



**Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association
Meeting Agenda
January 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association was called to order at 6:04pm on January 22, 2024 in Elkford

ATTENDEES: Sky Johnson, Amy Speager, Shawn Speager, Jolene Grace, Jenna Kaus, Christopher Cherney, Stephanie Freiheit, Melissa Archambault, Jennifer Cherney, Hailey Gagne, Tanya Wagner

REGRETS SENT: Sarah Wilm, Mike Kaus, Stephanie Doratty

Guests Present:

Motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes from November 22nd, 2023

Sky feels the minutes do not reflect what we spoke about in the last meeting. His recollection is that we would open the Female Program to only U11 if numbers weren't met, the rest of the board agrees that we would open to U11 and below. The majority of the board agrees aside from Sky believes the minutes are correct.

Tanya 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:

It should be noted going forward that we have not complied with our bylaws regarding the frequency of meetings. Bylaw Six 4. Executive meetings will be held monthly of the Society. For at least 10 of the 12 months of the year.

It is concerning that the disciplinary committee was improperly formed and then cast judgment on a board member without following due process as laid out in Bylaw Eight.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Tanya Wagner

Report Submitted:

Current Accounts as of January 15, 2024

- General: 100464.18
- Gaming: 7178.49
- Three Bonds: 5753.36 each
- Provincial Account: 2010.61

Profit and Loss Statement for the Year to Date

Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association

Profit and Loss

May 1, 2023 - January 15, 2024

	TOTAL
INCOME	
Bank Reversal	5,575.00
Donation Rec'd	8,300.00
Fundraising	3,785.00
Home Tournament Entry Fee Fee	30,800.00
Ice Fee	1,400.00
Name Bags	680.00
Raffle Box 00/00	18,000.00
Raffles Repayment	500.00
Referee Booking Fee	460.00
Registration 2023-2024	82,283.01
Tiering	3,783.00
U11 Dev Team Tournament Fees	2,730.00
U11 Tournament Fees	4,872.21
U11B Tournament Fees	4,115.00
U12 Tournament Fees	3,600.00
U15 Tournament Fees	1,781.00
U18 Tournament Fees	2,082.00
U7 Tournament Fees	5,175.71
U9 Tournament Fees	6,400.74
WK Pre Income	500.00
Year End / Banquet	1,008.00
Total Income	\$166,927.67
GROSS PROFIT	
	\$166,927.67
EXPENSES	
Accounting professional fees	2,862.00
Advertising	200.00
Bank charges	166.75
BC Hockey	12,000.00
Coaching / Coaches Reimbursements	288.75
Donation	110.00
Dues and Subscriptions	354.00
EDMHA Fees	1,500.00
Equipment	8,335.10
Evaluation Gifts	800.00
Fundraising & Raffles	2,074.00
Home Tournament Costs	5,900.11
Ice	25,173.80
Insurance	938.00
Office expenses	1,321.75
Raffles	5,032.46
Team Refund	2,600.00
Team Tournament Entry	45,000.00
Tiering Tournament Fee	707.02
Year End / Banquet Expenses	3,537.10

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Profit and Loss

May 1, 2023 - January 15, 2024

	TOTAL
Combined Teams	1,080.00
Total Expenses	\$133,859.28
OTHER INCOME	
Interest earned	8.62
Total Other Income	\$8.62
OTHER EXPENSES	
Graduate Scholarships	1,020.00
Mileage	517.54
Name Tag Expense	\$26.00
Player Development	2,100.00
Reflexbox 2022-2023 Price	\$,825.00
Refunds 2022/2023 Season	50.00
Registration Refund 2023/2024	2,753.44
Total Other Expenses	\$17,253.86
PROFIT	\$45,780.95

Reminder that this profit/loss statement will not reflect many of the tournament costs coming up - we have five tournaments coming that will reduce overall "profit" for the year.

EK REP- Christopher Cherney

Report Submitted:

East Kootenay Monthly Meeting, January 7 th

-December Meeting Minutes approved

-Reports

Operations, Leann: More tournament requests coming in this year more than other years, you can't do a blanket request for the season, you must request for each tournament. Some requests have been for 4 or 5 at a time.

Minor Committee, Lee: December 4th was the last meeting, discussed private leagues and being flexible with officials so they can participate in BC hockey too.

Discussion about increasing the roster size from 19 to 20 next season, not approved but more to come on this later.

Discipline, Leann: Reminder that officials need to file incident reports not just game sheets. See the following link for more information, <https://www.bchockey.net/officials/game-incident-reports>, there is a tutorial video there too about how to do it on Spordle.

Teams that have ineligible players and bench staff can result in 5 game suspensions. It makes the insurance for null and void with non rostered bench staff, if something happens it can result in costs for the Associations. An ineligible player can be suspended for a maximum of 3 years.

If a player is suspended they are still to be added to the game sheet roster but marked as suspended, and what game # it is of the suspension, example: 1 of 3.

Zone Committee, Justin: U18 is 12-6-2 and is in the # 2 spot, U15 is 5-5-8 with a lot of close games. Both teams unfortunately lost a goalie and had to call some up. So far it's been a positive experience with the SCAHL. April 26 th to the 28 th Ice has been booked for the Zone Spring Camps. Todd from Cranbrook has said that the U13 team has also had a positive experience in the SCAHL.

No Female, Referee or Coach reports

New Business:

Provincial declarations are in, information will be coming out for play downs.

Banner Tournament, lots of discussion on who has ice and for what dates the first two weeks of March.

Lee summarized in a following email, information below.

From Lee, Hi Everyone,

To make sure everyone has the same list for banner and dates, the schedule is listed below. Note: There is a date change for U13C in Creston after confirming the ice booking.

U11A - Kimberley March 8-10

U11B - Elk Valley March 8-10

U11C - Golden March 1-3

U13A - Elk Valley March 1-3

U13B - Kimberley March 1-3

U13C - Creston March 1-3

U15A - Windermere March 8-10

Please look at the time you have available for games. U11A through U15 are to follow the format on our website (i.e. 2 hour ice sessions). For U11 Rec (B & C) 1.5 hr ice times should be used consist with the season format. Please note that the banner formats have not been updated yet for the U11 rec game format change but I will do this soon. If the 1.5 hr format is needed to complete the number of games for the U11A through U15 banners, please let me know. All tournament formats/rules can be found on the EK website

at https://www.esportsdesk.com/leagues/custom_page.cfm?leagueID=33525&clientID=6930&pageID=21743

Please also remind your teams that schedules and final formats can not be done until all league games are completed. Once the league games are completed, they will be informed of the schedule. Unfortunately this will mean that the B/C banner and locations where some teams will play might not be final until later in February, however we can discuss standings during our February meeting to see if we can refine those banners further. Reminder that the standings for the leagues can be found at <https://eastkootenay.hisports.site/>

Let me know if you have any questions or if I missed anything.

Meeting Adjourned, Next Meeting is Feb 4 th at 8pm.

CROSS ICE COORDINATOR- Jenna Kaus

Report Submitted: Nothing to Update

REFEREE IN CHIEF- Vacant

Report Submitted:

COACH COORDINATOR- Hailey Gagne

Report Submitted:

EQUIPMENT MANAGER- Jolene Grace

Report Submitted:

REGISTRAR- Stephanie Doratty

Report Submitted:

We advertised Elkford Initiation again as “get ready for U7” but didn’t have a single person inquire
One new U13 Rec registrant

PUBLIC RELATIONS/WILD WEAR- Sarah Wilm

Report Submitted:

ICE COORDINATOR- Melissa Archambault

Report Submitted:

- Last day of practices will be March 15.
- Sparwood ice comes out March 28. And Elkford comes out March 17.

RISK MANAGER- Ashley Charette

Report Submitted:

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR- Justine Bowen

Report Submitted: See attached PDF in Drive entitled Female Jamboree

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR- Amy Speager

Report Submitted: Nothing to update

FEMALE COORDINATOR- Sky Johnston

Report Submitted:

I was very disappointed that the Female Shinny program was cancelled. There were five players registered, and three more had tried to sign up but missed the deadline. There were also multiple inquiries about opening it up to U11s. I cannot understand why the board would not approve a fully funded and staffed program.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT- Vacant

Report Submitted:

Motion to accept Board reports

1st the motion

2nd the motion

All approved

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mini Manuals for Each Board/Volunteer Position

Jennifer suggests we do manuals for each position to help for future board members- **Work in Progress Due by AGM** if your position is another term feel free to work on it over the next year if you choose to stay.

2. Bumpers
 - No update, Stephanie will touch base with Jolene
3. Intro to U7
 - Advertised, however no one was interested in joining.
4. EV Female Hockey
 - Jennifer asked for an update as to why the Female ice program was cancelled. Sky stated that by Dec. 12th if minimum numbers weren't met the board was to open registration to U11. The registration wasn't open within the timeline he wanted so he cancelled the program. The board disagrees with Sky's executive decision to cancel the program without consulting the board. The board feels that the program should have been opened to ALL females in EVMHA and surrounding associations and this was the delay in opening the registration. Sky felt there weren't volunteers and no possible way to run it for the younger ages. Again, this decision was not made in consideration with the board.
5. Female Hockey Jamboree- See attachment
 - Justine is working hard to organize the Jamboree and hoping for some more volunteers to help coach.
6. Ice Schedule Calendar
 - Jennifer asked if the Ice Coordinator could make a calendar of some sort so that we can see all the open ice available for next year. Melissa will look into it.
7. Volunteer of the Month
 - This month's volunteer is James Bosma. Tanya has been doing a write up and Sarah will post it on FB.
8. Update on Wild Wear: High Altitude is working with DHL & Customs to get the last boxes of Wild Wear delivered to the Elk Valley (which are unfortunately still stuck at the border). I reached out again last week to confirm that Thomas will contact customers with an update.
 - It was brought up that the policies have changed and teams do not have to purchase through the coordinator
 - Jennifer suggested a more in depth conversation as it is a waste of the Wild Wear coordinator's time and the company we use if not everyone orders in one place. Will readdress before next season.
9. Fundraising update
 - The Rafflebox 50/50 was very successful raising over \$8000 for the association.
 - Tournaments are also using it and it is generating a lot of interest and purchases
 - Super easy fundraiser and looking forward to doing it again.

New Business

1. Banners
 - U11B in EV
 - U13 in EV
 - Rest are listed above in Christopher's report.
 - Reminder no fundraising at the tournament and the managers of the respective teams will need to organize the schedules.
2. Ref complaint
 - Complaint received about a more experienced ref, that they are not gaining control of games.
 - Unfortunately, we are severely understaffed for refs and they are all doing the best they can at the moment.
 - Should look at ways to attract more refs through more ref courses, maybe increased pay, look at how we can support them so they don't leave
3. Tryouts - 2024/2025 season
 - Stephanie would like to hire independent evaluators for all of our tryouts. We all agree this is a good idea to make sure the kids are assessed without bias. She will reach out to Torjager (Wade) to get a quote and we will proceed from there.
4. TeamLinkt
 - Stephanie Doratty wasn't able to speak on this tonight but will bring us her thoughts to the next meeting. It is a platform for registrars that links to the HCR which is much easier than Teamsnap. Unfortunately, our subscription to team snap renews in Feb. so we aren't able to just cancel it so if we do change, we would have to pay for Teamsnap for the year and TeamLinkt.
5. First Shift
 - Fernie is wondering if we want to apply for First Shift this year. There was much discussion on applying and as much as we would love to support it, we don't have the volunteers to run it and it seems very successful in Fernie.
6. Year End Banquet
 - Discussion on if we should have a year end banquet. The majority of the younger teams love the banquet but seems as though the older teams aren't as interested.
 - Was decided that the managers should ask the teams what they would prefer and if they don't want a banquet, we could give each team approx. \$200 towards doing their own windup. Tanya will do the budget once we know what teams want.
7. Review of Bylaw Eight- Email from Sky
 - Sky doesn't agree with a discipline letter he received.
 - In Bylaw 6 the President has a right to issue letters if they feel that the board's reputation is being compromised.

-Sky handed out a letter with his resignation from Vice President and Female Coordinator.

8. U11 Survey

- Chris suggests sending out a U11 survey to see how the season is going. Tanya will do up one and it will be sent to all U11 families.

9. Non Profit In Kind Grant

- Jennifer would like to apply for a grant on behalf of the association for Thanksgiving ice to host another camp with Torjager. It was agreed to apply to see if we could get 2.5 days of ice granted to us for this.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7.43pm by Stephanie Freiheit as President. The next regular meeting will be in February 2024 @ 6:00pm in Sparwood

Minutes Submitted by Jennifer Cherney EVMHA Secretary