



MEETING MINUTES Oct. 29, 2024

Golden & District Arena Meeting Room

In Attendance: Jessica, Ashley, Malin, Chantelle, Josee, Blaine, Jon, Niall, Michelle, Kristine, Amber, Susan, Neelam, Nick, Andrea

Call to Order: 7:02

Motion: to accept minutes of last meeting: 1st: Niall 2nd: Michelle

Motion: to accept agenda as amended: 1st: Ashley 2nd: Michelle

New Business:

Proposed new meeting format and clarify observer participation in discussion. Hoping to try and keep meetings on time:

1. Old business
2. Topics for discussion
3. Individual reports
4. New business

Association members with questions/concerns to be discussed should request to be added to the agenda. They can do this through any board member.

Old business

- U13 team sizes. Vote to keep teams as 16 skaters on the recreational team and 14 skaters on the competitive team.
- U13 team practice time switch
- U13 Comp head coach.
- Evaluations - clarify 2 or 3 tryouts prior to decisions?
 - Hockey Canada says 2-3, current guidelines 2-3 tryout practice games to identify. Current policy states 2-3. Keep the same.
- U9 to U11 player movement request/resolution:

- EK policy says it can only be for safety reasons.
- Coaching recommendations must be sent.
- The EK president suggested letting him play 1 practice per week and AP to games.
- He can't start AP'ing until January 10th when U9 can change to full ice.
- Never been successful for any U9s to move to U11.

Topics for discussion

- AP committee: can we just send out an email to the entire association with the AP form to complete and hand in to their manager and include that lists will be made by the AP committee? Yes.
 - AP Lists: Chantelle started the email and made folders with consent forms. Josee is making the lists and it is on google drive now.
- Questions and concerns with U15.
 - Start of the season sent out the AP form to everyone interested
 - Safety concerns reviewed and on ice assessments done.
 - Approved by the board.
 - Coaches should have some input?
 - Not every coach knows every player so that is why it is important to have a committee.
 - Create a list of players with coach input and any safety concerns.
 - Dates to be decided on for submitting forms and creating lists.
 - Dates to be given to coaches & committee for players to be evaluated for safety.
 - Challenges are teaching body contact at the start of the year and the assessing for safety for U13.
 - Only occur in exceptional circumstances?
 - Female players can decide to play body contact but may need to be assessed.
 - Policy should apply to all players if they are rostered to 2 teams.
 - Discrepancies are injuries, dual rostered, ski season, unable to travel. This policy does not support the team.
 - We need to support, and adjust the wording.
 - Board and coaches can decide what is an exceptional circumstance.
 - Late AP interest will still need to be assessed for safety.
 - Male can play down 1 year and a female 2 years down.
 - Overage players have to apply to EK.
 - Where is our liability in ensuring kids safety?
 - In past seasons with player safety concerns coaches have talked to parents and made suggestions to watch the first game and see the level of contact and then decide.
 - What is the family's level of comfort and risk for the player?
 - We do have a responsibility to inform the families for safety.

- Letting the coaching coordinator know safety concerns have been discussed with the parents.
 - Being organized ahead of time for AP'ing to U15.
 - Can limit the number of players on the AP list but you can't stop a player of U15 age from playing.
 - Concern raised to parents and do the best we can. Do diligence as a coach.
 - At some point in time you meet up with a team that won't dial it back.
 - Carded OA players can't AP to a lower level.
 - U15 and above positions considered.
 - Lists made, coaches input and position considered.
 - Make use of Chuck.
 - Coach input at all levels.
 - A/P Committee will make the lists and Coach coordinator & coaches review.

- Guideline for booking ice:
 - Exhibition games – equitable for all the teams,
 - Put it together for the managers meeting and a guideline for all.
 - Discussion points won't be the same every year.
 - Pre-season is different from the league season.
 - Guideline for booking ice.
 - Everyone gets 1 ice spot until everyone gets an opportunity.
 - Teams will be contacted and advised to get a list of dates and send some options to the ice manager and see if it's available.
 - We don't have ice booked before the league starts.
 - Proposal for an early season ice budget costs.
 - Managing the ice is a tough job, it can be last minute.
 - Managers' manager to make new managers aware and reach out and explain
 - Town of Golden has been challenging with updating schedules.

Each team gets 2 pre-season games. Can't pre schedule it. First come first serve and allocation?

- Pacific Sport Columbia Basin - athlete resources, coach education, board support.
 - Support board and societies, any way we need support.
 - Would be valuable for training, board support, training.
 - Jr Rockets used Columbia Basin Trust and very helpful. Meeting, prework and post work.
 - Some covered by CBT can go into a lot of detail and costs.
 - Board training, can let them know what level you want to be at.

- How does the board run?
- Amber will reach out to CBT in 2 or 3 weeks.
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- Registration refunds? See attached working registration policy.
 - Player asking for refunds, what is our policy for this.
 - No refunds after December, first year player or U7 no administration fee.
 - BC hockey fees and insurance are totaling around \$50.
 - Full refund before December 1st.
 - Player asking for prorated refund because of injury but might be back in January. Full refund -\$50. Discuss in January if she needs to come back.
- U15 league weekends/additional exhibition weekend request:
 - 4 teams in league, 2 teams are hosting showcase weekends, one team hosted an exhibition and 1 team hosting banner and every team pays for their own weekend.
 - League weekends discussion brought to EK for all teams to have the opportunity.
- U18 League weekends, each team pays for the home games.

Vice President Report:

Jessica Chiles

- Let EK know will be covering both positions.
 - Email association about the position changes.

Registrar Report:

Malin Sjostrom

- 44 kids registered for Smith Camp, goal was 60. Advertise to other associations, Alberta tournament sites.
- Coach development.
- Work on how we can get more of our own kids signed up.
- Kraft can cover player and coach development.
- Goalie Camp in Sept cost approx. \$1000.

Female Development Report:

Josee Roy

- Change in dual roster division for 2 girls from U11F to U15F.
- Moved some girls U13 age to U15 because of EK rules with age.

Ref Coordinator Report:**Niall Gleeson**

- Assignr (Ref Coordination app) is working well.
 - 106 games in the system so far with some home tournaments to come. 17 games completed.
 - 46 people in the system.
 - Invited all managers to have Observer accounts.
- Returning Officials Clinic was on October 5th which 21 people attended
- New Ref Clinic tentatively scheduled for Dec 1st.
 - Course is longer for a new ref; 9:00-4:30 in person and an online course.
- Limited in coverage for older age groups. Paying mileage for out of town refs.
 - Only 5 people can ref U18 games, with 2 from Golden.
 - Only 7 people can ref U18 games, with 4 from Golden.
 - Looking to reach out to Silvertips players. Open to other suggestions.
- For Canal Flats games we are organizing and paying (games fee and mileage) for officials. Need to discuss how we cover official costs for away games in Canal Flats.
- Pay more to U18 adult refs?
- Niall will connect with Mens league, Silvertips, etc.
- 4 Canal flats games, refs needed, pay for it all.

Fundraising Coordinator Report:**Kristine Divall**

Currently I am dealing with a medical issue that takes precedence in my life and I need to limit my role as a fundraising committee lead.

- I have shared this with Michelle and she can comment from a budget perspective what is required this year.

Options for this role moving forward:

1. I resign and you fill the position if possible
 2. I delegate as much as possible to the committee members and take on limited fundraising initiatives this year.
 3. I ask a committee member to take the lead on all initiatives at this time, however I continue to attend board meetings.
- ★ **Option 2, as we are well positioned financially, the board is happy with option 2.**

Fundraising plans:

1. Clothing fundraising - online store
2. Flip give.
3. Overseeing the fundraising sponsorship drive where all teams have been asked to approach 3 + local businesses

Ice Manager:**Amber Granter**

- League Meeting Bonanza:
 - Golden seemed to be the most organized again this season.
 - Creston & Cranbrook very unorganized. Cranbrook didn't want to come to Golden for League games.
 - 4 Canal Flats home spots booked. Helpful for travel.
 - Penalty stuff discussed. Suspended players must be accounted for on game rosters. Do they have to be present? No.
 - Playdowns – carded teams declared by December 1st and cancel by December 31st.
 - Host a Banner? January EK Meeting. First 2 weekends in March. Will have one weekend to offer.
 - EK Meeting November 3rd – 7:00 pm – Amber to attend, discuss ice.
 - U11 didn't split into 2 leagues.
 - U13 did split into 2 divisions.

Treasurer's Report:

Michelle O'Grady

Budget Update:

- Goalie Session: formalizing approval on goalie coaching. Invoice in Sept for \$1100. Started the discussion in the Spring. Want to support goalies and skaters. Jr Rockets goalie coach has been out in Sept and Oct and worked with our goalies. Another session in November and January. Time during practice is \$600 for the week of practices. Total for all the goalie development fees is \$3300.

Motion by Michelle to approve covering goalie development coaching fees of \$3300 which is similarly priced to the skater development coaching fees with Chuck. Seconded by Jessica, all in favor and motion passed.

- Away tournament spending: does everyone have to be an average? If your tournament entry fee is more than everyone else. Tournament entry fees are always different.
 - Total cost evens out but board costs are different.
 - Propose to give U13 rec \$400 back to go towards another tournament because they only spent \$1300 on the first tournament they got into.
 - U11 had a \$2000 tournament paid for by the association but \$300 was used from the teams fun fund.
- Little requests can go to the finance committee and they approve the request before next board meeting is held.

Motion by Michelle to approve board members needing covering association costs that are \$300 or less before the next board meeting is run to approve the costs, but for members to run it by the finance committee. Seconded by Amber, all in favor, motion passed.

Motion by Michelle to cover the costs of a new tablet recently purchased for managers to use Spordle for scorekeeping and the Square app for purchases. Seconded by Ashley. All in favor, motion passed.

Motion by Niall to cover the costs of lunch for the new ref clinic Dec. 1st, seconded and passed.

Coach Coordinator:

Blaine Broderick

- Coaches App – Hockey Canada has a fee. Ice Hockey Systems is there a fee?
- The association will pay coaches back for subscriptions.
 - Anything coaches use we should reimburse them.
 - Coaches to request reimbursement.

Motion by Michelle to approve reimbursement coaches for Hockey App Fees, seconded and passed.

Equipment & Safety Management:

Jon Hayward

- More pucks in the milk crate for Thursday.
- C's & A's are on their way, will hand out this week.
- U13 jerseys are ordered and should be in next week.
- Equipment cupboard needs more organizing, things don't get put away as the night goes on.
- Coaches jackets to be ordered for new coaches.
- Pavi and Neelam donated practice jerseys last year for U11 & U13 last season. Keep those jerseys within those age groups. Will hand out teams this season. Give out equal amounts of colors for positions. Jon will go through sizes and colors and get them out to teams.
- Numbers for 2nd year teams priority? Would be hard to prioritize sizes and availability.

Manager Coordinator Report:

Chantelle Lacasse

- Biweekly email to managers to keep them updated.
- Cost for tournaments out of pocket, some people find that tough.
 - Managers to reach out to the board to help sort out paying for costs.

Secretary's Report:

Ashley Durning

New Business:

- Disagreement about using Kraft funds/plan moving forward.
- Jersey numbers for second years.
- Coach jackets
- Updated bylaw document, Jess, Niall, Malin will meet with Bruce McKenzie.
- Fund for supporting kids to register for Smith Camps? Consider for the future.

Date for next meeting: December 2, 2024

Motion to Adjourn by: Jessica Chiles

Meeting Adjourned: time 9:43