 - i. Miranda and Harmony to meet offline.
- d. VP Hockey Operations / VP Hockey Administration – place in election cycle.
 - i. Will report back at a later date.
- e. Parent information night.
 - i. Recommended that we do it next year.
 - ii. Already added to the season timeline for next year.
 - iii. Could be broken down u9 - 13 and then u15 – u18 – two separate nights.

4. New Business:

- **PAC report – Craig Ross**
 - Not present.
 - No report submitted.
- **Onoway report**
 - Email report submitted from the Onoway Ice Scheduler (Amy Warren-Whalen).
 - Almost all of the Onoway u18 players have registered with us. Thank you to Harmony for assistance with this.
 - Working with Dawn on scheduling the u15/u18 Onoway ice.
- **Special Events**
 - Danielle Ribich will be looking after the raffle.
 - Application being submitted tomorrow.
 - Using the same printing place for the tickets as last year.
 - Prizes are based on a percentage on the total number of tickets sold, so more tickets this year (more registrants) means the prizes will be larger.
 - \$10 versus \$5? Generally agreed that the tickets will be easier to sell at \$5.
 - Get three prizes for a new draw barrel, as the current one is too small for the number of raffle tickets that were sold last year.
 - U7 Jamboree dates set and applied for Hockey Alberta tournament sanction number.
 - January 21 – 22, 2023
 - U13 Tournament
 - December 2 – 4, 2022
 - Ice set aside for the tournament.
 - Will review old information from previous tournament to start planning.
 - Game length and number of teams TBD.
 - Mock schedule already in place for referees from the year the tournament was canceled (2020).
 - OEG has reached out to us about team experiences again this year.
 - Want to setup a year-round apparel store.
- **Social Media**
 - Please provide feedback on anything else we want to see on the social media feeds.
 - Hockey swap Facebook group – believe it already exists for Parkland County. Donna will blast out information on this to our parent group via social media.
- **Scheduling Coordinator**
 - Absent at the time of their report.
 - EFHL has adjusted the U11HADP (AA) program to provide a more competitive playing experience for all teams (see President's report). Their ice allocation has been adjusted to have seven home game slots from October 1st - November 30th and seven home game slots from December 1st to February 23rd.

- Onoway is providing the following ice slots for the upcoming season beginning September 26th for U15 and U18 practices (where not otherwise noted):
 - Monday 6:15 - 7:15 pm (U11HADP)
 - Monday 7:30 - 8:30 pm
 - Tuesday 8 - 9 pm
 - Wednesday 8:45 - 9:45 pm
 - Thursday 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- We are short game ice for U13 and U18 based on the team counts below. If we continue to grow in divisions, we will not have enough ice for games.
 - U9 x 4
 - U11 x 5 (includes U11HADP)
 - U13 x 6
 - U15 x 4
 - U18 x 3 - short about 14 slots - EFHL can help us and provide ice.
- Have we considered capping registrations?
 - Questions to be addressed:
 - Can the Onoway ice be shared amongst more age groups, other than just the U15/U18 teams?
 - Heard there might be U18 games in Onoway? Onoway can't host EFHL games, except for their girls team.
 - How is it that there only two divisions affected by a lack of game ice?
- **Registration Coordinator**
 - Total registrations (with continued last-minute registrations in all divisions) at 503 players.
 - Female:
 - 2 u13 in Onoway
 - 1 u11 in St. Albert
 - 1 u9 in Spruce
 - From Onoway:
 - 9 (u15)
 - 20 (u18)
 - Registration numbers for each division were (as of Sept 7th):
 - U7 - 74
 - U9 - 71
 - U11 - 86
 - U13 - 97
 - U15 - 81
 - U18 - 82
 - Still a handful of outstanding fees in each division, however funds are starting to come through to clear accounts.
 - E-transfers have been coming in for fundraising obligations.
 - Feedback has been that the evaluating process and prep skate info has been confusing for families new to our association or new to hockey.
 - The prep skates filled up fast and parents weren't sure who to reach out to or how to attend if full.
 - A manual for those new to hockey and our association would be beneficial with the expectations of fundraising, volunteering, etc.
 - Feedback has been parents are loving the new website and how easy it is to navigate and find information.
 - Forecasting four (4x) u18 teams – we would need one more set of jerseys.

- *Motion: Due to the significant likelihood that the SPMHA will have a fourth U18 team this season based on the current registration numbers, proceed with the purchase of another set of U18 jerseys.*

- **Motion: Brent Riczu Second: Ray Saruk**
 - o Motion carried unanimously.

- **Equipment Director**
 - Not present. Asked to be notified as soon as possible if we are needing to order another set of jerseys for U18.
- **Head of Officiating**
 - Not present. Nothing to report.
- **VP Administration**
 - Two people interested in the RIC position. Will need to be voted on by the Executive as this is a voting position. Will get resumes from each candidate.
- **VP Hockey Operations**
 - August has been busy – finalized schedules, planned prep skates and eval skates.
 - Prep skates dropped from 4 skates to 2 skates this year:
 - Skills prep skate reflects the drills for the skills evaluation session.
 - Prep skate scrimmage tiered (Tiers 1 – 3, Tiers 4 – 6)
 - Two prep skates (instead of four) provided cost savings to the association and some relief for our volunteers.
 - Directors have taken a very hands-on approach at the prep skates and it was much appreciated.
 - We will have completed the U7, U9, U11, and U13 prep skates by the time of this meeting.
 - Evaluations
 - Worked with Justin to solidify our eval process as per our manual.
 - Thanks to Matt for lining up Lead Coaches for all our evaluation sessions.
 - Directors have been very communicative and have been doing a great job.
 - Evals for U9, U11, and U13 will be under way - they begin Saturday, September 10th.
 - The groups are growing especially at the older ages. It is worth the effort to start to think about how we are going to increase registrations at younger levels, especially U7. The competition amongst sports is increasing and we can't take for granted that hockey is life. It is not and with all that has happened with HC, it will have a trickle-down effect to all MHA's.
 - U15/U18 prep skates will all be non-hitting.
 - Discuss how to approach full body checking in U15/U18 evaluation scrimmages.

- *Motion: U15/U18 Body Checking during evaluations:*
 - o *First scrimmage – all non-body checking*
 - o *Second scrimmage – Group A / B full body checking, Group C non-body checking*
 - o *Third scrimmage – Group A / B full body checking, Group C non-body checking*
 - o *Players that selected non-body checking will automatically be moved to Group C for the second and third scrimmages.*

- **Motion: Blaine Bretzlaff Second: Kelly Stockwell**
 - o Motion carried unanimously.
 - o Note: If there are only two scrimmage groups, Group A would be full body checking and Group B would be non-body checking for the second and third scrimmages. For the first scrimmage, both Group A and Group B would be non-body checking.

- **Player Development**
 - Not present. Nothing to report.
- **Coach Development**
 - Not present. Nothing to report.
- **Policy and Procedures**
 - Worked with VP Hockey Operations and Division Directors to update the Player Evaluation and Coach Selection Manual, including flow charts showing the player movement during the evaluation process. Player movement during the evaluations will now include upward and downward player movement after the scrimmages, as per the recommendation of the evaluating company.
 - Provided additional historical information to VP Hockey Operations regarding some of the finer details that were used executing the evaluation process that aren't necessarily captured in the manual.
- **Treasurer Report**
 - No financial statements available – bookkeeper away until September 18th.
 - Still do not have an invoice from the town for the golf tournament. Net amount raised not determined yet.
 - The EFHL referee fees were all increased this year. On average it works out to about 4 percent, which will result in about \$1000 extra cost to the association.
 - Different teams within an association (depending on tiering) have different referee costs. Should we have these charged to the teams, or covered by the association?
 - Miranda will check with Spruce Grove to see how they accommodate teams in different tiers.
 - Used to have “rep” fees to Team 1 / Team 2 - maybe this was covered under those fees, as well as the extra ice that those teams got?
- **Director at Large/EMHL Rep**
 - Unable to attend this month's meeting.
 - Available to backfill as necessary for team formation and coach interviews.
- **U7 Director**
 - Still looking for volunteer evaluators for the U7 Evaluations on September 18th and 24th.
 - Need three guys that can work both days.
 - Blaine will work with Brad to find these individuals.
 - Google forms might work better than iVolunteer for this in the future?
- **U9 Director**
 - Evaluations going well. Two evaluation sessions complete.
- **U11 Director**
 - Hockey Alberta approved the overage player application that was submitted on behalf of a player to stay another season in U11 (female player).
- **U13 Director**
 - Absent at the time of their report.
- **U15 Director**
 - Still waiting for PAC evaluations to be done on Sunday before our U15 evaluations start.
 - Six goalies registered for U15 – two still in PAC tryouts.
- **U18/U21 Director**
 - Looking at three (or possibly four) teams. Four teams would mean that we need to buy another set of U18 jerseys.
 - Jersey purchase approved earlier in the meeting.
- **Referee in Chief**
 - Position currently vacant.
 - Have interest from two individuals at this time. Will need them to submit a resume and it will need to be voted on by the Executive, as it is a voting position.

- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Director**
 - Potential grant application for a Come Try Hockey event. Miranda will assist.
 - Received information regarding a grant that may be applicable from the ISCA for elite indigenous players – we should see if Paul Band received this as well.
 - Sledge hockey demonstration – pursuing further.
- **President Report**
 - A huge thank you to Bob Helm who put us in contact with Dave Tennant from William Huff Advertising, who had amazing customer service in getting our logo done in 3 days AND had it delivered to Bob at the Glenn Hall Arena so it could be put in the ice.
 - We have locked in a rotation schedule for our commitments for EFHL with Spruce Grove and Devon:

SEASON	GOVERNOR	OPERATIONS	YEAR OFF
2021-2022	Spruce Grove	Stony Plain	Devon
2022-2023	Devon	Spruce Grove	Stony Plain
2023-2024	Stony Plain	Devon	Spruce Grove
2024-2025	Spruce Grove	Stony Plain	Devon

- EFHL Operations Committee presented the following that was approved by the board:

Motion to EFHL Board of Directors for Approval of Change to U11 HADP Programming

The EFHL Operations Committee recommend the following changes to the U11 HADP Program for the 2022-2023 season. These changes are for the current season and will be re-evaluated following the conclusion of the season.

- 1. EFHL Member Associations will be responsible for providing the number of teams as mandated by Hockey Alberta, those associations mandated to provide two teams will ensure they are blended and balanced.*
- 2. EFHL U11 HADP teams will play a 12-game First Season schedule following the EFHL approved standards of play ending on December 23, 2022.*
- 3. EFHL U11 HADP teams will play the second 12-game schedule following the Christmas Break and placed in conferences for the remainder of the season based on competitiveness and scheduling and will be approved by the EFHL Operations Committee.*
- 4. Following the completion of the EFHL Second Season schedule, a further consideration will be made to place teams in conferences for EFHL U11 HADP Championships and will be approved by the EFHL Operations Committee.*

- Presented to the Town Council on September 6, 2022
 - Very positive feedback about the work that is being done by SPMHA our willingness to be a collaborative partner is greatly appreciated.
 - Councilor Pat Hansard spoke of looking for grants to leverage the money that we have earmarked for the new facility.
 - It sounds as though there is a stall at this time in regards to a regional ice allocator due to some changes in peoples' roles.

- There was a server crash during the first U13 skills evaluation session on Saturday with 4 minutes left in the first session. We provided paper and pen to the evaluators – a failure on their part (it is part of their backup plan). This affected the second skills group; at which time the server came back online. Everything was normal for the third group.
 - A fourth intersquad scrimmage is being added for U13 to ensure that there are no additional concerns for team placement, which will include the top 36 skaters for a final evaluation.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Stony Plain Library.

Meeting Following: Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Stony Plain Library (due to fall break).

Adjourn Meeting Order: 8:39 pm	Motion by: Blaine Bretzlaff	Second: Derek Onysko
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