



## January 31st, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual

1. Call to Order: 7:04 pm
2. Roll Call – Tracy, Andy, Melissa D, William, Lisa, Shane, Melissa B, Matt L, Bonnie, Derrek, Rob, Lee
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion made Will, Melissa B seconds.
4. Ratification of previous Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Lee, Will seconds.
5. Delegates – None
6. Correspondence – None
7. Financial Report – 50/50 breakdown discussed. Feel like running 1 per season, started early and going a little longer might be the best option. Maybe start the pot off with a jackpot at that time, everyone is in agreement.
8. Old Business:
  - a. Shane had discussed making a small committee to meet with the city in regards to previous ice issues. However, the city has contacted us letting us know their operators will no longer be forcing run time or skipping floods, but will be keeping track of when games are running over and why. Higher priority groups have been informed if we are running behind, they may start later than scheduled based off our end time.
  - b. U15 Jaguars were selected to host U15 Female A Provincials in Cold Lake on March 28-31.
9. New Business:
  - a. NEAHL playoff information is slowly being added to the league site under each division. Last year U11 was in a tournament style weekend, this year both U11 and U13 look to be going that route, as well as the U13 Jaguars from the sounds of things.
10. Disciplinary Committee – Held a meeting with a player & parent about the players behavior which has been considerably better in comparison to the last couple of seasons. However, there was an issue recently where an in-house suspension was given, but the parent did request a discussion in regards to this decision. The suspension was over turned but there was a written notice sent to both the player and parent that if another issue or suspension arose, things would be escalated.
11. Hockey Operations Report – NEAHL meeting bullet points were explained to the board and information in regards to their AGM.
12. Director Reports –
  - U7 no issues or concerns to report. Tournament is also shaping up well.
  - U9 AGLC was a bit of a challenge this year for the tournament raffle license, extra hoops and rules to jump through that weren't there the last 2 years. U9 team 1 recently traveled to Lloyd for a tournament, apparently the Lloyd coach was out of control accusing our team of being rough, however the play was the same on both sides. Have not seen anything official from anyone yet, just a heads up, there could be something coming possibly. A U9 minor team also went to Vermilion for a festival, a couple parents were upset with the level of competition as most teams there seemed to be a higher skill level which can happen at U9 due to no official

tiering at that age level. Lastly, net pegs for the mini nets were purchased out of last years tournament funds to keep the nets from moving so much.

- U11 team had a coach pull his team from the ice due to concerns for player safety. This coach was given an indefinite suspension, an investigation was conducted and it was lowered to a 2-game suspension. The coach appealed the decision, and it was then turned into a 1 game suspension, Coaches need to be informed that they cannot pull a team from the ice, it needs to be the parents that do this as then it is out of the coaches' hands. There is a game between this team and the opposing problem team coming up which has been assigned senior officials.

- U13 all 3 teams held a tournament in Cold Lake. It went amazingly, lots of players, lots of experience opportunities for local referees, had no complaints. This is something divisions should be doing every season to boost hockey in our community.

- U15 not present

- U18 team 1 is currently sitting 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9 in league. Hosted a tournament in December, had multiple teams back out so only ended up with 4 total. Also attended a tournament in Tofield last weekend and won gold. Team 2 is sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 6 teams. Attended a tournament recently and were competitive with the teams there.

- Female not present

- Pond everything is going great. Next year could definitely run 2 sessions and would like to look at securing ice for them, even could use JJ Parr for the extra ice.

- Regional U16AA head coach stepped down for personal reasons. Being covered by a BV resident and doing well. U15 team is having a good season and are heading to AB Winter Games soon. U11 are also doing well, competing with strong teams in their league. Handshakes have been removed from their games afterwards though and email has been sent for more clarification as the reasoning was player safety. U13 & U18 are both doing ok, playing "500" hockey. Panthers will also be looking to hold an information night at associations to get the word spread about the program more as people seem to be unsure what it entails.

- Equipment nothing new to report

- Development has not heard of any issues recently.

13. Next Meeting – February 21st, 2024

14. Adjournment – 8:26 pm