



Medicine Hat Minor Hockey
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 10, 2021

In attendance

NAME	POSITION	IN	NAME	POSITION	IN
Byron Hall	President	Yes	Nick Douvis	U18 City Director	Yes
Chad Baron	Hockey Ops Mgr	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	No
Blaire Velichko	Game & Conduct	Yes	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 6:10 pm by President Bryon Hall
 - Members in attendance– Dave Stevens, Mike Bahr, Nikki Bateman
 - Association support in attendance – Kailey Sprunger, Sandi Martin

2. Adoption of Agenda

Changes to be made

- Add follow ups to old business
 - Move Hockey Manager report to #4.
 - Move Treasure report to #5.
 - Motion to adopt: Mark Parsons*
 - 2nd Derek Harvey Zenk*
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- 3. Adoption of Minutes**
 - Motion Jordan Kienzle*
 - 2nd Mark Parsons*

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

4. Hockey Operations Report - Chad Baron

- HA has announced we can resume practice play, distanced, with 9 players 1 coach. So, what are we doing with hockey as an association?
 - Days prior to this announcement HA was allowing one on one training. This type of training works well for goaltenders, since they

are quite adaptable, the goalies were able to return to the ice for development training.

- A day or so later the restrictions were relaxed a bit more allowing 9 players and 1 coach on each side of the ice, distance maintained. Because all REP hockey teams are player paid, they are able to rent ice and return to practices.
 - A large discussion took place as to what should be done with city league, and again all board members were able to weigh in. Part of the problem was we have only 2 rinks we can operate out of and once the Tigers get back on the ice, that will limit us further. There were many ideas passed around and eventually a motion was made by Kim Weiss and 2nd by Nick Douvis to continue with city league. This was put to a vote with and passed with 11 to 1 in favor.
 - A clearly outlined communication is to go out to all members tomorrow advising of the continuation of hockey. This will be drafted and sent by President Byron Hall.
- The association has rented the Hounds exclusively for the next 8 weeks. We are also able to utilize Coop Place ice around the Tigers schedule. This will pose challenging for the ice scheduler. Nola Besplug stated that City League is entitled to fair ice and if ice sessions have to be taken from Rep teams to do so, then so be it. Ice should be consistent across the board with 2 sessions a week per team is doable. 7am practices will be part of our future and were suggested we start scheduling this ice time for rep teams if ice is difficult to source and ensure fairness.
 - Strict guidelines in place. Chad has asked rink attendants to keep lines of communications open and notify Chad of any issues that may arise to allow us time to correct them.
 - City is limiting dressing rooms to 5 players each, Chad has marked out distanced spots and is able to extend to 9 players. Chad Nelson has sent a proposal to the city to allow for this change. There had been no response as of this meeting date.
 - With reference to covid restrictions, the time for education is over and we will be firm with consequences to the offender/team of the offender. All must adhere to no spectators, no exceptions
 - An Office report detailed with daily duties currently being done by the ladies in the office. This was tabled to March meeting so we could review properly. This will be used for revising general job descriptions in the near future.

5. Treasurer Report -Curtis Presber

- a. No additional variable expenses were incurred.
- b. **Refund position for members.**
 - Sandi and Kailey were invited to this meeting to assist in calculating the amount of monies to be refunded because of Covid shut downs. Curtis pointed out that the association does have overhead and member fees cover a lot more than just ice time. Sandi explained that

there are many costs to factor in and at this point we know that there will be a refund.

A lengthy discussion took place with many different scenarios and all board members were able to voice their opinion on the matters of refunds. A motion was put forward by Dan Kitching to issue refunds at the end of the season was voted on and passed with an 8 to 1 vote.

- Jordan Kienzle reported CAHL will be issuing reductions of both fees by 50% to the association.

- c. **Redcliff Monies:** There is a difference of fees and costs that RMH owes to MHMH. These fees are from RMH players using MH's evaluations and registering teams with Medicine Hat. There was no contract stating costs. Kim Weiss proposed we simplify and move forward with 38 kids @ \$50 each. Mark Parsons seconded this motion and a vote of majority passed.

MH accounting to forward player fees back to Redcliff less this amount for evaluations. Sandi will check to make sure though

Less \$3437.33, for HA fees and less \$2100.00 assessment fees. A cheque was issued \$42322.67 and will deduct proposed fees

- A difference in ice costs were brought up from office: Sandi Martin had asked RMH for total ice invoice(U18) of total ice used, which was not available. There is a difference of Ice time fee of \$43.05 between MH and RC fees. Kim Weiss stated the ice would come out a wash and it was no use going through all the transactions for an additional \$1000.00.

It was stated by Kim as well that there will be a plan in place with a signed contract for any such dealings with Redcliff in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Rink Operations – Byron Hall

At the discretion of President Byron Hall, Treasure Curtis Presber, and HOM Chad Barron, the association went forward with renting an arena (Hockey Hounds) from the city for the rest of the hockey season (whatever that may be). Curtis stated we are in a position financially to operate the Hounds and therefore granted his support to proceed.

7. ADM Committee Review Update

Derek Harvey-Zenk reported on behalf of this committee that he completed a bylaw review for SEAC and was able to conclude SEAC runs their own association, on

their own society act therefore they are not accountable to MHMHA in any way. They are not recognized by Hockey Alberta as a member. A sub-committee formation and Terms of Reference for the subcommittee was proposed.

An update was given on the meeting with Kevin Kobelka (HA ADM Committee member). Meeting was beneficial in understanding how the operations and governance looks currently for MHMHA/SEAC and how HA would like it to look like. A letter from Kevin McCrae (HA Hockey Operations) dated back to 2015 was disclosed. This was a clearly stated letter letting MHMHA know of the concerns HA had with how SEAC and MHMHA are aligned.

There are a few logistical issues that would have to be cleared up in both Associations Bylaws (MHMHA & SEAC). As well, a Zone ADM Committee terms of reference will need to be made by either MHMHA or SEAC. MHMHA will have to decide whether they approach SEAC with the amendments needed to be made, to align with how HA would want a Host Association to operate elite level teams. Or if MHMHA will go forward with a sub-committee that would fall under MHMHA Board of Directors, which would then follow the proposed Terms of Reference.

8. Bylaw Revision Update

A rough draft of the proposed bylaws was sent to board members for review. Request for board members to respond with edits to President Byron Hall. March meeting will include a review of the proposed bylaws.

9. Adjournment at 9:30 pm

- i. Motion* – Dan Kitching
- ii. 2nd* Jordan Kienzle

Next Meeting Wednesday March 10, 2021 (location TBA)