



Medicine Hat Minor Hockey Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Agenda

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
5:30 PM – Kinplex Social Room



Board of Directors		
Name	Position / Division	Present
Brad Irvine	President	☒
Byron Hall	Vice President / Atom	☒
Curtis Presber	Treasurer / Novice Minor Director	☒
Kris Schultz	General Manager	☒
Chad Schulz	Novice Major Director	☒
Kelly Kurpjuweit	Atom Director	☒
Mark Parsons	Peewee City Director	☒
Nick Douvis	Bantam City Director	☒
Dylan Hodgson	Midget City Director	☒
Terrance Schultz	Rep Director	☒
Kelly Mortlock	Female Director	☒
Jordan Kienzle*	CAHL Director	☒
Kenzie Liefso	Game & Conduct	☒
Donna Schlosser	Ice Coordinator	☒

☒ Denotes present at the meeting

*Not present for entire meeting

1. Call to Order

Brad Irvine called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Nick Douvis moved to adopt the agenda without modifications. The motion was seconded by Dylan Hodgson.

Motion carried, none opposed.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a. Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors on October 9, 2018 were circulated to the Board of Directors for review. Brad Irvine called for any revisions to the meeting minutes, no revisions were requested.

Curtis Presber moved to adopt the minutes of previous meeting held on October 9, 2018.

Motion was seconded by Byron Hall.

Motion carried, none opposed.

4. G.M. Report – Kris Schultz

Kris attended a Sport and Event Council meeting under tourism Medicine Hat. There were lots of stakeholders held as a collaborative effort to get people to work together. This group has people that will aid in bids and obtaining grants, some of the same people involved with the U17 are involved with this council as well.

Had lots of help from Irvine on the Novice board system, Irvine has been good for MHMHA to lean on as they have a really strong group of coaches at the Novice level that have really bought into the ½ ice system. Novice female minor will play some Timbits Sr teams to help with team confidence.

All city teams appear to be doing okay, not a lot of blowouts that Kris has witnessed. All the rep teams are doing quite well, with Midget AA winning a tournament on the weekend. SEAC teams performing well, CAHL and RMFL teams are tiered and ready to go. Bantam AAA tournament on this weekend.

Kris visited the Hockey Alberta offices to discuss the bid for female team and at the same time he received some insight from Hockey Alberta on the SAHA proposal in front of us.

There are some coaches who still need Respect in Sport Coach or they will be carded without them, some teams are missing safety so the teams will not be able to practice. It was noted the list of coaches without certification is far smaller than usual. Brad Irvine stated he would look into the question from Nick Douvis on how Lethbridge linked the RIS parent designation as the Hockey ID had to be given prior to online registration.

5. Financials

Curtis Presber reported he is just starting to get into the books with the office as their schedules have been full since Joel Macaulay's departure from the board. Curtis reported MHMHA currently has lots of cash on hand and promised a detailed report for the next meeting.

6. Director Updates

Timbits Jr. / Sr.:

- Nothing to report.

Novice Minor:

- See attached.

Novice Major:

- Most teams away did well in tournaments.

Atom CAHL/A/B:

- Tournaments are full for A / B.

Pee wee / Bantam / Midget Rep (AA / CAHL):

- Nothing to report.

Pee wee City:

- Nothing to report.

Bantam City:

- Nothing to report.

Midget City:

- See attached.

Female

- Kelly Mortlock reported the female rep teams are doing well.
- Struggling with the atom team we created this year, the parents of Novice girls moved up are mad because they are losing at Atom, and Peewee parents are upset their daughters are playing with Novice kids. Michele, the coach, is giving the right message.
- Novice coach is upset about not winning, and believes we hurt the team by moving Novice girls up.
- Kelly has reviewed and feels there wasn't much we could have done to make it better, feels it's premature to judge these teams and less focus should be put on winning games.

CAHL Director

- Nothing to report.

Game and Conduct

- See attached.

7. Old Business

a. Board Vacancies

Directors are to bring people in January that may be interested in board positions.

8. New Business

a. Ratification of e-mail motion - U17 Host Committee Agent of MHMHA

The following motion circulated by email was ratified at the meeting:

Kenzie Liefso moved "The Medicine Hat Minor Hockey Association authorizes the Medicine Hat Host Organizing Committee to act as an agent of the Medicine Hat Minor Hockey Association in hosting the 2019 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge for the purpose of implementing the host agreement."

Byron Hall seconded the motion.

Discussion (as reported by Ron Webb Committee Chair via email):

The 2019 World Under 17 Medicine Hat Organizing Committee, is actively pursuing the 2019 World Under 17 tournament, and has been advised through legal review that the relationship between the Committee and Hockey Canada is insufficient to satisfy the requirements for being a legal entity and being legally protected to sign contracts and disperse funds. The Host Committee respectfully requests that, "the Medicine Hat Minor Hockey Association authorizes the Medicine Hat Host Organizing Committee to act as an agent of the Medicine Hat Minor Hockey Association in hosting the 2019 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge for the purpose of implementing the host agreement."

The Host Organizing Committee is responsible for implementing and funding the 2019 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge should they be successful however all contractual Agreements (contracts for services) and plans are first approved through a steering committee that includes a member of the host member board (MHMHA), a member of the organizing committee, and two members from Hockey Canada. The Host Organizing Committee does not anticipate any additional costs to MHMHA, the overall budget is the responsibility of the Organizing Committee and therefore would cover any incremental costs. The budget is backstopped by the Cities of Medicine Hat and Swift Current financial commitments.

MHMHA will be recognized in the event through a 50% sharing of the 50/50 proceeds, legacy funds would be directed to Minor hockey initiatives, and Minor Hockey members get an early bird and advanced ticket purchase rate.

Options considered were setting up a separate society or asking another existing society, but the fit and society legal protection is best with Minor Hockey as identified above.

b. SAHA Proposal

Roundtable discussion was held on the Southern Alberta Hockey Academy's proposal operate the Midget 15 AAA team as part of their Hockey Academy. The discussion focused on two questions, does it make MHMHA better and do we need it.

Comments:

- The proposal and presentation to the board members didn't seem to be very organized.
- One of the common themes was the concern zone kids would have move to Medicine Hat to be part of the zone team practices.
- Parents lose the choice of schools either for academic or religious beliefs.
- Not bringing anything new to the table.
- SAHA hasn't developed a picture of the real cost.
- We have to gift this team and it requires Hockey Alberta approval.
- The only reason would be if SEAC wants out of managing of the AAA.
- SEAC is indifferent and has not championed this proposal.
- Currently there is a kid in gr 8 on the 15's and he can't actually go to Eagle Butte High School.
- This model has not been tried in our area before.
- It would alleviate some ice pressure, as Tues / Wed / Thurs slots would open up for practice.
- Calgary has done this, however no kids have to move cities to make it work. It was reported the Royals partnered with more than one school division.
- President of SD76 was contacted by a board member and SAHA came to them with a proposal, SD76 wouldn't mandated it for a select group.
- One board member indicated the proposal may get support if it was a joint proposal from MHCBE, MHSD76, and PRSD.

- The ask from SAHA started with aiding MHMHA in getting a midget AAA team back into our zone which everyone supports however it kept coming back to the Midget 15s. Board members realize Midget AAA is a hypothetical.
- One of PRSD's interests is clear, they want to get additional kids into their division.
- There are some concerns about a prep team getting established and pulling kids away from the SEAC AAA program.
- Willie Desjardins has taken a head coaching job with the LA Kings, he is a considered a great asset of the program.
- Proposal lacks details.
- All board members agreed there would be value in working with the Academy to strengthen our programs and gave support to the Hockey Skills program.

Kris Schultz reported on the timeline leading to this proposal:

- July 21, 2018 text message to have coffee with Willie Desjardins and was presented with an option to have SAHA host midget AA team in academy this season. The sell to Kris was essentially as written in the proposal. Proposal was for the academy to run practices while the SEAC coaches would coach. Kris felt that would be an issue for our coaches to essentially run benches during a game.
- July 24: met again went from AA to 15's with essentially the same proposal. There was excitement from SEAC around having Willy involved. SEAC developed a pros and cons list. Willie's involvement was considered to be a great pro to the proposal. They had developed a lot of cons as well. The people present at the meeting discussed keeping it confidential.
- Aug 1: Willie had said he mentioned a potential academy team to an M15 parent and some people might start to ask questions and wonder why we said no if we do.
- Aug 1: Prairie Rose School Division asked if MHMHA could promote the academy, which came up in a subsequent conversation between Kris and Willie. Kris informed Willie at that point we couldn't share it as we don't promote businesses, including the Norte Dame academy.
- Aug 4: MHMAH shared a facebook notice for the SAHA.
- Aug 12: Kris met with Willie Desjardins and was asked future conversations be between them Kris told him the MHMHA board would have to make the decision.
- Aug 14: Kris invited Willie Desjardins for coffee this meeting request was denied by Willie Desjardins as he was out of town.
- Oct 12: Willie Desjardins asked for a meeting with MHMHA on Oct 18 included SEAC and PRDD. Kris had informed him he would be out of town on the 18th.
- Forwarded proposal from SAHA seven days later.
- Kris reached out to Hockey Alberta after the meeting on the 18th HA informed Kris SAHA had applied for a midget prep and female bantam prep teams.

It was agreed MHMHA would not make a decision until after the Nov. 20th with the Hockey AB ADM committee. MHMHA will issue a public statement after this meeting.

c. Supplemental Discipline Policy – Over and Above Hockey AB Minimum Suspension Guidelines – Dylan Hodgson

Dylan asked if there was anything preventing us from developing a policy for suspensions resulting from City play. Brad informed him we could develop a more punitive guideline than the Hockey Alberta minimum suspension Guidelines. Kenzie informed Dylan MHMHA Game and Conduct would back coach suspensions for inappropriate behaviour provided they are reasonable.

d. Changes to Final, Confirmed Ice Schedules – Donna Schlosser

Donna reported some teams are asking for changes to schedules after they go out, it was agreed changed to a final schedule would have to be done through the division director.

Donna informed the board the December schedule has been a nightmare Dec 15-16 almost no ice as Peewee CAHL is running a large home tournament, Canalta is running an elf movie, and there is a new CAHL ice scheduler so the CAHL schedule for all teams has not been forthcoming. Board agreed the schedule could be delayed due to the slow CAHL schedule, Donna to write an email to Kris.

Board will consider extending the season to make up for some lost ice.

e. Communication with Referees – Curtis Presber

Curtis has attempted to contact the referee association regarding reducing officials to two for Novice minor instead of four he has tried locally to no avail and will write an email to the South Zone Referee Council chair to ask them to address our concerns.

f. Phone System

Phones in the office are not good, phones haven't been manufactured in 10 years, quote to replace the phones includes 4 phones at \$3800.00. Terrance will get a couple of quotes for comparison at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Nick Douvis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm, motion was seconded by Chad Schulz.

Motion carried, none opposed.

10. In Camera Discussion

Next Meeting: 5:30 pm December 11th, 2018