



MEETING MINUTES January 13, 2025

Golden & District Arena Meeting Room

In Attendance: Jessica, Ashley, Malin, Josee, Kristine, Chantelle, Blaine, Niall, Michelle, Heidi, Adam, Andrea, Sue, Kristine, Michelle, Amber

Call to Order: 7:02

Motion: to accept minutes of last meeting: 1st: Michelle 2nd: Blaine

Motion: to accept agenda as amended: 1st: Blaine 2nd: Michelle

Topics for discussion

1. Plan to try to improve efficiency of meetings. Issues/input from association to be submitted prior to meeting and 30 minute-1 hour zoom meetings in between in person board meetings. Keeping meetings on time and respectful.
 - Suggestion to do a zoom meeting mid-month, information sharing, bigger discussion points to be brought to the meetings.
 - Could be helpful to keep meetings on time.
2. Year end wrap up (Heidi):
 - Banquet, nice to get everyone together.
 - Make it a bit of a fundraiser.
 - Food option: Bracko suggested a make your own hot dog buffet with chips and a juice box. He would charge \$10 and we could mark it up. Heidi is willing to do the work.
 - \$10 is a good option for a hot dog, chips & drink.
 - Could use grocery gift cards from grocery cards.
 - Could get different food options from different restaurants.
 - Putting effort in to make this a fun event and would be nice to make some money or atleast break even.
 - Younger kids food and awards earlier and then older kids.
 - Would need to know numbers a week ahead of the event.

- Bar again? Last year a small amount of money was made and it covered the costs and even made a little bit.
 - Last year a complaint was made about having a bar at a kids banquet.
 - Only caution, we can't call it a fundraiser if you have a bar under a hockey canada sanctioned event.
 - Not a lot of interest in having a bar from the board's perspective.
 - Last year the thought was modeling after the dance and GHKAT banquets that do serve alcohol. Lots of different options.

Raise of hands for NO bar: majority of the board - NO bar this year.

Hiedi will continue planning and ask for help if she needs it.

3. Provincials fundraising:

- Please see attached policy developed last year.
- Provincial fundraising is outside of the whole association so teams must bring ideas to the board for approval.
- Last year there was no limit, funds raised were split even amongst the players. Need direction and approval from the board.
- Need board approval for parents to donate specifically to a team.
- If a sponsor reaches out and specifically wants to fund a team for provincials, it is always a YES but needs to be approved by the board.
- Hard items are OK to give specifically to a team. Cash is different.
- Want fundraising to work out for everyone.
- One bank account is much easier then each team having an account and money moving forward with teams.
- If teams start fundraising for provincials before they have a spot in the tournament and don't end up making it, would the money raised go into a 'provincial pot' for that age group for future provincials? And if players age out and don't get to a provincial tournament should the funds raised go to the association or to the next group fundraising?
- Clarify with a message out to the community about what the intention is and the plan for the money to stay for teams going to provincials.
- Teams fundraise separately "as a team".
- Will have only a couple weeks to fundraise.

Motion by Jessica: That all provincial fundraising initiatives remain within the age group or team participating in the fundraising for provincials. Teams are to present their fundraising ideas to the board for approval. Funds raised will stay with the fundraising team but may be reallocated at the board's discretion to another team attending provincials in the future if necessary. Seconded and passed.

- U13 - Bingo, raffle box,

- U18 will email the board with fundraising plans.
- List of ideas in 2 weeks.

A lot of nonprofits like donating something tangible - so if teams had something to submit requesting a sponsorship to be used for _____(i.e. tournament entry fee, jerseys, etc.)

- Discuss this idea more in the future.
- Teams are all still selling GDMHA raffle tickets and doing the association fundraisers.

4. AGM and bylaws.

- a. Votes - families get one vote per player?
- b. Email to association as recommended by Bruce Mackenzie
 - i. Votes: how many votes do you get.
 - ii. Families get one vote per player.

Motion by Jessica: that each family as a member of the association, is entitled one vote per registered player within the association.

- Define what a member is in bylaws: To define what a member is you have to have the membership present to vote. Votes per member.
- Fundraising and manager lead are technically not official positions this year.
- Do we want to keep the 2 positions: yes or no ? Yes.
- Do we need to change the parameters of the new positions? will review for the next meeting. By the next board meeting will need to have this ironed out.
- AGM in April.
- Approved the descriptions at the next meeting.
- 2-year term ? Keep 2 positions together ie Treasurer and president, vice president and secretary.

Confirm to add Fundraising and Manager Lead with updated responsibilities - evaluate how positions have been going.

2 year term? Maybe only for specific positions?

5. 2nd year play-ups:

- Good for player development. Will add to the policy.
 - When are second years invited up? Should be at the coaches discretion.
 - Support player development equally, any extra is great.
 - Should have a clear policy.
- a. U18 would like to invite all second year U15s to practice up all year when there is an opportunity. Good for player development, camaraderie and U18s are 3 year age span so gives them the option to work with kids they haven't played with.

- i. Have been frustrations about why everyone from U15 wasn't included when playups invites have happened.

Motion by Jessica: That U18 coaches be allowed to invite all second-year U15 players to practice-up at any time during the season, provided that the opportunity is inclusive to all eligible players.

For U11 players playing up this year what team do they practice with rec or competitive?

- Coaches discretion? Players choice?

Coaches discretion on how many practice invites and to get approval from the other coaches.

- Good for all the kids to practice up.
- Coaches just make a practice plan for all the kids. Doesn't impact the team's practice.
- New kids practice up to help bridge the gap.

Blaine will send something out to coaches and board.

- Let parents know? Managers will let their teams know and ask for interest.

6. Spring ice:

- Review Ambers email.
- Still need approval from CSRD for extending the arena hours to March 29th. Stepping stone this season to hopefully have more in the future. CSRD has to approved the request by the end of the month.
- Bruce has organized some plans and we have to present them to town by Jan. 16th. Board to approve tonight?
- Will keep the arena open if we have a plan for 4-5 hours per week during spring break.
- Rockets will have camps going too.
- Ice costs will be approx \$3150 for 7 days.
- Could lose money but we have to make this happen.
- Will need an extension of insurance.
- Advertise in and out of the community.
- Go back to Bruce and town and figure out how many kids and advertise.
- Save the date for families.
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7. Suggestions for EK tiering:

- Emailed coaches from the rec teams for feedback - how can we make it better.
- So nice to have a B and C league in rec so great to have teams to compete with.
- Goal is to bring teams and tier and adjust through the season.

- Why did we tier if you still end up playing every team? For more games!
- The split is valuable. Every year is different.
- Tiering was good for all U13 but not U11.

Vice President Report:

Jessica Chiles

Travel permits are to be submitted through the online platform now. Please make sure to also let me know as it isn't sending me a notification. I have forwarded this to Chantelle to distribute.

- Instructions went out to managers.
- Do you submit your home tournament info online now? No.

Had a discussion with Montana who is a rep for community sport in the EK/WK. Support is linked with Via sport and Canadian Sport Institute. Discussed the organization and the best place to start sounds like strategic planning followed by coaching support and athlete support.

- Supporting sport within the area, growing membership, changing board duties.
- Mission & vision statement, policy update and then could do more afterwards.
- Policy committee to work with Montana and bring us into a more organized place with vision, mission and policies.
- She would come and host a strategic planning day, she is very available through zoom. Will be coming to the community at some point. Would be a facilitator role, would give tools and resources.
- Could connect to a policy person.
- Whole board to get started with the vision and mission. Would it be with the new board?
- Connect and work on a mission and vision statement and then it will be something to work on next year. Start now and get going for next year's board.
- Can help drive decisions for people to volunteer on the board if they agree with the mission and vision.
- Need to get started now!

New best of 3 playdown format. Attached for reading. U18 will stay as the traditional best of 3 and U13 will change. Modeled on Hockey Saskatchewan where it works really well. Will likely use this format moving forwards. Minimizes travel as the 3rd game is played after the 2nd game if it is a tie in a 3 hour ice slot.

Registrar Report:

Malin Sjostrom

- Will do projections for next year for the next meeting.
- First shifters can join teams.
- 2 new U7 players.

Female Development Report:

Josee Roy

Ref Coordinator Report:

Niall Gleeson

Ref Clinic in December had 20 participants: 8 Adults/12 kids, 8 Female/12male.

Call out to coaches:

- We have many new officials and others who are eager to gain more experience at levels they may not yet be fully prepared for. If they are planning any scrimmages, even informal ones at the end of practice, please let me know. I'm keen to provide these officials with on-ice opportunities to build their skills and confidence. Whether it's U7 to U18, coed or female, any chance to get them involved would be greatly appreciated.

U18 refs an ongoing struggle.

How do we give constructive feedback to the refs?

- Ref coordinator or mentor could chat with the ref in the dressing room after the game.
- Will brainstorm some ideas to develop all the refs.
- This weekend we have 6/8 games covered for the U18 league weekend.
- March Ice - Ref camp?
- Mentoring starting at U7/U9.
- Trying to not have all brand new refs on the ice without an experienced ref.
- Ref camp in Salmon Arm this summer?

Fundraising Coordinator Report:

Kristine Divall

Ice Manager:

Amber Granter

- Play down ice.
- U18 has it sorted in Creston.
- U9 might have some practice time available.

Treasurer's Report:

Michelle O'Grady

Bank balances

- Gaming \$27,754.06 - Plus U18 Tournament Deposit \$2,082.50.
- Chequing \$28,860.73 - Less Payments \$20,183.30 (includes Jan Ice Rental of \$12,061.25 and online clothing orders \$4,392).
- Bursary \$16,986.51 - \$500 payment to be made this week for the 2024 recipient.
- Kraft \$55,011.51.
- 5 Home Tournaments have raised ~ \$17,000 with 5 tournaments remaining.
- Square Online Clothing Orders made \$423 net.
 - Online square website was great, easy to use and the fees were low.

Coach Coordinator:

Blaine Broderick

Spoke to Chuck:

- Solicited feedback from coaches and it was all really positive.

- Might not need 8 sessions next season.
- Interested in working with U9 – balance, edging.

Will order coaches jackets, will call Tammy to organize the order.

Manager Coordinator Report:

Chantelle Lacasse

Mini Olympics:

- More players to divide up into teams, feedback from last year was not many shifts for players with big teams.
- Some different ideas - more teams, younger and older groups, longer game times..
- Teams that may be going to Provincials will want to keep practices the last week of the season before spring break. Could split into younger kids U7-U11 and older kids U13-U18?
- Pulled it off last year with more teams and keeping U18 practices.
- Send ideas to Chantelle.

Fundraising:

- For home tournaments can we rent the upstairs lounge and run a concession?
- Cost is \$16/hour. Option if teams want it.

U13: Team morale is down. Organize a team meeting. Talk with the coach coordinator if necessary and bring to board if further concerns.

Secretary's Report:

Ashley Durning

Equipment/Safety

Pucks: supply is down, Jess has picked up pucks and will keep replenishing.

Email password to forward. Niall will chat with Jon about email access to equipment.

Coach jackets: Blaine is following up with coaches and placing the order.

U13 female jerseys needed for at least 2 players on the U11/13 team. U11 jerseys are too small!

- Manager to look in U13 and U15 jersey lockers, there are extra available.

U15 female bulk jerseys and socks ordered:

- There was no mandate on socks last year so U15F ordered both jerseys and socks at no cost to players.
- This season teams responsibility was to order and players to pay for socks.

Can the Rockets do some social media promo with the U7 & U9 teams? Contact parents for consent to be signed. Andrea to send consent for ROI to managers for parents to sign.

- Next season social media consent could be added to registration for completion at the start of the season.

New Business

1. To set a time for the “Kraft/development” committee to meet prior to the February board meeting. Goal is to come up with an initial plan/budget/organized approach to player development for feedback and planning for next season.

In camera

Conduct committee report

Date for next meeting: Feb. 3rd, 2025

Group meeting email.

AGM: April 22nd, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn by: Jessica

Meeting Adjourned: time: 9:33 pm