



# Carstairs Minor Hockey Association

## Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Carstairs Memorial Arena North Meeting Room

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Meeting Minutes of the Carstairs Minor Hockey Association Board of Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, held at the Carstairs Memorial Arena, Carstairs, Alberta.

### BOARD PRESENT

Christofer Atchison – President  
Aaron Sjodin - Vice President 1  
Josh Epp - Vice President 2  
Brittany Tishenko – Registrar  
Becky Spencer - Secretary  
Stephanie McNeil - Special Events / Fundraising Coordinator  
Jessica Crandell - Special Events / Fundraising Coordinator  
Brandi Slade - Ice Coordinator  
Vanessa Bortnick - Managers Coordinator & 2/27 League Coordinator  
Jason Keogh – Equipment Coordinator  
Dean Nielsen - Appeal / Discipline Committee Chair

### BOARD ABSENT

Krystle Stackhouse – Treasurer  
Erin Pelletier - Ice Coordinator  
Tyler Rasmussen - Coach Coordinator  
Justin Metcalfe - Player Development Coordinator  
Thomas Everett - Equipment Coordinator  
Jeff Callaghan - Referee Coordinator

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shane Mercer

**CALL TO ORDER** President Atchison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**QUORUM** President Atchison declared that the minimum quorum requirement of 50% of Board Members is met.

**AGENDA** Agenda presented for review

**MOTION:** Executive Director Tishenko moved that the agenda for the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Board of Directors meeting be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Board of Directors Meeting are presented for the Boards review.

**MOTION:** Director Crandell moved to accept the minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting as amended.



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**Carried**

## REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

### President

#### President Atchison:

- Hockey Alberta continues to work through their 2025/26 proposed registration changes. More information to come at a future Board Meeting.
- Still working with 1 family for full payment – currently they have paid 1/3 of what is owing.
- Reminder that families and parents cannot be on the ice for playing/parent skates during CMHA ice times.
- Volunteer award survey will be sent out within the next week
- Coache reviews will be sent out at the end of the season → RMHA will start doing these as well and they will work with all associations re: coach surveys of incoming potential surveys.
- Crossover games to be scheduled
  - Maybe First year U7s and second year U11s can do a “mentorship” games since they aren’t involved in the crossover games.

**MOTION:** Director Keogh moved to approve the President report as presented.

**Carried**

### Vice Presidents

#### Vice President Sjodin:

- This is his last year with CMHA as Vice President, so his seat will need to be filled.

**MOTION:** Executive Director Tishenko moved to approve the Vice President reports as presented.

**Carried**

**Vice President Epp:** No Report

### Registrar

**Brittany Tishenko:** No report.

### Secretary

**Becky Spencer:** No Report

### Treasurer

**Krystle Stackhouse:**

- Didsbury has paid for all their icetimes.



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- RMHA has been invoiced.
- Current Balances:
  - Main - \$147, 626.96
  - AGLC - \$4,335.58
  - Everyone Plays - \$7,725.27

**MOTION:** Director Crandell moved to approve the Treasurer report as presented.

**Carried**

## REPORTS OF DIRECTORS

### Ice Coordinators

Erin Pelletier and Brandi Slade: No Report

### Equipment Coordinator

Jason Keogh and Thomas Everett: No report

**Player Development Coordinator** Justin Metcalfe: No Report

### CAHL Director

**President Atchison**

- Suspensions are way up this year – 900 so far and expected to end around 1200. They are looking into the 5 most penalized teams.
- U9 half ice discussion – if both teams agree they can do full ice.
- Playoff schedules won't be out until after the long weekend.
- Moving forward overagers teams will need to tier up.

**MOTION:** Director Keogh moved to approve the CAHL Director report as presented.

**Carried**

### Coach Coordinator

Tyler Rasmussen – No Report

### Managers Coordinator and 2/27 League Coordinator

**Vanessa Bortnick**

- 2/27 year end tournament upcoming in Cremona schedules have been sent out and a few teams are very upset with their schedules.

**MOTION:** Executive Director Sjodin moved to approve the Managers Coordinator and 2/27 League Coordinator report as presented.



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## **Special Events / Fundraising Coordinator** Steph McNeil & Jess Crandell

- Year End Banquet - the hall isn't available Mar 24 or 26, Steph will look into booking for March 19 if not, we can use the school on Mar 26.
- Msg will be sent to all managers to have photos sent in for the slideshow.
- We have an anonymous donation – discussion around how this could be used, we will decide at the next meeting. Possible ideas:
  - Gifts for kids
  - Purchasing items for CMHA to keep and use
  - Keep in general account

**MOTION:** Executive Director Tishenko moved to approve Special Events / Fundraising Coordinators report as presented.

**Carried**

**Referee in Chief** J. Callaghan: No Report

## **RMAA Representative** President Atchison

- Female Hockey team coming!!
  - Continue to encourage any female hockey players to fill out the google doc.
- Apparel – looking at an option to pool together with all associations to use a larger provider and be able to order all season long.
- They are doing an Alumni game instead of an Awards Banquet.
- Cremona has officially been invited to join RMAA

**MOTION:** Director Slade moved to approve RMAA Representative report as presented.

**Carried**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Hockey Alberta Registration Changes Hockey Alberta has recently provided notice to Minor Hockey Associations that the registration process as it relates to first time registrants and player movement releases will change in advance of the 2025/26 season. The Board will be asked to review Policy "I" – Registration Fees and



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Refunds Policy and Policy "J" – Player Movement Requests to identify any impacts to the Association.

**MOTION:** Moved by Executive Director Spencer that Policy I and Policy J be returned to a future Board Meeting with the amendments as discussed.

**Carried**

- B. Jersey Inventory Purchases For the 2024/25 Season, the Association purchased new jerseys for all age divisions. During jersey sizing by teams, it was identified that it would be advantageous to have additional jerseys available to float between teams to make jersey sizes more appropriate for players. Equipment Coordinators Everett and Keogh have identified a proposed purchase of 14 sets of jerseys at a total cost of approximately \$1400.00.

**MOTION:** Moved by Executive Director Sjodin that the Board authorize the purchase of additional jerseys in advance of the 2025/26 season for a total cost of approximately \$1400.00.

**Carried**

- C. 2025/26 Tournaments The Renegades Minor Hockey Association broke new ground in 2024/25 by hosting their first Association tournaments during Christmas time. The Association saw great success in this fundraising endeavor and is looking to host additional tournaments in the future. A challenge that the RMHA has identified is that they do not have any local options for ice other than at Christmas time and has operational challenges hosting three tournaments at once during that time. As such, the RMHA has asked it's partner members to discuss the potential of creating a rotation in future seasons to allow for RMHA to host one tournament annually outside of the Christmas season.

**MOTION:** Moved by Executive Director Sjodin that this report be accepted as information and that the Board work with the RMHA to attempt to secure them a weekend of ice to host a tournament in Carstairs in 2025/26.

**Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT** The February 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 CMHA Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm