

**Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 27th, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association was called to order at pm on June 26, 2023 in Elkford.

**ATTENDEES: Sky Johnson, Stephanie Freiheit, Jenna Kaus, Mike Kaus, Kyle Petovello, Shawn Speager, Amy Speager, Melissa Archambault, Stephanie Doratty, Sarah Wilm, Jennifer Cherney, Christopher Cherney, Jolene Grace, Tanya Wagner, Hailey Gagne, Ashley Charette**

**REGRETS SENT:** Jenn Stevens

**Guests Present**:

Motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2023

Christopher 1st the motion

Jenna 2nd the motion

All approved

**BOARD REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT- Stephanie Freiheit**

**Submitted Report:**

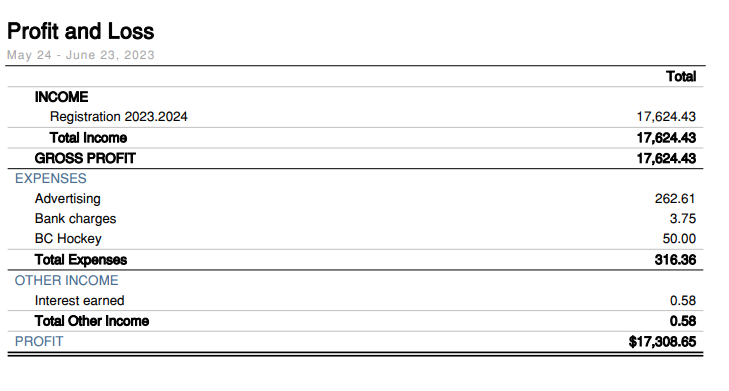
**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT- Sky Johnston**

**Submitted Report:**

* All board members now have Google Workspace access.
* Added the EVMHA Master Calendar to the “Calendar of Events” page on the website. All executive members can add events.

**TREASURER’S REPORT- Tanya Wagner**

**Report Submitted:**

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* + **Current Accounts as of June 23, 2023**

General: 87, 130.77

Gaming: 303.36

Three Bonds: 5510.88 each

* + **Scholarships**

SSS Graduate has reached out with confirmation of enrollment, no one else yet. Will send cheque/e-transfer ASAP.

* + **Gaming Account**

Balanced as of year end and report will be filed after the meeting. If anyone would like to see the report, please let me know and I can forward an electronic copy.

**EK REP- Christopher Cherney**

**Report Submitted**:

Facebook ad for Zone Committee Elk Valley rep got one response, Dustin Adrian is interested in taking on the role. Dustin was coaching on the U11 dev team last season, his son is moving on to U13 this season. Frank the EK Vice President is working on getting the Zone Committee organized for the upcoming season and has reached out to Dustin. Thanks to Sarah for the Facebook Post.

Concern about the reffing at the U13 Banner in Creston was discussed last meeting. EK was contacted about the situation at the time, sounds like there were qualified Referees on the ice for the finals of the tournament. Creston was responsible for supplying referees as per policy 4 of the EK.

Concern about movement in the EK for players and whether you can stop a player from moving to prevent a loss to our home association. BC Hockey policy 9.06 describes Residential Waivers and there requirements.

U11 Cranbrook Rep/Travel team brought up, is it an option for Elk Valley Kids. This program is only open to Cranbrook players.

**CROSS ICE COORDINATOR- Jenna Kaus**

**Report Submitted:** I have emailed Katelon Kennedy. She requested that a board member contact her on her Association survey. I would have preferred to call her; however, she only provided an email. I have not heard anything back from her.

**REFEREE IN CHIEF- Vacant**

**Report Submitted:**

**COACH COORDINATOR- Hailey Gagne**

**Report Submitted:**

 I’ve been working on a new document for the beach staff application. I’m open to suggestions to add to the form. I haven’t created a document like this before so any help/advice is appreciated. I will post the link below, hopefully it works!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT96_HfM3HqOMJB2T8Rqmui-rBpPKlvAyC2eB0mfp9CF8DGg/viewform>

**EQUIPMENT MANAGER- Jolene Grace**

**Report Submitted:**

**REGISTRAR- Stephanie Doratty**

**Report Submitted:**

Early Bird Rate ended June 15 – all fees are now $100 higher, with the exception of Initiation which stays at $175. Advertising frequently on Facebook (awesome job Sarah!) and emailing helped, in my opinion, and I don’t think that those who haven’t registered are because they didn’t know about it.

Current registration numbers:

Initiation 13 (Sparwood 12 – Elkford 1)

U7 – 16 (Sparwood 12 – Elkford 4)

U9 – 29 (Sparwood 18 – Elkford 11)

*(For U11 and higher, Sparwood and Elkford traditionally combine so I won’t bother breaking down based on community unless we need it)*

U11 – 40

U13 – 27

U15 – 16

U18 – 9

Female team-

-     With the shift from hotmail to evmha domain email, I have lost all emails prior to end of May. I have two parents who had I had been in contact with that I now have no way of reaching out to them. Any suggestions on retrieving these lost emails?

-     Elkford Initiation: not a single Initiation player from last year re-registered. We can’t run with one registrant (3 years old). Best case scenario is that we get more registrants. Second best is that the one registrant would be open to coming to Sparwood. Last resort we try again in Jan advertising it as prep for U7, thoughts?

-     Sparwood Initiation: two from Fernie have reached out wondering if they can register. Last year we allowed this due to registration numbers. Need to decide if we will allow this for 2023/24.

-     Overall, our numbers at our young age groups aren’t as strong as they usually are. Since our predicted budget for our 2023/24 season was based on our early bird fees, I think we should extend the Early bird rate in an attempt to recruit more players. I think the extra $100 deters families that are on the fence.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/WILD WEAR- Sarah Wilm**

**Report Submitted:**

* High Altitude Hockey is working on our online Wild Wear store for the new season

**ICE COORDINATOR- Melissa Archambault**

**Report Submitted:**

* Ice requests for the 2023-2024 season will be ready Sept 15.

Ice will not be extended and the last day will be March 30th.

* Tournaments dates are as follows unless anyone has any objections. Also I have kept U7/U9 joint. Is this staying joint?

U7/U9- Jan 13/14

U11 - Jan 27/28

U13 - Feb ¾

U 15 - Feb 10/11

Female: Feb 17/18

* Are we doing any special events like Joe Corolla days or Hugh Twa that I need to book a weekend?

Any other special requests for ice?

* I would like to submit ice to DOS by mid July.
* I have emailed ELkford about start date but have not heard back yet

**RISK MANAGER- Ashley Charette**

**Report Submitted:**

* was able to access the previous risk account
* post-season rink assessments have been booked (communities had no idea this was a requirement)
* building a risk package as well as a package for safety persons for upcoming season

**SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR- Justine Bowen**

**Report Submitted:**

**FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR- Amy Speager**

**Report Submitted:**

**FEMALE COORDINATOR- Sky Johnston**

**Report Submitted:**

* Have been communicating with Sam Snell the new FMHA Female director. Very positive to deal with.
* Working with Stephanie Doratty to get numbers through TeamSnap.
* Sent out a questionnaire to gather more information at the U13/U15/U18 level

**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT- Jenn Stevens**

**Report Submitted:**

* Created the evaluation sheets for approval. These are almost identical to the ones I currently fill out when doing evaluations for BC Hockey
* Trying to organize a calendar of events for the season. Looking at starting the season with some mental toughness coaching on zoom, hitting clinic, goalie clinic and power skating. Will potentially host a skills camp every 3-4 weeks through the season.

**Motion to accept Board reports.**

**1st the motion- Tanya**

**2nd the motion- Mike**

**All approved**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Risk Manager Inspection

Ashley has scheduled inspection for the end of the month at each arena and will do it again pre- mid season.

1. Elkford Ref Room- Spoke to DOE the ref room is only used by EVMHA, we can come up with cleaning schedule etc. They will replace the lock. Sky is asking about changing the handicap accessible bathroom to the ref room and turn the ref room into a storage room
2. Ref Coordinator Position- saw it was posted on FB from Fernie- Stephanie will email on team snap to see if anyone is interested. Stephanie will ask Eleanor if she has approached last years adults

<https://elkvalleyminorhockeyassociation.teamsnapsites.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/2190/2021/11/Joint-Referee-Coordinator.pdf>

also talk to FMH to change dead line and extend

1. Discussions with FMH - June 21st meeting

Steph, Jolene and Stephanie F. chatted with Fernie about numbers and which association gets which team. There is not much point in discussion further until Cranbrook tryouts because we don’t know final numbers

1. Possible parent information session and Facebook Poll- Sky to take care of this

* Sky still working on this

**New Business**

1. Update on Registration (Stephanie D) and her suggestions

Talk about Initiation, why no one is signing up, Jennifer suggests that we offer the ice for free, lots of discussion and decided to reach out to last years parents and work on advertising for now.

-discussion on allowing 2 Fernie initiation children to join? We currently have 12. Stephanie F. states we should ask the Fernie parents to volunteer. Steph D. is hoping to have enough volunteers for Initiation. Will make sure to reach out to younger players ie 14 and up to help volunteer.

-Numbers at young age group isn’t as strong as usual and we should look at ways of increasing that. It was agreed that we will not charge the $100 (late fee) for new kids to the association

1. Early Evaluation Request (President)

A U13 goalie is scheduled for surgery at the end of August and will not be fully recovered until October and we plan to have tryouts earlier than his recovery. The family is wondering if he can be evaluated at a Bucks camp from August 21-24th. Discussion was had that we can ask the family to record the sessions and present to our chosen evaluator at the time of the actual tryouts in the Elk Valley

1. Tryout Committee - Dates

Should consist of president of each board, player development and another from each board for a total of 6. Zone Tryouts U13- Sept. 9/10, U15/18- August 25-27

1. Motion to set recurring monthly Executive meetings. (Vice-President)
   * **Current EVMHA Bylaws:** Executive meetings will be held monthly of the Society. For at least 10 of the 12 months of the year. Meeting dates will be set by the board, alternating between Sparwood andElkford, with a 50%+1 vote (simple majority vote).
   * **Proposed EVMHA Bylaws:** Executive meetings will be held on the third Sunday of each month alternating between Elkford and Sparwood starting at 6:00 PM MST
   * Discussion to start booking every 3rd Sunday starting September 17th, 2023.
2. Discussion on allowing for future EVMHA Executive meetings to be "partially electronic meeting" (Vice-President)
   * **BC Societies act:** 
     1. **Definition:** "partially electronic meeting" means a meeting in which persons are entitled to participate in person or by telephone or other communications medium, as set out in the notice for the meeting, if all persons attending the meeting are able to participate in it, whether by telephone, by other communications medium or in person;
     2. **Division 3 — Role of Directors: Proceedings of directors**
        1. 54 (1) Unless the bylaws of a society provide otherwise, the directors may meet at any location or in an electronic meeting, on any notice and in any manner convenient to the directors.
   * **Precedence**
     1. EVMHA Executive meetings have been held successfully *fully* electronic throughout the COVID 19 period.
   * **Additional Points**
     1. Monthly meetings have been canceled due to quorums not being able to be filled. Once the season starts it can be difficult if not impossible to attend meetings in person.
     2. Partially electronic meetings have the potential to make things easier.

* Discussion to allow to meet electronically which cause a problem
* Discussion of having cameras on so that everyone is active and present
* Everyone seems positive about this and we have a zoom membership so we can use that

1. Discussion on the U11 program and affirmation of the *Fair Play Code.* (Vice-President)

* Discussion of positive and negatives of having a development team and how it does effect the “leftover kids”
* bench staff resources struggle with the lower team when you divide the kids.
* discussion of having less skaters and Kyle said most coaches now prefer smaller numbers ie. 13 players this should allow for more strong players to still filter down to the house teams, Kyle thinks that 2 smaller evenly split house teams could roster share
* Jennifer addressed that low numbers like that might be a problem if a couple kids get sick
* Jennifer suggested having to evenly split teams and then a “travel” team that kids need to try out for that plays in higher tiered tournaments and extra games.
* Jennifer asked how a development team benefits every child in the association, Mike Kaus, Stephanie F. explained that the lower skilled players will have a better chance of touching the puck if they play with like skilled players
* a few board members disagree with this and believe that 2 evenly split teams provides more fairness and equal opportunity for each of the teams
* after much conversation it was decided to do evaluations on all the children and to take the top 13 to make a development team and evenly split the rest.

1. Attached Link for Volunteer Application: Discussion- Hailey <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT96_HfM3HqOMJB2T8Rqmui-rBpPKlvAyC2eB0mfp9CF8DGg/viewform>

* all agreed that it looks great, we will try and streamline for those who would like to apply for multiple positions without having to do the form multiple times.
* Stephanie is hoping to improve communication about shift schedules since so many people have different schedules
* also a notification who has been selected because the last few years, people didn’t know if they were selected and didn’t know they were coaches, managers, safety etc.

1. Ice times Discussion- Sparwood and Elkford Hockey Days, Tournament Dates, Melissa would like to have all dates submitted by Mid July Melissa- can you book player development a few times for ice every 3-4 weeks so I can plan a few things? (Jenn)

* suggested moving the U11 and also U7/U9 weekend to earlier in the year.
* Jennifer suggested offering a U18 weekend for the potential team
* Chris brought up the figure skating issues we’ve had in the past. Will bring up again before the season.

1. How many buckets of pucks are needed for each team? Jolene would like to get organized and start ordering.

* Jolene wil order an average of 50-100 pucks per team

1. Torjager Hockey Camp (Jennifer passing on to Jenn Stevens)- tabled until we get more info
2. Evaluation Forms- Approval attached in Docs- tabled for more info
3. [Stephanie Doratty](mailto:registrar@evmha.ca)has suggested we put out an offer to borrow goalie equipment for any new goalies trying a goalie camp. Sarah will Post on FB

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm by Stephanie Freiheit as President. The next regular meeting will be August 15th @ 6:00pm in Sparwood at the Chamber of Commerce.

Minutes Submitted by Jennifer Cherney EVMHA Secretary

