



**Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association  
Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association was called to order at 6:00 pm on September 24 , 2023 in Sparwood.

**ATTENDEES: Stephanie D, Stephanie F. Melissa, Kyle, Shawn, Amy, Jenna, Tanya, Mike, Jolene, Sarah, Chris, Jennifer, Justine, Hailey, Jenn Stevens**

**REGRETS SENT:**

Sky Johnston, Ashley Charette

**Guests Present:**

Motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes from , 2023

1st the motion

the motion

All approved

**\*\*Jenna would like the minutes to state that we should change the minutes to state girls ice isnt' "all agreed" but rather state that we were waiting for more information**

- Jennifer will go back and change the minutes and bring to the next meeting.
- August Minutes not approved.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Stephanie Freiheit**

**Submitted Report:**

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

**Submitted Report:**

- It has become apparent since our last meeting that we need to formalize and track our motions. I will put a motion under new business.
- There is a lack of communication from my perspective. As the vice-president I am responsible "to fill in for the EVMHA President when absent or in the event of his/her inability to act, have and

exercise all President duties and shall in the absence of the President be ex-officio of all committees". The following is listed under the President's Power and Duties "Sign all resolutions, member certifications/documents and minutes of the meeting along with the Vice President or any other officer appointed by the Executive". I have not been Cc'd, invited or made aware of the goings on in our subcommittees to date as well as any other dealings with other Minor Hockey Associations.

- I am troubled by the cavalier attitude towards the dismissal of a board decision. As demonstrated by the decision to go ahead with the tryouts as opposed to evaluations for the U11's. This decision has not been explained beyond "a verbal conversation with FMH".
- It has been stated that "The Hockey Canada U11 Pathway is a guideline to follow, not a requirement." I have challenged this statement citing the **requirements** from Hockey Canada and BC Hockey with no reply. At the very least this statement is disingenuous as our own website (<https://www.bchockey.net/players/player-pathway#u11>) links directly to the BC Hockey U11 Pathway. Deviations from the U11 pathway should have been clearly defined before implementation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT- Tanya Wagner**

**Report Submitted:**

# Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association

## Profit and Loss

May 1 - September 22, 2023

	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>	
Registration 2023.2024	73,159.76
Year End / Banquet	498.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$73,657.76</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	
	<b>\$73,657.76</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Accounting professional fees	2,362.50
Advertising	262.61
Bank charges	15.00
BC Hockey	50.00
Coaching / Course Reimbursements	288.75
Dues and Subscriptions	264.00
EKMHA Fees	3,559.00
Equipment	1,480.48
Office expenses	149.52
Year End / Banquet Expenses	3,537.10
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,968.96</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
Interest earned	2.74
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$2.74</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	
Graduate Scholarships	1,000.00
Refunds 2022/2023 Season	50.00
Registration Refund 2023.2024	1,419.08
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,469.08</b>
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>\$59,222.46</b>

- **Current Accounts as of September 22, 2023**

General: 120 964.06

Gaming: 292.12

Three Bonds: 5510.88 each

Provincial Account: 2007.43

### Team Accounts

RBC returned my email last week and I have to set up a meeting to get accounts set up, \$6.00 per month for each account for unlimited online transactions and would need the managers for each account to go in and sign/etc as they would need dual signatures.

StellerVista did not get back to me on number of accounts we can have but we do have a few set up already in the accounts and can add signers easily for those ones.

RBC would cost each team approximately 42.00. Once approval of the motion happens (see below) I will set a meeting to go through logistics of the entire thing. One issue is the gaming funds going through the

wrong accounts - I haven't trouble-shot this just yet. I think setting up official accounts needs to be a 2024-2025 season initiative; however the U13 FMH team would like to have their own account as that is how they do it in Fernie - they can be added to one of the current EKCCU accounts easily.

**EK REP- Christopher Cherney**

**Report Submitted:**

EK meeting was September 10th.

Discussion about who would host tiering and when. Windermere Valley will take u13, Elk Valley will take U11.

Discussion about West Kootenay tiering for carded u13 and u15 and WK league scheduling.

New Policy upcoming. There was a motion to shorten ice time for the U11 B/C Recreation league games from 2 hours to 1.5 hours. The new format will be 5 minute warm up, 1st period run time, 2 minute break, 2nd period run time, 2 minute break, 3rd period stop time, flood after the game. The motion was approved with only 3 opposed, I opposed for Elk Valley and so did Fernie and Windermere. Those that were for this time reduction cited issues with scheduling ice for various reasons in their home association. To clarify, teams categorized as U11 A Development will still have 2 hours scheduled for games.

New Update, West Kootenay has changed their mind and will no longer require tiering, this was due to a lack of ice and referee availability. Scheduling dates For WK have not been decided, possibly October 7th or 21st weekend.

**CROSS ICE COORDINATOR- Jenna Kaus**

**Report Submitted:**

Tanya and I attended the Sparwood Registration night on September 7 and handed out brochures. Next year, this needs to be better organized. No one had contacted the Rec to let them know we wanted a table. It was a last-minute throw-together that thankfully worked out fine in the end.

I have contacted Burt in Mac's regarding the Super Sport packages for U7s and U9s. The delivery is delayed this year. I should have them by mid-October.

**REFEREE IN CHIEF- Vacant**

**Report Submitted:**

**COACH COORDINATOR- Hailey Gagne**

**Report Submitted:**

1. Bench Staff is selected for all Divisions other than U11 and we are working on U13 Rec. U13 rec has had a few volunteers to make practices run while more people apply and get their

appropriate courses/requirements. U11 teams should be decided by the meeting and I will need to assign volunteers to appropriate positions.

2. I think we need to start the season (regular practices) a little bit later and have tryouts/evaluations beforehand. Coaches are finding out the night before or the day of practices that they are the head coach or assistant coach, etc., when I only receive the information shortly (hours) before them. This is a problem and very unorganized.
3. Can Sparwood Initiation kids join in with Elkford Initiation? Or have another Sparwood practice. One practice a week is not enough. We used to have two practices before COVID, I'm not sure what has changed. The registration fee is still the same but Initiation has one less practice now. These younger kids absolutely need two practices a week to see any progress and to prepare for U7.
4. I know some associations charge extra (\$250-500) if parents do not volunteer. I've noticed that a lot of the same people have multiple positions while other parents offer no support at all. The lack of volunteers to work with is frustrating on my end. I want to hear the boards opinions and thoughts on this. Sky: I am in full agreement with this. The following link is to the EGHA's volunteer program. <https://www.egha.ab.ca/content/volunteer-program> While nothing is perfect I thought this worked quite well.

#### **EQUIPMENT MANAGER- Jolene Grace**

##### **Report Submitted:**

##### **Equipment Manager Report**

- was able to get more blue pucks and have delivered the each arena
- first aid kits and ice packs have been ordered and will be delivered next week to lockers
- working looking to start ordering socks. I'll work with Hailey to get all the Manager info for the teams
- name bars? Not sure where to order or who puts the names on. I will get this out to managers as well  
Sky: [Melissa Archambault](#) supplied the name bars last year.
- we are hosting the u13 Raiders. I met the the equipment manager from Fernie and swapped jerseys. They are asking what we supply for them example socks and pant covers. I have just said socks. Please let me know if this is right. Sky: [I do not recall ordering any shells \(aka pant covers\) last year.](#)
- I'm hopefully ordering Raiders socks this week as they play early Oct. I'll be reaching out to Thomas for these socks.

#### **REGISTRAR- Stephanie Doratty**

##### **Report Submitted:**

- Initiation: Elkford 4 (one more requested), Sparwood 18 once two transfers completed (one more requested)
- all in favor to accept one more child in Elkford, struggling for help on the ice, once schedule is released we can ask older players to help. Steph will reach out if more ask to join.
  
- U7 - 21 players on one team - one more inquiring, one Initiation requesting to move up
- we are getting close to having too many kids at this age, unfortunately we have no extra ice for practices, discussion about what to do, there is the possibility of splitting the teams during games, discussion of the one initiation child who wants to move up is difficult even though we'd like to support the child we are getting to capacity for numbers on the team. Stephanie will look into how we could "ap" or allow the child to come up and possibly play some games
- Amy suggested moving Initiation to a Saturday morning so that you can split ice for U7 and Initiation does Saturdays, Melissa thinks there won't be enough Saturday ice to give to the teams.
- Mike said in Sparwood the kids have help, in Elkford we could split some ice to help the little ones who can't skate
  
- **EKHMA0901**
- Stephanie D Motions to cap U7 numbers at 22 children for the current season.
- Jennifer seconds the Motion
- All in Favor
  
- U9 - 2 teams of 14 each - one more inquiring, one asking to move up to U11, one asking to play down to U9
- Age appropriate new U9 player would like to join- Board agrees to accept that late registrant
- Stephanie D. motions to not accept any further new registrants
- Tanya seconds
- All Agreed.
  
- U11 - 40 registrants
- U13 - hosting U13 Raiders, running our own U13 Rec team
- U15 - hosting our own Rec team
- U18 - no Fernie players, two requesting to play down

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

**Report Submitted:** Thomas is working on getting out the online store. Will have more info soon.

**ICE COORDINATOR- Melissa Archambault**

**Report Submitted:**

Tiering Ice for U11 has been Booked in Sparwood and Elkford for Oct 20-22nd.

Regular Practice ice schedule is complete and once we know the amount of teams in each division then I will present and ask for a motion to accept the practice schedule.

(see attached excel)

**RISK MANAGER- Ashley Charette**

**Report Submitted:**

**SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR- Justine Bowen**

**Report Submitted:**

Photo Night is booked for Nov. 1st, will have a schedule set up closer to the date.

**FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR- Amy Speager****Report Submitted:**

I have sent out numerous emails and dropped letters off for tournament donations.

We have received two cheques of \$1000. Season gaming licenses for 50/50 have been sent in and approved. I am also working on getting the gaming license for our Office Pool Hockey fundraiser.

**FEMALE COORDINATOR- Sky Johnston****Report Submitted:**

- There has been no formal decision for the grant from BC Hockey for the U18/U15/U13 female shinny. The last communication from Jen Loewen, BC Hockey Female Hockey Coordinator, was promising "As mentioned, we can help fund up to your initial ask of roughly \$1500.00. I am asking that you charge a commitment fee for these girls to reduce the ice costs so we can fund other smaller events – plus a commitment fee of \$40.00 is affordable but makes people accountable."
- Had a great conversation with Jen Loewen about the different options available for female hockey and what has worked best to get new girls involved.

**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT- Jenn Stevens****Report Submitted: None Submitted****EVALUATION COMMITTEE (Jenn Stevens, Mike Kaus, Steph F.)****Report Submitted:**

Evaluations for U13 and U15 are complete. Feedback so far has been positive. The Evaluation Committee met with Fernie Minor Hockey on Sept 19 to finalize the U15 and U13 rosters. All the players have been notified about whether they made the Raiders or not. There will be two U15 teams and three U13 teams (Raiders, Elk Valley Rec and Fernie Rec). We also selected most of the bench staff for the U15 and U13. We still need bench staff for the U13 Elk Valley team. I believe Hailey has already sent an email to all the U13 Elk Valley Rec players.

U11 Evaluations are organized and ready to go.

**Motion to accept Board reports.**

**1<sup>st</sup> the motion- Melissa**

**2<sup>nd</sup> the motion- Jolene**

**All approved**

- Stephanie set out house rules, for the meetings, we should be making motions and voting where needed.

-Stephanie stated she didn't need to submit reports, Jennifer disagreed stating we don't know what's going on behind the scenes, Jennifer noted the evaluation committee, coaching committee and scheduling all had meetings with or without Fernie and not everything is relayed in the reports. Justine agreed, Stephanie agreed to submit reports

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Risk Manager Inspection- Ashley Charette

- Responsible: Ashley has done the inspections except the half ice boards (insert email)

### 2. Parent Meeting and Session- Sky to take care of this

### 3. Updates:

Bench Staff- Hailey Gagne- see above report and expand on it.

-Discussion on how it was struggle to pick bench staff the evening before practice, Steph suggests we have a buffer before practices start until after tryouts as its way to chaotic

-discussion as to how long of a wait

-stephanie is suggesting that we charge more for kids in tryouts so that only the kids registered can attend the first 2 weeks of ice.

-We need to communicate to the association members what is happening and why

Amy and Hailey suggested the first week october to start the regular practices

-Sarah clarified that some tiering happens in September, Melissa clarified that it doesn't mean that we don't use the ice, just anything before October won't necessarily be the regular schedule, rather pre season ice.

-Jennifer suggested that Hailey has access to who is trying out and who the bench staff is so she can get a head start for any teams that coaches don't have children trying out. Those coaches can be used as volunteers for the preseason ice and have an idea of who the bench staff is ahead of time.

### EKHMA0902

Tanya motions that EVMHA that the regular season practices start the first week of october (anything before that is preseason ice with variable ice and staff)

Jolene seconds the motion

All in favor.

### Teams

- FMHA has the U15 Raiders, and their own u13 rec
- EVMHA has U18, U15 rec, U13 Raiders and our U13 rec

### Torjager Hockey Camp:



Available Spots  
U7- 6 spots left  
U9- 6 spots left  
U11- 4 spots left  
U13- 4 spots left  
U15/18- 7 spots left

Friday Oct. 6  
U15/18 Checking Camp 7:30pm-9 **7 Spots Left**

Saturday Oct. 7:  
U7 Passing and Stick Handling 9-10am **6 Spots Left**  
U9 Shooting 10-11 **6 Spots Left**  
U11 Shooting Group 1 11:15- 12:15 **4 Spots Left**  
U11 Shooting Group 2 12:30-1:30 **(SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION)**  
U13 Shooting Group 1 1:45-2:45 **4 Spots Left**  
U13 Shooting Group 2 3:00-4:00 **(SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION)**  
U15/18 Shooting 4:15-5:15 **7 spots left**

Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>  
U7 Powerskating 9-10  
U9 Powerskating 10-11  
U11 Powerskating Group 1- 11:15-12:15  
U11 Powerskating Group 2- 12:30-1:30 **(SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION)**  
U13 Powerskating Group 1- 1:25- 2:45  
U13 Powerskating Group 2 3:00-4:00 **(SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION)**  
U15/18 Passing/Stickhandling 4:15-5:15

Cost with all ice above-  
8.25x2x55= 907  
Wade's Fee Approx. \$2200

= 3107

Income:  
U7- 7  
U9- 9  
U11- 18  
U13- 17  
U15/18- 13

= 2560

Checking- 13  
= 325

Income- 2885

Jennifer explained that we have the option of canceling all the second groups if we want to save some money on ice and run groups of 20 kids. The board discussed the ability to cover the costs and how it would be nice to have smaller groups on the ice. Right now the deficit would be about \$300 if we get no further players sign up.

### EKMHA20230903

Tanya motions to have the EVMHA cover any deficits from this camp.

Jolene seconds

All in Favor

### Player movement Updates

- There is a u11 player who would like to move down U9 because he is new and wants to play down with their sibling
- there is a minimum of 4 practices before they can be evaluated and it is up to the EK, player movements at this age are based on safety and the parents are aware of what is going on.
- Jennifer stated she could empathize with a new mother in hockey and she can see how this would benefit the family if they can share practices until they are comfortable
- Kyle also stated there are some very small u9s on the ice so size of the player should be a consideration.

## 4. Vote for U11 Team Size/Numbers

Stephanie Read Sky's comments no discussion was had as everyone had 2 minutes to state their feelings and ask questions at the end:

Sky: The *decision to go ahead with tryouts for some instead of evaluations for all will make a decision to go ahead with three teams instead of two difficult. Tryouts imply there are limited roster spots. Was this communicated to the U11 families? Certainly not to the board. What is the number of spots allotted for the U11 'A' team. How will two 'B' teams be balanced without player evaluations? Without any data we might as well draw from a hat.*

- *As of today there are 42 players at U11. There have been suggestions that a few players may be trying to make a U13 team. My understanding is there are a few hoops to jump through and that the player must be evaluated near the top. Simply *making* the U13 team isn't good enough.*
- *The maximum roster size is 19. Therefore two teams at 21 would mean that you are counting on players to be missing for various reasons to not have the coaching staff be forced to make a difficult decision.*
- *Three teams at 14 is not desirable but maybe the only way to go. It has been suggested that players can be moved between the 'B' level teams to fill in gaps. I think this would prove to be unworkable as the two teams are likely to be playing at different locations on the same days.*

### Stephanie

- states there is ice for 3 teams.
- Potential of sick kids is a concern or short benches
- Oversize team is a concern for ice time.
- We need to consider the coaches and what is best for the children

### **Melissa**

- roster sizes can go up to 23 but 19 at games
- concerns about the non committed kids
- 2 large teams is a lot but it breaks down that a player sits out 1 games per 6 games.
- She foresees a lot of kids not being committed as there are a lot of new kids
- she would like to see 3 teams

### **Hailey**

- only had 2 head coaches apply for u11 and more assistants who weren't as committed last year,
- she feels bench staff may be a problem

### **Kyle**

- thinks it's a travesty to have 2 teams because we are not developing players with that many kids on the ice.
- we should be ashamed as a board to ask kids to sit out
- people should be signing up to volunteer to support the kids and we should be supporting the kids on the dev team and those who want to be there
- we will lose players if we vote for oversized rosters
- Kyle stated he would rethink whether he could continue on this board if we decide on 2 teams
- 9 skaters is good and will help them to change on the fly

### **Shawn**

- for 3 teams
- need to play with skilled like players and if you put top players on the team the top players will carry the puck and the younger kids will never have the opportunity to improve
- We should be providing a development stream to feed the raiders and the bucks and if we have a large roster this will not develop those kids

### **Amy**

- other than a few people on the board, no one coaches. From a coaching perspective we should be allowing them to make the decision and manage on the ice.
- feels it is too much for the coaches
- Kids will only be playing 6 minutes per game, it is alot to expect for a parent to drive for that.
- cost from a parent perspective the time on the ice is expensive and we want to maximize it.
- 2 teams is not fair to anyone

### **Stephanie Doratty**

- has been back and forth on her decision
- for the 3 teams coaching is a concern and hopefully we can find someone and trying to coach 20 plus kids as its an enormous roster
- she thinks there is flexbibility on borrowing players
- if we do 2 teams, both should be even for sitting out and the teams be treated equally
- what is a decent team size? Pass thinks 12?

### **Jenna Kaus**

- you can't beat ice time, it develops you
- sad we lost ice time for games for u11 rec.

- struggled as a manager with that many kids but thinks they could do it shorthanded

### **Tanya**

-feels 3 will work and we have enough strong athletes and we should not base our decisions on the strongest player or the weakest player.

### **Mike**

- as a board we make decisions made on numbers not coaching staff or number, he feels volunteers will step up
- we will lose trust as a board if we don't make the right decisions
- multiple people have stepped up and said they want 3 teams
- thinks we will lose players to the outlaw team
- we shouldn't assume they aren't committed
- new players will improve and have fun

### **Jolene**

- no opinion
- no u11 kid and wants a decision made

### **Justine-**

- she heard 2 people say they need to like skilled players need to be together and that is an issue for the house teams
- it all comes down to commitment from families, kids might be committed but their parents might not be
- unless you can roster the house team as 1 team then split so you can borrow then 2 teams would work.
- Stephanie F. stated that you can no longer do this as we have done in the past.

### **Sarah**

- would like a team of 3 lines even on the dev team and 16-17 players is a good number as it gives a cushion for sickness or holidays, then the kids won't be worn out in tournaments
- she has had kids on both team, the one on oversized roster never ended up missing a game
- all worked out even though parents were upset at the beginning they did see the benefit at the end
- Sarah feels that if families are threatening to leave the association if they don't get what they want is a clear example that they are only thinking about themselves and not what's best for the entire association

### **Christopher-**

- agrees with Sarah, running 3 lines is prudent
- as far as practices, understands that larger rosters make it busy but the commitment not only comes from the kids/families and coaches, he feels like a good coach can develop 23 players on the ice
- ice time is a consideration and although the new u11 rec times 90min

### **Jennifer**

- don't have a u11 child

- sat on an oversized roster and children still developed and never sat out because there is always a lower commitment level from other families
- Jennifer agrees with Christopher that coaches aren't there to just coach the good but should be committed to all the players.

Jenn

- should be doing what's best for the kids, already have the coaches and suggests to do what's best for the kids not just your child

#### EKMHA20230904

Tanya Motions that the EVMHA approve 3 U11 teams for the 2023/24 season.

\*\*\*\*for clarification yes is for 3, no is for 2.

-Jolene Seconds the Motion

- 10 FOR

- 4 AGAINST

-1 abstained

The motion is approved.

Much discussion on skill difference between #13 - 15 players on the evaluation list from tryouts because it does depend on how to motion for the team numbers

#### EKMHA20230905

Jenna motions EVMHA approve 13 children total on the U11 Development Team for the 2023/24 season

Jenn Stevens seconds the motion

Sarah is opposed

14 agree - Motion approved

Discussion of how to split the 2 house teams, since not all players tried out, we will need to see how to support the house teams by splitting the teams evenly.

#### EKMHA20230906

Christopher motions to have evaluations for the remaining house players this week so that the house teams can split evenly. Coaches will be in charge of evaluating, not evaluators.

Jenn Stevens seconds

All in favor

2 sessions will be held this week for the coaches to evaluate players to create evenly split teams. Regular practice ice will not start until next week to accommodate this, the schedule will remain the same as last week. . Kyle Petovello was asked to run both practices this week since he has been on the ice with most of the kids. Kyle agreed.

## 5. Team Bank Accounts- Tanya (see Treasurer Report)

- Teams should not have to pay for an account when there is already a viable option of using the current system.
- I am happy to keep the status quo for the year and use the Excel sheets as were set up last year but am also happy to try and get the accounts set up. Approving the cost is step one - going from there is step two.
- When we give out team accounts, managers would need to submit a budget

**EKMHA20230907**

**Motion:** That the EVMHA approve covering the cost of team bank accounts up to \$50 per year, per team.

- Jennifer Seconds
- All in favor

**EKMHA20230908**

**Motion:** "That the EVMHA approve a team bank account for the Raiders combined team to be held at the EKCCU for the current season and be given \$1000 of start-up money to be paid back at the end of the season."

- Christopher seconds
- All in favor

Noted that team will have to do a budget

Tanya would like to trial this to see if it makes it easier for her.

## 6. Team Manager Manual

It is fluid and if anyone has any suggestions please let Jenna know and she can add to the manual

## 7. Intro to Coaching- Jenn Stevens

## 8. Development Dates- Jenn Stevens

- zoom links and it is a live call
- jenn will cost it out and get more info
- Pounce Into the Jungle- Shawnee Harlee
- \$500 for the zoom meeting

## 9. Elk Valley Hockey Days

-Justine would like to postpone until the new year.  
we will look for an appropriate date

## 10. Elkford Ref Room Update

- add email from Justin Hart
- renovated the room and ref room is now moved to the old handicap bathroom and Changeroom #5 is now the female changerroom
- Jennifer feels this is unfair as all other changerrooms have toilets and showers and that we need to start considering females
- Christopher stated Bev from the district showed him the rooms and there is discussion of possibly having a plumber install a sink in changerroom #5
- Stephanie will reach out to Justin and come up with a plan

## New Business

### 1. Introduce a numbering system for motions so they can easily be referenced. - Vice-President

- a. Going forward motions should be identified so they can be saved and available for reference. I propose the following: 'EVMHA Motion 20230901'. These first four digits are the year, the next two are the month and the last two are for each motion at the monthly meeting. So the first motion would be EVMHA Motion 20230901 and the second would be EVMHA Motion 20230902 and so on.
  - Jennifer will number above motions later

### 2. EK U11 Ice time policy- Christopher

- See report above

Sky: I do not think it is fair that this policy is not being applied at the U11A level. What is the rationale for this? There are no Representative or Carded teams at the U11 age group. Are there going to be discounted fees for non U11A players? It should be all or none.

### 3. Photo Night

- See above report from Justine.

### 4. Female Subcommittee

- Responsible: Sky Johnston
  - Accountable: EVMHA Executive
  - Consult: Motion that a Female Development Committee be formed for the 2023/24 season. It shall be chaired by the Female Coordinator and consist of members of the EVMHA executive committee.
- Tabled

### 5. Coaches Smoker?

Sky: I found this to be almost useless last year. Way too many invitees. As far as I could tell it was an information meeting for managers but for some reason all the coaches, including assistants, were asked to attend as well.

- Tanya will host a managers meeting

- reminder to let coaches know if you have an affiliate player you must speak with the other coaches
- mandatory managers will bring forward any questions for information to the coaches  
Jenna Tanya and Steph F will run the meeting
- we will start with the managers and if we need a coaches meeting after

## 6. Allowing Initiation Players to Practice in Elkford and Sparwood.

- a. Sky: The following is what is posted on our website.
  - i. Initiation (from EVMHA Policy Handbook Policy 5.1)
    - 1. – Age: 3-8 years old learning to play hockey
    - 2. – Practice Ice: One forty-five minute practice a week.
  - ii. It looks like BC Hockey and Hockey Canada are no longer differentiating between U7 and Initiation. The lowest age group listed is U7. There is no mention of *initiation*. We should probably update our policy hand book to align with BC Hockey / Hockey Canada.

Hailey stated she feels kids don't progress as well with one day a week and would benefit from more

- Chris thinks families can take advantage of the district programs
- Hailey advocates for more ice for the initiation kids some don't improve after 2 years
- Stephanie D says we are one of the only associations that offers initiation
- Stephanie F. says this may need to wait until next season since we don't have much ice left.
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## 7. Mini Manuals for Each Board/Volunteer Position

Jennifer suggests we do manuals for each position to help for future board members

- 8. Development 1 coaching course required for u13 and u15 Raiders for head coaches and assistant coaches - Chris sent an email
- 9. U13 Rec Goalie - rec team doesn't have one, talk of asking fernie u15 goalies to play down. Talk of checking out equipment that we have to size up for anyone trying to be a new goalie at U13, Jolene will look for gear in the lockers
- 10. Equipment Request- Mike Marshall
  - U7 Head coach asking for a couple pop up nets because of the amount of kids and the number of children
  - Jennifer motions to have EVMHA purchase 4 pop up nets at a maximum cost of \$100 each, 2 be bought in each arena
  - Melissa seconds
  - All in Favor
- 11. U13 Raiders Manager (Tony Nguyen) questions via email.
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- 12. Refund Requests
  - 2 refund requests for players who did not make the U13 Raiders are requesting a refund request, our policy states no refunds after
- 13. Teams without leagues-discussion of how many games we can host. every team gets 4 exhibition games motion to give 6 games plus 4 of the original exhibition games



14. Jolene- I would like to support Thomas and his business. Do we support ordering Associations sock through him as well? Sky: Precedence has already been set. I ordered a set of jerseys from High Altitude last year.

Jolene will price out socks and will order after an email to the board about 20-30\$ per pair

15. In a **worst case scenario** and we do not receive a grant from BC Hockey for the U18/U15/U13 Female Shinny does the board agree to go ahead and support a self funded program charging a fee for the season and a drop in fee? All participants would have to be registered in a Minor Hockey Association for insurance purposes and then \$100 for the season or a \$10 drop in fee?

- Jenn Stevens says we are getting the grant \$1500
- friday night 6-7 pm slot still available for teams

16. Emailing (Stephanie D) - this has been quite time consuming. It will be less once the season gets underway as things can be directed to managers. Looking at bylaws, it's not the registrar role to send emails. Who is most appropriate? Suggestion: when making an email request, draft the email and finish with a name and email for contact in case there are questions.

- Jennifer has suggested a do not reply email to help that person out.
- Tabled for next meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at by Stephanie Freiheit as President. The next regular meeting will be October 15, 2023 @ 6:00pm in Elkford

Minutes Submitted by Jennifer Cherney EVMHA Secretary