



**Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes
August 15th, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association was called to order at 6:04 pm on August 15, 2023 in Sparwood.

ATTENDEES: Shawn Speager, Amy Speager, Stephanie F., Tanya, Stephanie D., Jenna Kaus, Sky Johnson, Christopher Cherney, Jolene Grace, Sarah Wilm, Jennifer Cherney, Hailey Gagne, Justine Bowen, Jenn Stevens

REGRETS SENT: Mike Kaus, Ashley Charette, Melissa Archambault

Guests Present:

Motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes from June 27th, 2023

Kyle 1st the motion

Tanya 2nd the motion

All approved

BOARD REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Stephanie Freiheit

Submitted Report:

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Sky Johnston

Submitted Report:

I was incorrect last meeting regarding minimum practices/skill sessions before evaluations. The following is from Hockey Canada.

- Minimum of four practices/skill sessions prior to formal evaluation/ selection/tryouts starting.
- Minimum of three formal evaluation/selection/tryout sessions.

Recommendations

One skills session, one small-area games session, one game.

Players should be encouraged to play both forward and defence.

Players should be selected based on skill, not positional preference.



I think that, after evaluations, if it is determined to have a *Competitive* U11 team we define the goals and expectations of the program. Including how many players are required. In past years it seems the EVMHA has simply split the available U11 players into two groups. That is not a tryout.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Tanya Wagner
Report Submitted:

Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association

Profit and Loss
May 1 - August 9, 2023

	TOTAL
INCOME	
Registration 2023.2024	33,887.76
Year End / Banquet	498.00
Total Income	\$34,385.76
GROSS PROFIT	
	\$34,385.76
EXPENSES	
Advertising	262.61
Bank charges	11.25
BC Hockey	50.00
Coaching / Course Reimbursements	288.75
Dues and Subscriptions	264.00
EKMHA Fees	3,559.00
Office expenses	80.64
Year End / Banquet Expenses	3,537.10
Total Expenses	\$8,053.35
OTHER INCOME	
Interest earned	1.99
Total Other Income	\$1.99
OTHER EXPENSES	
Refunds 2022/2023 Season	50.00
Registration Refund 2023.2024	100.00
Total Other Expenses	\$150.00
PROFIT	\$26,184.40

○ **Current Accounts as of August 9th 2023**

General: 87922.25

Gaming: 295.87

Three Bonds: 5510.88 each

Provincial Account: 2006.66

EK REP- Christopher Cherney

Report Submitted: Nothing to report

CROSS ICE COORDINATOR- Jenna Kaus

Report Submitted:

I have shared the team manager's manuals on the EVMHA Drive I have been working on over the past year. There are three different manuals because of multiple differences between the age groups. I would



appreciate it if anyone would look over them and let me know what you think or if anything is missing or incorrect. Justine, Stephanie D and Krystal Tennant have already looked them over, and I have updated them using their suggestions.

I also updated the player tryout form. I sent it to Steph F, Jen and Mike (all on the try-out committee). I haven't heard anything. I would like to know if there is anything they would like me to change. **Do we think it would be beneficial to include the BC Code of Conduct at this time too? Stephanie F**

Steph D has helped me send out a welcome email to all the Initiation and U7 families that are registered. It included an equipment list, and a request for volunteer bench staff (along with a brief description of each role).

REFEREE IN CHIEF- Vacant

Report Submitted:

COACH COORDINATOR- Hailey Gagne

Report Submitted:

EQUIPMENT MANAGER- Jolene Grace

Report Submitted:

Equipment Manager Report

1) I have contacted Tim Bits but haven't heard anything back yet. We have so many jerseys not sure we actually need to order any. I was going to ask about the medals and other swag.

I will order more socks once we have a better idea of numbers, Do they use knit or the newer style socks?

2) McAtoms is not sure they can provide us with another set of green/white jerseys for the season. Currently, there are 2 brand new green sets and 2 white sets. If we are unable to get more sets we could possibly just give each team 1 set each. Example the Dev team could be White and the 2 rec teams could be green. The other option could be using the u11 female sets of white and teal. She will be emailing me closer to the end of the month to let me know what they can provide. Will be ordering more white socks once numbers are more clear.

3) Pucks will be getting ordered soon. I was going to order 200 to start us off with. There were only 12 blue and 19 black in the Sparwood coaches locker and I didn't see any in the team lockers. Elkford had 9 blue and 24 black. Not sure if any coaches have any at home from last year.

4) I would appreciate some input on how many pucks to order so I can fill the practice bucket and provide enough for teams to take to tournaments and games. Does each team have a puck bag that needs to be filled or do they take from the practice bucket then return everytime time they go away.



5) Through Howies 25pk of blue pucks is \$73 and the 200 black pucks \$375. Prices are virtually all the same price no matter where you order. Please let me know if this is acceptable.

REGISTRAR- Stephanie Doratty

Report Submitted:

Not much different for registration numbers since our last meeting. We have have a couple transfers for people who have moved here but also a couple leave. One additional Elkford Initiation registration.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/WILD WEAR- Sarah Wilm

Report Submitted: Nothing to Report

ICE COORDINATOR- Melissa Archambault

Report Submitted:

RISK MANAGER- Ashley Charette

Report Submitted:

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR- Justine Bowen

Report Submitted:

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR- Amy Speager

Report Submitted: Would like to discuss fundraising ideas to get ahead of other clubs.

FEMALE COORDINATOR- Sky Johnston

Report Submitted:

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT- Jenn Stevens

Report Submitted:

- Just finishing up the new evaluation forms should have them done for the next evaluation meeting.

Motion to accept Board reports.

1st the motion-

2nd the motion-

All approved

OLD BUSINESS

1. Risk Manager Inspection
 - Planned inspections postponed until Early September
2. Possible parent information session and Facebook Poll- Sky to take care of this
 - tabled to next meeting



3. Final Decision of U13 Goalie after speaking with FMH (delayed tryout due to surgery)
 - Player will be able to try out when healed, hopefully by end of Oct. Fernie reached out to the family.
4. Ice times
 - tabled
 - Stephanie has a copy of the schedule but wants to wait for Melissa to present before sharing, will schedule a quick meeting to go over
5. Registration Update
 - Overall numbers are the same with a few people registering and a few more withdrawing.
 - discussion of initiation (2) kids to join U7 practice with a "helper" or go to Sparwood practice, offer canskate also
 - Stephanie will propose options to parents to see what they would prefer to do and try to work with them
 - There are not enough girls to field a female team this season. Jennifer asked to try and keep the girls together on the ice with a proposed shinny program, as we are not sure what will happen with the girls. Jennifer asked Jenn Stevens if there is funding for a female program. She stated that there is \$10,000 for each region. Sky agreed to apply for the grant to fund a shinny program. Sky asked if we could get 1.5 hours of ice and it was decided that it would be easier to just use the already scheduled practices that would have been for the 'team'.
6. Torjager Hockey Camp- Jennifer has updated information

Email from Wade Davis:

Let me know what the ice rate is and I can figure out a couple things for costs. If it's \$125/hr for instruction and \$65 for ice then we are looking at 200 total roughly with taxes. So if we had 4 groups at 1.5 hrs each time for a total of 6 hours then \$1200 a day. Have either 2 sessions for each or potentially 3 sessions. Then would be either 2400 or 3600 total cost. Or if add a 3rd 1 hour session then each camp is 4 hours total for 800 X 4 camps which is 3200.

Do you think we could get 10 plus kids signed up for each camp? 1 camp shooting, 1 camp powerskating, 1 camp checking and 1 camp stickhandling/passing. Or other option??

If we can get 40 kids total then it's going to be \$100 per camp spot or less. Groups could be capped at 16 skaters.

Dates depend on whether we want to do this on a weekend or weekdays?? Thoughts? Could do a Friday Sat Sun during Thanksgiving weekend? 3 sessions for each group. 2 of them 1.5 hours and 1 of them 1 hour. 4 hours total.

I am not available weekends Sept 16+17, 23+24.



I may be available Sept 30+Oct 1. May be available Oct 2-4.

Should be available Oct 7+8, 14+15, 21+22. All other weekdays I am available as of now.

Just some ideas. Let me know if you have others and if a phone conversation would help.

- Jennifer will reach out to Wade about booking Oct. 14/15 or 20-22nd and how many hours he thinks we could book. Jennifer proposes to have EVMHA pay for the ice and then come up with a small fee for the players. We will offer it to EVMHA players first. All agree.
- Jennifer will reach out to Melissa about booking the ice.
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New Business

1. Ref Coordinator- Derek Cimolini has signed up!
2. Ice Logos - tabled until next year, Jennifer will set a reminder to recall in 6 months to get new quotes and to see how many times the Raiders play in Elkford as we rarely have games there and it might cut cost.
3. Team Bank Accounts
 - a. Tanya can contact the credit union to find out what the steps need to be. We have accounts that are "sub" but that still has everything run through EVMHA and doesn't make it easier. These would be closed in our account.
 - b. Teams could all be given "seed" money and I would be the co-signer on all accounts still. FMH gives \$1000.
 - c. Teams could use the accounts for all transactions, including their tournaments, but this could cause accounting nightmares with the gaming accounts if things aren't tracked properly.
 - d. This would negate the need for treasurer to monitor the spreadsheets for who has paid, but will still share all of those things with them.
- -Sky mentions Team Treasurers should be appointed
- - Tanya will look into it at the credit union to see if this is possible.
4. Fundraising
 - Plan to do it earlier this year to get ahead
 - talk about raffle tickets again
 - maybe organize a fundraising weekend in coordination with the camps Wade will bring to Elkford/Sparwood
 - Amy will try to get it organized for early in the season
 - discussion of having a fundraising fee like we used to so that players are committed to participating
5. Team Manager Manual



- Please take a look at the manual and bring feedback to email to Jen
6. Came across a intro to coaching clinic, thought we could maybe host something so that people can learn what it entails so they can sign up as coaches: (Jenn)

10:09    

 **SAWHA**  
2h · 

Are you interested in coaching but unsure of how to get involved?

Girls Hockey Calgary will be hosting a free Intro to Coaching Clinic Aug 23rd @ Max Bell.
6:00 to 7:45 classroom session (Max Bell Meeting Room Silver) and 7:45 to 8:45 on ice (Max Bell Perry Cavanagh).
The session will be led by Girls Hockey Calgary's Program Development Director, Laura Dostaler. No experience needed. The evening will cover coaching basics and what the next steps would be if you want to get involved with a team at GHC.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://www.sawha.com/ghc-coaching-clinic/>

Feel free to reach out to development.sawha@gmail.com if you have any questions on the evening or how to get involved.



- Jenn will organize a site and time and take this on.



7. Would like to offer a workshop for Coaches/ Parents & Players: (Jenn)
 - a. For non-profit groups \$500. Charge each player/parent or coach a small fee to be able to access the link
 - b. Course information:

What are you doing with all those thoughts? Are they running around in your head like unsupervised children, chasing each other, hitting each other, taunting, and poking each other?

Athletes, are you paying attention to those thoughts when you're training and competing? Are your thoughts helping or hindering?

Coaches/Parents, what are you thinking when you watch your athletes/kids train and compete? Are your thoughts helping or hindering?

You will learn: Make your thoughts work for you rather than against you. Join Shawnee for this 60 minute, interactive workshop and become The Boss!

- c. <https://www.shawneeharle.com/for-teams>
 - Open it up to Fernie
 - It is all online, Jen will check and see if it is live or a module
8. Looking to see when ice is booked for camps so I can provide instructors for those times. Looking at getting Thomas Skelton- Goalie Coach. Travis Bauer- Hitting Camp. Looking for anyone else or other ideas that you would like to see.
 - Jenn will look into some dates
9. Ideas for Elk Valley Hockey Days (Steph D and Jenna): was decided last year that we will be doing this instead of the Memorial weekends. This is an opportunity to build the sense of community in hockey. Some ideas for the weekend are pancake breakfast (would Lions club do this?), Photo Booth, skills competition for players and/or coaches, fun competitions like 'best vintage jersey' or 'best hockey hair', one big 50/50 (this could be a great fundraiser for our Association!), Ghost rider game? Other suggestions?
 - Discussion of combining with the Torjager camp weekend and make it a community weekend, fundraise, and look into having the camp in Elkford and Sparwood
 - Jennifer will email SKy, Justine, Stephanie D. with dates if we want to do it with the camp or separately.
 - Christopher suggested having a public skate during the day so the public can come out and see what we are all about.



10. Jolene- see report above.

- Jolene can go in and order medals and socks, we don't need jerseys from Tim Bits
- McAtoms will send plain jerseys and we could screen them. Option to use the teal female jerseys. We will get the plain jerseys either way and store them in Elkford if we decide to sublimite them.
- Christopher will ask if half ice needs to use blue pucks. Jolene will order 200 pucks 100 for each arena.
- Jolene will order individual team buckets

11. Sparwood Registration Night - Sep 7, 2023 talk about bringing gear 6-8pm. Sky will help to organize a separate day (September 10th-or 17th Tanya will check) to do a gear swap

- Jenna has brochures made to hand out for initiation
- Jenn will be there to do the coaching course

12. At this point in time unless there is a dramatic addition of available players there will not be a U15 female team this season.

- i. I have reached out to Crowsnest Pass for interested players but have not heard back.
- ii. Invermere is a possibility for our U15/U18 players. There are obviously some logistical issues.
- iii. I will be polling for interest in a U13/U15/U18 Female shinny program. My idea at this time would be 1.5 hours of ice every week alternating between Elkford and Sparwood. The first half an hour would be reserved for some skill development and the remaining hour for shinny.
 1. Would we be able to charge as we did for last year's skills and drills? I think it was \$50.

- Jenn (Female BC rep) has a grant available \$10,000 for each zone . There are 8 girls who currently have no team.
- Jennifer asked to try and keep the girls together on the ice with a proposed shinny program, as we are not sure what will happen with the girls. Jennifer asked Jenn Stevens if there is funding for a female program. She stated that there is \$10,000 for each region. Sky agreed to apply for the grant to fund a shinny program. Sky asked if we could get 1.5hours of ice and it was decided that it would be easier to just use the already scheduled practices that would have been for the 'team'. The board would like more information as it arises for the cost of ice and how much of a grant we can get before we agree to move forward.



2. Are there any hoops to jump through to allow players outside of EVMHA to participate?
 - b. I believe that without a merger with Fernie it will be very difficult to form female teams. FMHA shows little interest in growing female hockey west of Cranbrook.
 - c. I will also poll our U11 and younger on what sort of programs they are interested in.

**add U9 practice and teams to next agenda

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm by Stephanie Freiheit as President. The next regular meeting will be August 30th @ 7:00pm in Elkford

Justine sends regrets

Minutes Submitted by Jennifer Cherney EVMHA Secretary