



Medicine Hat Minor Hockey
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

In attendance

NAME	POSITION	IN	NAME	POSITION	IN
Byron Hall	President	Yes	Nick Douvis	U18 City Director	Yes
Chad Baron	Hockey Ops Manager	Yes	Mark Parsons	U15 City Director	Yes
Curtis Presber	Treasurer	Yes	Kim Weiss	U13 Director	Yes
Kelly Kurpjuweit	Coach Dev. Director	Yes	Dan Kitching	U11 Director	Yes
Jordan Kienzle	CAHL Director	Yes	Kristian Danroth	U9 Director	Yes
Blaire Velichko	Gam & Conduct Director	Yes (via call in)	Andy Motz	Wildcats Director	Yes
Chad Nelson	Ice Scheduler	Yes	Derek Harvey- Zenk	RMFHL Director	Yes
Nola Besplug	Goalie Director	Yes	Kevin Kurtz	U7 Timbits Director	Yes

PARTICULARS

1. **Call to order**- Meeting called to order at 5:37 pm by Bryon Hall

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion Nick Douvis

2nd Dan Kitching

3. **Adoption of Minutes** September minutes – no changes to be made

Motion Derek Harvey Zenk

2nd Kim Weiss

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

4. **Financial Report**

- Curtis Presber provided the board with the 20/21 budget. (attached) . The Board voted unanimously to approve 20/21 budget.

5. **Hockey Operations Report**

- Tryouts continue. A few kinks, to be expected.
- How players were chosen for rep teams was explained by Chad. It was reported that a mere 10th of a point separated dozens of players putting them in a 'bubble' for available positions. (e.g. 3 positions for forwards remain to be filled, number 16 with a score of 36.5 & number 17 with 36.5 are added to the roster however there are 17 players with the same evaluation score of 36 for one remaining spot.)

- Request for additional pinnies to be purchased to fill the missing numbers found during this year's tryouts. An additional color and larger sizes are also asked for.
- The addition of a washing machine and dryer to the office was suggested to reduce the loads of Laundry Chad was washing daily prior to the next day's ice sessions.
- MHMHA has to adhere by City of Medicine Hat's COVID Policies. No requirements are being followed. MH Ringette Association has guidelines that would work for us, Chad to follow up. Rink Capacity is not being followed. Byron explained how Lethbridge was set up, having spectators sign in. Chad will be meeting with the City.

6. SEAC Report- Byron Hall

SEAC (South East Athletic Club) is a division under MHMHA

- Submitted SEAC Tryout Process Report:

SEAC Summer Conditioning Camp

1. - August 15 to 19
2. - Camp was run by SAHA
3. - 102 players participated
4. - There were 9 skates
5. - Dryland sessions, classroom sessions; Leadership, Season prep, Mental prep

U15 AAA tryout camp

- Started September 1
- 84 players attended
- There were 4 skates during the Physical Distance Skates section of the process.
- There were 3 intrasquad games during the Cohort section of the process. Team selected on September 22.
- Team Training skates started on September 24.
- There are no exhibition games, they start play on October 17
- Evaluators: Brayden Desjardins, Jayce Desjardins, Brandt Becker, Scott Paul, Cole Schaffer, Josh Maser
- Parent Information Meeting: October 7

U16 AAA tryout camp

- Started September 8
- 30 players attended
- There were 3 skates during the Physical Distance section of the process.
- There were 3 skates and 1 intrasquad game during the Cohort section of the process. Team selected September 23.
- Team training skates started on September 29
- Exhibition game on October 25 against Lethbridge
- Evaluators: Jay Bartram, Cal Aasman, Josh Fauth, Josh Maser
- Parent Information Meeting: October 6

U15 AA tryout camp

- Started September 16
- 65 players attended
- There were 4 skates during the Physical Distance section of the process.
- There were 2 intrasquad games played during the Physical Distance section of the process. Team selected October 8.
- Exhibition Games vs Lethbridge Oct 24 & 25
- Evaluators: Terry Chaffer, Tanner Simpson, Martin Watts, Jay Hern, Sheldon Moser, Josh Fauth, Kenton Dulle, Brant Becker, Chandler Weinkauff, Rob Stock
- Parent Information Meeting: October 15

We followed Return to Hockey protocols as set out by HA in their August 2020 document. SEAC felt that the Return to Hockey Timelines issued by HA went very well, it made the process run very smooth.

For the U15AA tryouts we made exception to the protocols to allow for players to be available for the CAHL evaluation process. Based on the August document we expedited the process by 2 weeks

All of the SEAC coaches did a great job within the process, several outside evaluators were part of the process.

We held Parent Information Meetings for each team, where we reviewed the Parent Information Handbook (see attached) and answered any questions. Team Manager meetings were held the same evening

- Brad Irvine stepped down from his positions on the MHMHA Board of Directors and his board position with SEAC. SEAC is required to have a member of their board attend MHMHA board meetings. No one appeared on behalf of SEAC. It is not MHMHA responsibility to remind someone to attend.
- MHMHA was notified of a suspension and fine for folding a U16AA team due to low numbers. SEAC was given/accepted responsibility of the U16 AA team, yet believed it was MHMHA responsibility to inform SCAHL that they folded the team. SCAHL was not informed the team was folded. As such MHMHA has been suspended from further participation in the U16 SCAHL pending further review.

Round Table discussion It was discussed, and agreed, that it was SEAC's responsibility to inform SCAHL that they could not fill a team.

- Without a SEAC member present we were unable to confirm how hard they looked for players out of zone to play.
- MHMHA has been suspended from rostering this team for three years and faces a fine. This is offsetting as next year and for the next three years MHMHA will be able to fill this team as we have considerable number of players moving up.
- Next steps were discussed at length and it was decided that:
 - A team was put together to immediately review SEAC success under MHMHA. This team consists of Blaire Velichko, Kelly Kurpjuweit, Kim Weiss, Derek Harvey Zenk.
 - Byron Hall was to reach out to Tom Wilkins, President of SCAHL, formally accept the consequences, explain the

situation and what corrective actions are in place. Using the following method recommended by Kevin Kurtz

- Appeal suspension, present upcoming numbers and our need for this team.
- Fix communication breakdown with SEAC
- Internal change if necessary –reviewed by team mentioned above.
- Implement changes required

7. Office Report

- The late addition of Redcliff Minor Hockey Association members to MHMHA had the ladies in the office are working additional hours to meet deadlines.

Round Table Discussion- Board members asked for information regarding RMHA merger into MHMHA without all Board members being aware. Board understood that RMHA U11+ would just be joining tryouts for simplification of COVID restrictions and was unaware of a merger between associations.

- Question Posed by Nick Douvis as to what occurred and what benefit does MHMHA members receive from this merger? Kim Weiss, Byron Hall and Bruce Johnson met prior to evaluations responded that RMHA members were registered under MHMHA so that their association would have lower tiered teams to play on opposed to all members playing CAHL. RMHA would be able to strengthen their CAHL teams and give the option to members to be part of house league if they chose not to travel, or if their player didn't possess skills to play higher tiers. Now RMHA has a mix of players from both associations playing out of their rink, however the teams are registered under MHMHA.
- It was the general consensus from the board that unless there is some advantage for MHMHA members to merge with RMHA, that a merger not go forward for next year's registrations.
- Curtis Presber had financial questions as to what RMHA was contributing to their members trying out and registering with MHMHA. It was stated by Byron Hall that:
 - RMHA allowed MHMHA their ice for tryouts as an additional rink.
 - All players playing in opposing associations were to be refunded sign up fees and required to pay Association fees where they are playing this year.
 - RMHA will be issuing a cheque to cover costs of tryouts for their members as MHMHA players pay \$150.00 for tryouts.
 - RMHA will be covering expenses for MHMHA registering their members and additional teams through MHMHA

- Post tryouts MHMHA will have to opportunity to rent RHMA ice for games and practices.

8. Old Business

- Vice President- Members of the board were give opportunity to oppose Kim Weiss for the Vice President's position vacant on the board. No opponents were named. Weiss was unanimously voted in and elected to fill the Vice President's position on the board.
 - U13 Director position is now vacant. A notice will be put on Facebook to allow members the opportunity to apply. Kim will assist the new director for the deration of the season.
 - Anyone interested is welcome to attend a couple meetings to see how the position works.
 - It was mentioned that members are welcome to join a meeting if they wish. Email Byron Hall for details on the next meeting they can attend.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Goaltenders

- Nola Besplug asked for support from directors for Goaltenders to miss a regularly scheduled practice (if they overlap) to attend a group goalie practice three times this season. All directors agreed. No motion needed
- All teams with Goalie instruction to have a bench coach responsible for their goaltenders.

9. Adjournment –Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm by Byron Hall

Motion Kelly Kurpjuweit
2nd Derek Harvey Zenk

Next Meeting November 10, 2020 Hockey Hounds Social Room

Attachments - Approved Budget