

# Stettler Minor Hockey Association

Minutes January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Katie Bainbridge	Jason Hegberg	Keith Werbowesky
Brad Robbins	Ryan Koehli	Glen Morbeck
Keri Snowden	Apryl Cassidy	Jerilyne Raab
Danielle Wheeler	Fran Sharpe	Annette Lee
David Zondag	Greg Risler	Wendy Staal
Trevor Speakman		

1. Meeting called to order at 7:28pm
2. Welcome and Introductions- Guest, Ryan Koehli, from NCMHA
3. Agenda
  - 3.1.Additions/Deletions- none
  - 3.2.Approval of Agenda

***Motion: Glen Morbeck moved to approve agenda. Keith Werbowesky seconded motion. Carried.***

4. Minutes from December 10, 2015
  - 4.1.Review of Minutes and Action Items- *Brad Robbins will review practice times- Practice times have been reviewed. Some teams will lose their regular practice times in order to accommodate games. These teams will be given alternate practice times, whenever possible.*
  - 4.2.Approval of Minutes

**Motion: David Zondag moved to approve the December minutes. Trevor Speakman seconded. Carried.**

5. New Business

5.1.NCMHA Presentation- Ryan Koehli- NCMHA is working to address concerns within the league. They realize there are issues regarding tiering and travel times. The following changes/improvements are being considered:

- Tiering- changing to a committee format, with preseason similar to CAHL.
- Travel/Scheduling- creating East/West divisions within tiers, based on geographical area. Younger divisions may only play within their respective East/West division throughout the regular season, to reduce travel distance
- Improved communication with LMHA's ice allocators
- Possible crossover games (with consideration to geographical area) with adjacent leagues (CAHL, 16/60, etc.) during the regular season, to increase variety and competition.

Ryan also noted that NCMHA issued a refund cheque to SMHA, which is about to become stale-dated. This is the second cheque issued, after the initial cheque became stale-dated.

***Action: Chris Miller, treasurer, will look into the cheque from NCMHA, as soon as possible.***

5.2.Provincials 2016- Hockey Alberta has accepted SMHA's bid to host the Midget A 2016 provincials, March 24-27.

**Motion: Trevor Speakman moved for SMHA to host the Midget A 2016 Hockey Alberta Provincial tournament, March 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, and to approve Apryl Cassidy as chairperson. Keith Werbowesky seconded the motion. Carried.**

Apryl reported that provincial tournament planning is underway.

- Ken Bengert will co-chair
- Taking into consideration that SMHA has held 2 major fundraisers and a casino this season, the financial goal of the tournament will be to cover costs, rather than raise money for SMHA
- Tournament will be scaled down, but will still include HA rooms, player gifts, meal, opening ceremonies
- Financial sponsorship requests have been lowered from \$500 to \$300 for Platinum Sponsors.

- Ramada/Canalta hotel rooms have been secured in Stettler and Camrose
- ID Apparel will be handling merchandise orders
- It's estimated that the 48, 8 hour volunteer shifts will be needed.  
(There are currently 33 SMHA member families who have not completed their 8 volunteer hours.)

**Action: Jason Bridge- Add to February agenda, "Banking Provincial Tournament Volunteer Hours"**

**Action: Jerilyne will send notice of volunteer opportunity to the 33 members still needing to complete hours.**

## 6. Hockey Alberta Business

HA has sent out a "Body Contact" survey. Brad completed the survey on behalf of SMHA.

HA is considering creating "no body contact" tiers.

Provincial tiering game schedules have been released. Games will be played on weeknights primarily.

## 7. Board Reports

7.1.President- absent

7.2.VP Development- Brad Robbins

Barry Medori will be facilitating a coach seminar on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> (*note- date has since changed to February 9<sup>th</sup>*), 7-9pm in the Hub. SMHA is looking at the possibility of inviting coaches from other Stettler minor sports clubs.

Brad is looking into the possibility of bringing in facilitators from React Hockey for skills sessions, next season.

7.3.VP Operations & Hockey Alberta Rep- David Zondag- see attached report

7.4.VP Registrations & League Rep- Keith Werbowesky

Keith attended a regular CAHL meeting. They discussed Hockey Alberta's plans to change the over-aged rule for provincials, so that over-aged players in grade 12 can still participate in provincial tournaments.

CAHL approved a motion to extend their boundaries.

7.5.VP Administration- Trevor Speakman- All is well.

7.6.VP Permits- Glen Morbeck- All is well.

7.7.Treasurer- Chris Miller- absent. Sent the following report via text:

*Via text. Nothing much to report from the treasurer this time. Main thing is the office is a disaster, with things all over the place. Cleaned for 20 min to get a space to work. Everything from empty cans to dirty cleanex and cups all over desk and floor. I didn't clean it all, just the space I needed.*

*New computer is there. Do not upload unnecessary programs or bloatware. It is running AVG antivirus as of now. Don't remove the old one as if yet please still have to move some stuff over. The old monitor can go as far as I'm concerned, but that's up to the board. That's it. Thanks.*

Note: after the treasurer report was read, question was raised as to the regular delivery of monthly financial reports.

**Motion: Approval of Board Reports- Trevor Speakman moved to approve the board reports. Jason Hegberg seconded. Carried.**

## 8. Division Director Reports

### 8.1.Mites- Danielle Wheeler-

- 1 player dropped out, numbers are now 44 players
- 2 teams had tournament this past weekend: White in Forestburg; Yellow in Bashaw
- Tournament committee has met a few times. Getting things in order for Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

- Rebels intermission game is on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. 26 players have signed up
- Last ice session is Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

#### 8.2. Novice- Candace Rider- absent

Member reported that Novice is looking for 4 Midget players to help out at every Monday afternoon practice, 4pm.

**Action: Midget director, Apryl Cassidy will look into getting 4-6 Midget aged players to consistently assist with coaching during Monday Novice practices.**

#### 8.3. Atom- Wendy Staal

Wendy was asked by a coach to bring forward the question, “Can team jersey washers get their 8 volunteer hours?” The answer from the board is “no”.

*(Note: This request has been raised and debated numerous times in the past, and it has been the decision of the board that the time/expense involved in washing jerseys is not comparable to the time/expense/responsibility involved in coaching and/or managing a team.)*

The Atom C team is very concerned with losing practice times due to scheduled games. Brad has spoken with the Atom C team staff and has worked with Fran to give the team 4 additional practice times to make up for the 5 lost practice times. It was noted that in late January and February this will be an issue for most teams due to provincial games.

#### 8.4. Pee wee- Keri Snowden- see attached report

***Action Item: Chris Miller, Treasurer- Pee wee tryout fees need to be refunded***

#### 8.5. Bantam- Annette Lee

Provincial D playdown games start right away. There are a number of Bantam players who have not been refunded for their tryout fees.

***Action Item: Chris Miller, Treasurer- Bantam tryout fees need to be refunded***

#### 8.6.Midget- Apryl Cassidy

Tournament went well. Lots of compliments on the tournament- teams, competition, arena, arena staff.

Pucks are not being returned. Greg needed to go buy pucks for the tournament. Apryl requested that a notice be sent out to members to remind them to return pucks to the concession. Member with younger players, especially, might need to check their kids hockey bags.

***Action: Jerilyne- send out note reminding members to return pucks and check hockey bags for pucks.***

#### 8.7.Female- Rena Hogg

There is a league meeting January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Bantam/Midget tourney went well- no issues to report. Tournament fee cheque has been left in the Treasurer's mailbox, \$656.74.

***Motion: Approval of Division Director Reports- Keri Snowden moved to approve the division director reports. Apryl Cassidy seconded. Carried.***

### 9. Director Reports

9.1.Equipment- Greg Risler- no report

9.2.Ice/Ref Allocator- Fran Sharpe

There have been some issues with ref cheques/payments/timesheets. The refs have not been given copies of their completed timesheets, so they are not able to check their paycheques for discrepancies.

An official from Sedgewick has been suspended for a year due to an incident at a Stettler Midget Female game. No details were discussed at this meeting.

### 9.3. Website & Communications- Jerilyne Raab

The apparel link is on the website.

Jerilyn will complete the action items noted above, regarding pucks and provincial volunteers.

Motion : Approval of Director Reports- Apryl Cassidy moved to approve the director reports. Wendy Staal seconded. Carried.

### 10. Next Meeting- February 11, 2016 at 7:30 PM

### 11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

***Motion Keith Werbowesky moved to adjourn the meeting. Trevor Speakman seconded. Carried.***

### Summary of New Action Items:

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