



**Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association
General Meeting Minutes
April 28th, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association was called to order at 6:30 pm on April 28, 2022 via Zoom.

ATTENDEES: Sky Johnston, Crystal Tennant, Stephanie Doratty, Jenna Kaus, Jennifer Cherney, Sean Speager, Tanya Wagner, Andy McIntyre, Tiffany Rybachuk, Stephanie Frieheit, Jenn Attorp, Jillian Doey, Jason Liu, Jeff Cytko

REGRETS SENT: Justine Bowen, Nikole Sharpe

Guests Present: Sarah Corkle, Jenn Stevens, Christopher Cherney

Motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes.

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All approved

BOARD REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- TIFFANY RYBACHUK

Submitted Report:

AGM went well. Many new volunteers joined our TEAM!! YAY! Welcome to our new Executive Members and Welcome back remaining Board Members!!!

After our last executive meeting Fernie Minor hockey reached out to discuss getting together for a meeting to discuss female hockey. Both Associations have been trying to build numbers within our Associations. Fernie ran the First Shift Program the last 2 seasons and they saw the majority that registered were females.

Meeting via Zoom for the 20th of April. In Attendance: Lisa Samycia, Harmony Lloyd, Chris Moulton and Mike DeMarchi. EVMHA in attendance: Jason Lui, Jennifer Stevens and Tiffany Rybachuk.

Discussed Female Program. Both Associations agreed that we'd like a good working relationship as we do with our U13 – U18 divisions.

Discussed working together to build numbers and provide programs for our female players. Discussed numbers. A couple Fernie U15 players trying out for EK Zones, if they do not make zones they will tryout

for U15 Bucks, if they do not make Bucks they will tryout for U15 Raiders. We have a U15 female player that will not be returning this season but would like to participate in helping with coaching within the Female Program. Discussed the U15 team consisting of U13 – U18 players and the option of a U15 team and joining the Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League out of Alberta. There just are not the numbers for a U15 team. FMH suggested that we stop throwing together many divisions of players just to have a team and instead we focus on development, having jamborees, camps, female focused programs and work at increasing our numbers so that we have solid divisional teams. EMVHA resolved to the fact that we just don't have the numbers for a U15 team to enter into the RMFHL and agreed that our focus will be with building the female program and increasing numbers. Providing ice, look at building tournament teams for the season, organizing jamborees, camps, etc. Jennifer mentioned that BC Hockey has funding for female hockey camps and programs. EVMHA and FMH will reach out once we move forth with more discussions and plans are in place for the 2022-2023 season.

We discussed getting back together to make plans after FMH AGM. EVMHA to keep in touch with Fernie Female Coordinator regarding Female information/plans/thoughts/ideas.

I would like for our Association to have Ice Logos in both Sparwood and Elkford arenas. Sparwood has been approved. I've reached out to DOE and awaiting response. Will bring quotes to the Board for motion, discussion and vote.

Ice Meeting with DOS May 3rd @ 6PM. Melissa and I will be attending. We will be discussing the ice schedule and the proposal from user groups to extend the regular ice season until the 16th of April every season. Arena ice request for regular season games and tournament ice. Facility updates occurring. Ice logos.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Crystal Tennant
Submitted Report:

TREASURER'S REPORT- Tanya Wagner
Report Submitted:

EK REP- Jeff Pryhitko
Report Submitted:

CROSS ICE COORDINATOR- Jenna Kaus
Report Submitted:

REFEREE COORDINATOR/REFEREE IN CHIEF- Vacant
Report Submitted:

COACH COORDINATOR- JEFF CYTKO
Report Submitted: Nothing to Update

EQUIPMENT MANAGER- Sky Johnston
Report Submitted:

REGISTRAR- Stephanie Doratty
Report Submitted:

PUBLIC RELATIONS/WILD WEAR- JILLIAN DOEY
Report Submitted: Nothing to Update

ICE COORDINATOR- Melissa Archambault
Report Submitted:

RISK MANAGER- Jenn Attorp
Report Submitted:

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR- JUSTINE BOWEN
Report Submitted:

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR- Stephanie Frieheit
Report Submitted:

FEMALE COORDINATOR- Jason Lui
Report Submitted:

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT- Andy McIntyre
Report Submitted:

Motion to accept Board reports.

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All approved

OLD BUSINESS

1. First Shift
 - Tiffany spoke to Fernie about First Shift, deadline was the end of March and they will not consider an application after. Tiffany will set a reminder to do it next March.
2. Teck Donation- Practice Jerseys (were these purchased or looked into?)
 - Tiffany reached out to EK Zone lead to see where theirs were purchased.
 - Sky has spoken with Thomas Skelton about ordering through him. Comes out to \$20.50 a jersey, approx. Teck donated \$2500 so we could purchase 110 jerseys. Sky mentioned practice pinnies are faster and easier to use than jerseys. Tiffany mentioned that a fee should be collected so they are returned at the end of season. Sky will price out costs for both.

New Business

1. Ice Logos - quote. Both logos (Wild & Raiders)? or one logo (Wild)?
 - Sparwood has approved it, DOE has not responded yet
 - Do we want both the Wild and Raiders logos on the ice?
 - Costs are about \$2000 per arena. One logo will be about \$1000 per arena.
 - Tiffany will price the cost of center ice logo.
 - Jennifer mentioned we should have a yearly budget before we make any decisions.
 - We will discuss again at the next meeting
2. Cranbrook U13 (Jeff P may have already added this)
 - They have brought to EK the idea of expanding their offer for tryouts for their U13AA team. EK reps were to bring it back to their associations and report back. If all agrees then anyone U13 in EK can try out.
 - Jeff thinks it could affect the Raiders team but it wouldn't be too drastic and it would be a great opportunity for the players. Andy agrees
 - Looks like Fernie won't have enough players to have their own house team, may have to combine with Sparwood and Elkford.
 - Jennifer wonders if it will have an effect on overall enrolment later in the years for the association
 - Jeff Cytko moves to agree to let U13 players try out for the zone team. Andy seconds, All in Favor.
3. Registration - set a date (discuss fees after May Exec. meeting as meeting with DOS will not be until the 3rd of May. We may need to restructure our fees if our regular season is extended).
 - We need to wait until we know if regular season is extended we may have to increase fees. Next meeting we will have an answer and then restructure the fees. A possible date would be June 1st to start.
 - League would not be extended, just longer ice and practice
 - Jenna is wondering if every family would be interested? It was voted on earlier to ask for longer ice and to make this our new regular season length, could host a 3 on 3 at the end of the season, or year end tournies, camps etc. wondering about making it optional for younger kids because they are usually petering out by March.
 - Tiffany motions to have June 1st as registration opening. Jeff firsts, Melissa seconds, All in favor.
4. Raiders leftover fundraising money (Crystal)
 - Raiders have \$4700 left over from fundraising for provincials. There is nothing in the policies about leftover money.
 - Fernie MHA was not happy with the fundraising we did.
 - There was discussion about leaving some money in a separate account for a slush fund for the next team that goes to Provincials.
 - Jillian suggests that \$2000 be set aside for the next team and the rest dispersed amongst the parents for gas costs since they were so high.
 - This will be tabled until the next meeting
5. Discuss Female Team options (Jason Liu)
 - Jason feels there would be a decent amount of number of female players to make a U15 league to enter the Rocky Mountain League in Alberta. Applications are due Mid May. He is asking for support from the association to allow the team to go to that league. It would consist of U13 to U15 players.
 - Cost hasn't been identified yet, Tiffany states it is in the Rocky Mountain League Bylaws
 - Schedule and commitment with a 7-8 game tiering and a 20 game regular season.

- Jeff Cytko agrees with Jason that it would be a good opportunity for the girls.
- Tiffany stated that Rocky Mountain League doesn't have to accept the team
- Jillian wonders what the con is, Tiffany states that we don't have a committed team right now and that the information should have come to the association before it went to the families.
- Jason states this is just an opportunity for the girls to access games and regular play.
- Rocky Mountain League is aware that we will have underage players on the team (approx. 4)
- Sky is wondering about checking at U15, there is no body contact in female leagues.
- 9 committed players at the moment. 1 Fernie player and 1 Cranbrook Goalie, the rest from Elkford and Sparwood
- Tiffany stated that during the meeting with Fernie they agreed to hold off for one more year because there weren't enough committed players. Since then more families have stepped up and want to join the league. Jillian suggests that maybe we can go back and offer more collaboration with Fernie so we don't make a decision without them. We want to work together.
- Jason is willing to go back to Fernie and offer another all female option with the additional numbers that have risen through the last few days, it is hard to commit when we don't know if there will be games etc.
- The girls committed would like to practice in their home community instead of just going to the Cranbrook team.
- There is the risk of there not being enough players and the team having to withdraw if we don't have a sufficient roster. There is also the risk of the league not accepting us this year.
- Jason motions for the board to apply for a team to be entered to the Rocky Mountain League, Jennifer firsts, Sky seconds. Tiffany would like to express that she feels we are going back on their word with Fernie and that the email should not have been sent to families stating that the associations were not in favor of this. Jason apologized for overstepping. Jason will also have a meeting with Fernie and has offered to take Sky to the meeting with him.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at pm by Tiffany Rybachuk as President. The next regular meeting will be TBA @ 6:30pm.

Minutes Submitted by Jennifer Cherney, Secretary

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Tiffany Rybachuk
EVMHA President

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Crystal Tennant

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EVMHA Vice President