

CMHA MINUTES APRIL 13, 2022

In Attendance: Julie Williams, Robbi Spady, Aaron Sjodin, Melissa Breau, Seth Slipp, Brad Silvernagle, Thomas Everett, Brandi Slade, Stephanie MacNeil, Jill Mader, Jeremy Yousph, Christofer Atchison, Richard Herbert, Jennifer Postma, Karli Skelton

Meeting was called to order by Richard Herbert 7:06pm

Approval of minutes from March 9th 2022: 1st Robbi Spady 2nd by Jeremy Yousph

Approval of Agenda: 1st Aaron Sjodin 2nd Chris Atchison

Anything to add? AGM and Year End Banquet added under New Business

Board Updates:

- A) Treasurer: Melissa There is \$15,359.25 in account, expenses out of \$9,655.13 leaving a balance of \$5,704.12. This includes fees for Chartered Accountant to go over year end financials.

We Cashed our GIC of \$12,000 There is one more GIC that comes due in October, it is for \$20,000. We have talked about reinvesting it into a GIC when it comes due, but one that will be cashable at anytime incase of emergency.

- B) Registrar: not in attendance, no updates

- C) CAHL: Jason Not in Attendance. Richard gave an update: CAHL has not had a meeting yet, their AGM is towards the end of month or into May. They will be looking into U11 playoffs, getting feedback on how associations felt about the changes. Suggest CAHL take over the female hockey league .

Question was asked if they have looked at changing U9 tiering, Richard said that will probably not change as it would have to go to Hockey AB and Hockey Canada and both want even level teams, not A. B C format

- D) Equipment Coordinator: Julie said all jerseys have been returned, normal wear and tear, few puck marks on jersey's and pilling around collar due to velcro from neck guards. One set of jersey's have A A and C sewed onto them, was not removed before returning and did not have a stitch picker available to remove so they are still on jerseys. All goalie gear had been returned that Julie handed out, and inventory has been done on all goalie gear, jersey numbers and sizes and will be available to equipment coordinator next season. Melissa said she still had goalie gear from her team to return, Julie was not aware they had any, it will be returned on Apr 27th at AGM. '

Jeremy Yousph asked if coaches were to return First Aid Kits or if they were replaced with new kits yearly. Richard said new one's every year should be given out to all coaches, it will need to be taken care of for next season.

- E) Coach Coordinator: Chris Atchison said that the coach sessions are all set up for October. Hockey AB is being very receptive and willing to customise the session to however we would like it.

An end of the year survey went out and 95% of people responded, it was successful

- F) Female Hockey: Jill Mader said the Showcase was awesome, the weather had a couple of cancellations but they hosted 75+ girls from Canmore, Strathmore, Drumheller, and Red Deer, widespread from Central Alberta. The RMFL gave money

to help fund the showcase and it was used to pay for referees. There were about 20 U11 players; 30 U13 players and 30 U15 players. There was support from all the surrounding communities, it brought up interest in new players coming to female hockey. Also there was interest expressed for more showcases to happen, other towns thinking they should be hosting as well and have all age groups showcased. It was a huge success and we need to look at planning and booking it in advance next year as there was interest in sponsorship.

Jill stated that there has been talk about starting a MountainView Female Hockey Association made up from surrounding communities. She is in talks with Olds and after the Olds AGM there will be a round table meeting to see if there is an opportunity to grow a program and how that will look.

- G) Hockey Development : Cam called in and said that Bauer First Shift was a huge success, 70% of kids that came out stayed in hockey this year. He has applied for the program next year again. It was a great program and experience.

Looked into getting the numbers screen pressed onto the front of the evaluation jersey's, it must be done before jerseys are worn or washed so too late now. Looked into vinyl, it will cost too much to put the numbers on front, so will just leave them as is for now. Will set up time to return them to Julie

- H) Ice Scheduler: Stephanie said there was no updates, the last item to address is Heather was asking for next years schedule and tournament ice times that we would like to have.

5.) New Business:

- A) Financial Update: Aaron Sjodin - U9 tournament brought in \$4846 profit, it was a great success,
Melissa - Financials are all done for years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 and are being audited.
- B) RMAA Update: Richard - CMHA needs to change our policy to reflect changes to RMAA, Policy J was introduced. RMAA is moving away from an appointed board and going to hold an AGM and having elected and nominated board members. CMHA board will have to go to the RMAA AGM and vote to dissolve the existing board so they can make changes. Another change to RMAA is each minor hockey association will appoint a member to the RMAA board who will be a voting member.

Chris Atchison Moved to accept Policy J as presented, Aaron Sjodin 2nd, all in favour, approved.

Cam Tolley via phone- Our committee met with Crossfield and Didsbury and committee has been formed to voice concerns, recommendations and suggestions going forward from each association to RMAA. Elected positions are important and all the associations agreed and felt the same, representation from all associations also important. RMAA is in agreeance, Devin and Jeff Fleischer were involved in process and are in agreement with proposal. Player movement can not be changed as we were hoping, we have talked to Airdrie and they have agreed to only take players from the 3 towns who would be in AA or AAA hockey, we are going to approach Olds and see if they are willing to do the same. If kids from all 3 associations move to RMAA it helps keep kids playing proper tier hockey. Discussed ice issues and players numbers, Didsbury and Crossfield Associations both said they are willing to offer leftover ice times to RMAA rather than turn them back to

their respective towns to help RMAA have enough ice for the amount of teams, ice time is one of RMAA's biggest challenges as they get what is leftover.

C) Chris- Raffle Box brought in an approx \$6000 profit, next year we should look at doing it earlier in the season, get in before the Christmas rush

D) End of Season questions or concerns - Pond Hockey, Chris Atchison has been looking into different options, the most successful fun hockey leagues are independent from Minor Hockey Associations. They are run and organized by their own committee and seem the most successful. Chris suggests we talk to the parents of pond hockey and present some options, letting them know that CMHA is no longer offering the program and if they would like to take it over and run it, we can give them information or help guide them towards the information to grow a program in Carstairs, or if no one is interested in that then giving them time to look at different towns fun hockey programs such as Cremona or Didsbury.

Pre-Hockey will still be run under CMHA, a recommendation has been made to the new board to notify Pond Hockey Participants of changes coming in the fall.

E) AGM - Deadline to get nominations in, is Sunday April 17th 11:59 p.m. to president, can we get notice on the Website and Facebook page please Robbi and Julie to let people know the deadlines coming up. Nominations will then be posted 10 days prior to the AGM. We will hold the meeting either in the NorthEast meeting room or utilize the Crossfit space depending on attendance.

F) Year End Banquet - Jeremy Yousph brought up the fact the past 2 years we did not have Year End Banquet due to COVID and can we make sure this happens again in upcoming years? Maybe it will look a bit different, no potluck needed, but great night to recognize our players, Volunteers and Referees. Can we still vote on Volunteer of the Year and Referee? It would be nice to still acknowledge and hand out the awards to recipients this year. Chris Atchison said he will reach out to Jeff Callaghan and coaches for Referee Award and as well set up a survey to send out to parents for Volunteer of Year award so we can recognize those individuals.

Robbi brought up next year could we look into getting the U11 kids to ref U7 games, it would be a great way to develop future Refs and be a great mentorship opportunity. Could we look into it for next year, what do we need for insurance, would this be a question for Registrar? Could solve a problem if we are short refs, give them some confidence and start kids giving back and building a skill set.

Richard Herbert adjourned meeting at 8:44pm