



August 16th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Location: Upstairs Classroom, Energy Centre

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm
2. Roll Call – Tracy, Andy, Melissa D, Lee, Lisa, Shane, Rob, Jay, Melissa B, Tyler, Matt D, Matt L, Derrek
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion made Matt D, Matt L seconds.
4. Ratification of previous Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Lee, Rob seconds.
5. Delegates – Ryan Small attended to explain the NEAHL merging with NAI. NAI voted to fold this season. They reached out to other leagues to see if anyone would absorb the associations. NEAHL took in 20 associations, could drop to 19 (Drayton Valley is unsure if they will join the NEAHL). Looking to split into South, Central, East, West Pembina and North. Will be divisional playdowns, champ from each go to a tournament for main champion, will look at accepting bids from associations to host those tournaments. Also looking to have showcase style weekends to see how teams line up before playoffs. Associations may be receiving a notification email next week. Looking at using strictly electronic game sheets this year although will probably still send paper sheets since it can be hard to keep up with penalties in real time online. With there being 120 team additions (roughly), they expect a lot of bumps in the road throughout the season to work through in order to get things running smooth in the future.
6. Correspondence – None
7. Financial Report – Tracy, Melissa and Connie met with the accountant this morning to review our financials. Overall the association is in a much better position than the previous season, almost broke even last season.
8. Old Business:
 - a. Director at Large is still vacant. Tracy and Andy met with a potential applicant but they decided to decline. If anyone knows someone interested to join the board, let them know it is open. Also a perfect time since all other positions are full so DAL would be quiet.
 - b. Golf tournament ended up being cancelled. Shane had zero support aside from Melissa who made up the poster and started the 50/50. Some donations were received so Shane will contact the companies and see if they want them back or would be ok with CLMH using them for a silent auction at some point.
 - c. Registration Numbers updated to the board. Initial completed registration contact lists have been sent to directors. Connie will send another updated list by the weekend, she is still emailing people to hand in missing items.
 - d. NEAHL/NAI update covered with Ryan above under Delegate.
 - e. Tournaments have been sent in for sanctions, all directors should have received that original email. Please make sure to let your divisions know the dates and that volunteers are required to plan.
9. New Business:
 - a. Coach Interviews needing to be scheduled. Currently U11 Jags have 3 applicants, U15J has 2, U18J has 1, U13J has 0. U7 has 4, U9 has 4, U11 has 2, U13 has 2, U15 has 1 and U18 has 1.

Tuesday the 22nd & Thursday the 24th work for most board members on the selection panel, Connie will book. U9 & U11 will be Tuesday, U13-U18 will be the Thursday, Jags to take place after the long weekend, U7 later in the season as they have evaluations later in the year.

- b. Late Fee wording versus Early Bird is explained to the board by Connie. The association has a lot of late transfers in due to moves, etc so to offer an early bird fee but have a cut off that does not work for new incoming people just poses more complications or headaches for registration. Returning families are aware of the Late Fee date, there is no reason they cannot register on time. A lot of associations have registration start in May and June, it is not just CLMH. Members of the board feel that any requests to have the late fee waived by returning families need to be discussed in person as opposed to over email so all aspects of the request can be discussed, including their registration history, etc. For future seasons/requests, the families will be informed that a discussion and decision will be at the next board meeting (typically in August since the board does not meet in July so there will be a waiting period).
 - c. Conditioning Skates (Ice Breaker) starts Sept 5th. Connie is starting on the schedule so needs to know how many groups each division will be split into so they can have an even amount of skates. Jay would like to have some conditioning skates in BV so Connie will contact Wanda to see what can work or be booked.
 - d. 50/50 was set to draw on Aug 31st. Since golf tournament was cancelled, should we extend the date and try to gather more sales. Melissa will re send the poster to everyone to get shared and spread around, she will also get some printed and hung around town. Lee motions that we change the date of the draw to after evaluation weekend (Sept 25th). Have another one that draws around Christmas and then one at the end of the season, Shane seconds, All in Favor.
 - e. Evaluation location to be determined. Connie reached out to Bar Down to see if they can work with the city's schedule. Even though we have always booked off the same weekend at the EC, the city is hosting 2 University games that weekend. Connie will keep the board informed.
10. Disciplinary Committee – None
11. Hockey Operations Report – None
12. Director Reports –
- U7 nothing to report
 - U9 nothing to report
 - U11 looking like probably 3 teams this season.
 - U13 nothing to report
 - U15 nothing to report
 - U18 nothing to report
 - Female nothing to report
 - Pond not present
 - Regional panther camps going well, waiting list for every division for it. Nadine Kowalchuk of Cold Lake was selected as the U13AA female coach for its first season. Other divisions coaches listed including Rob Williams from Cold Lake for U16AA. Connie did email out the tryout registration link, if any directors hear a parent say they are on a waiting list for tryouts, that is

incorrect, everyone gets to tryout, they are speaking about the camp and need to register correctly.

- Equipment nothing to report

- Development nothing to report

13. Next Meeting – September 20th, 2023

14. Adjournment – 8:17 pm