



## **AGENDA - MEETING August 7, 2024**

**Golden & District Arena Meeting Room**

**In Attendance:** Bruce, Niall, Malin, Josee, Ashley, Amber, Chantelle, Blaine, Amber, Lindsay, Matt, Jon

**Call to Order: 7:09**

*Motion:* to accept minutes of last meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>: Josee, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bruce.

*Motion:* to accept agenda as amended: 1<sup>st</sup>: Chantelle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ashley

**New Business:**

### **Action items for review:**

U9 -> U11 request : Letters from the family and endorsement letter from the coach previously sent to the board. EK policy reviewed by board.

- Not a huge safety concern but more of a concern of development and enjoyment at current level but Ben playing at full speed against 1<sup>st</sup> year U9s is somewhat of a safety concern.
- Staying in U9 is not progressive for him as a player.
- Independent evaluation for EK.
- When EK switched to half ice it was fought against so a policy was created but things are changing again in regards to half ice vs full ice at the U9 level.
- Agree with the family and also believe this is a safety issue; with the player skating faster and shooting harder than other players on the ice.
- Other outlying circumstances include being a small association and not able to split the U9 team into competitive and recreation teams.

Board options for this request would be:

1. We don't support it.

2. We do support this and will go to the EK board meeting and explain why we support this based on his skill and safety concerns “he is faster and shoots harder”.
3. Or go to the EK board meeting and state why we think the current policy on player movement from U9 - U11 is outdated and not applicable for smaller associations and should be revised.

**Motion by Amber for the GMH board to attend the EK Board meeting with a proposal to move Ben Sutton from U9 to U11 for the 2024/25 hockey season as outlined above in option 2 & 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chantelle, all in favor, motion passed.**

**Ice Manager:**

Amber Granter

- Regular season will start the first week of September (Sept 3), minus the u7's which will start the following week.
- Noon Shoot will be Tuesdays 12-1pm Oct 22-Dec 17 and Jan 7-Mar11
- First Shift will be Sundays 3:30-4:30 Dec 8, 15, Jan 5, 12,19, 26 (Orientation Nov 26th)
- Tournament allocation dates for approval.
- 3 weekends that are not spoken for: Nov 8-10, Jan. 10-12, Jan. 17-19 (Esso week).
- Questions already being asked about tournament budgets and such...
- Also about grocery store gift cards/purpose/intent.

2024 Ice schedule reviewed:

- Met with TOG, and this is what we have come up with. Made the schedule with split ice practice times giving us enough practice times for all of the teams and earlier ice times.
- One less team than originally planned.
- Might be confusing to the families to understand.
- Concerns expressed with regards to the U15 girls and boys being on the ice together. We decided to overlap the same age groups on the ice at the same time.
- If teams don't want to overlap they can plan for 45 minute practice times in that 90 minute practice spot. Coaches to discuss with each other if that is preferred.
- On Friday nights that don't have Rockets games tournaments will be able to start a bit earlier.

Should U9 get a full hour with such a large group?

- U9 gets Friday full ice without sharing and only 4 Fridays will shift to 45 minutes with Rocket games.
- Tuesday U9 overlapping with U15 could potentially be 42 kids.
- Might have to just try it out and see how it goes.

Regular season & first week:

- The first week of hockey practices will be impacted by the Monday holiday and Tuesday Rockets game. Hockey will run but some teams won't practice (U7).
- U13 Rec and Comp need 4 practices before tryouts.

- U13 could practice on Tuesday the first week of September and take U9s practice.
- Following the EK rules for tryouts.
- Noon shoot starts Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- First shift will start in November and doesn't impact regular practice. Will be Sunday 3:30-4:30.

3 extra weekends, league weekends? EK must approve.

- League weekends last season didn't go great.
- Propose a league weekend but need to contact other communities.
- League weekends for U15 would work well, split costs, lots of games.
- Still have the first weekend in November with nothing booked, could be a "No Frills" tournament if nothing else gets planned.
- November will get booked if we don't use it.
- Managers to talk to other managers.
- Everything will be updated on the google calendar, meetings, camps, etc.

Budget for tournaments is being worked on, Michelle will give everyone a number based on the size of the tournament.

- Grocery gift cards – intent to use for fundraising and go towards the budget for swag bags? Amber will hand this over to the Manager coordinator and Fundraising coordinator.

**Registrar Report:**

Malin Sjostrom

Current player numbers:

- U7 - 25 players
- U9 - 25 players
- U11 - 19 players
- U11-13F - 17 players
- U13 - 28 players
- U15 - 12 players
- U15F - 14 players
- U18 - 16 player

A couple of players are still to register and a couple moved.

I didn't realize we still had Team Equipment Manager as a drop down position for parent volunteers, is that a position we need?

- No.

Volunteer list attached and reviewed.

- Need more Managers, Head coaches and assistant coaches.
- Need coaches for U7, U9, U13.
- Might have to talk to people and get them to volunteer.

U13:

- Looking at a competitive team and rec team and numbers would be 14 and 12 and goalies. Jed, Ralph and Chuck are available to help with evaluations. Maybe a little bit more game play then practice which is different from last year.

U11:

- A couple of kids haven't registered. Looking like a single U11 team which would fit as a U11 Rec team. Spoke to some parents of U11 comp players about playing U13 rec. Will need to decide. Most associations have a policy that states if you move up a division and you want to try out for a U13 competitive team you have to be in the top 50% of the tryouts.
- Should the players have to be assessed for U13 Rec?
- Could be push back about a U11 player taking a spot from U13 player on the competitive team.
- Should be open to tryout.
- If players are interested, they will need to express interest to the President and then will be invited to a U13 practice to be assessed before competitive team tryouts.
- Will need a process. Evaluators to assess U11 players for safety and skill.
- Will all U11 parents be concerned and also request a tryout for U13.
- Objective rationale. Can a goalie change position and move up?
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year players can self identify, go to the first 2 weeks of practices and be evaluated.
- If you are in the top 50% you can play competitive.
- Will email all 2<sup>nd</sup> year U11 players about this plan.

Charlie Hildebrand requested not to pay full registration fee because she is trying out for multiple other female teams.

- Board in favor of her paying only a \$50 fee to register.

**Coach Coordinator:**

Blaine Broderick

Coaching selection policy – if there are multiple people they submit a letter and then there is a selection committee based on non-conflict board members, including coach coordinator and 2 other board members.

- Selection committee to come back to the board with recommendations and the board to vote and confirm the final decisions.
- If someone hasn't registered by the deadline we can proceed with coach selection based on single volunteers.
- Coach coordinator to help recruit and contact assistant coaches to get more volunteers.
- Coaching by committee. Get more help on the ice. Still need to name a head coach and have the courses completed.
- Coaching courses not available yet.
- U13 splits and coaches will be named after teams are made.

**Female Development Report:**

Josee Roy

Summer camp.

- 19 girls registered, expect a couple more. Coaches booked.

Trying to provide lunch and inquiring about the Save On Gift Cards.

- Use the Save On gift cards we already have or the money made from the camp?
- Need a clear plan for the gift cards this season.
- Policy states everything goes in the pot.
- Amber will confirm how much we have left.
- One person will request the Save On donation for the whole association this season.

EK Female League Update:

- Still trying really hard to get this up and running. EK not responsive or encouraging. Need at least 3 teams. Hoping to send an email to Fernie. Need a good contact and board support - Naill will contact Josh the president of Fernie Minor Hockey.
- Suggest a showcase weekend, email all the teams in the EK.
- Revelstoke has a team and wants to book exhibition games.
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**President's Report:**

Bruce McKnight

Wolski & Smith Camp:

- Wolski 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September. Booked a little different than last year. Must register through Wolski link and it is a bit more expensive. We don't make anything or have any financial risk. About 1/2 full.
- Smith Camp is later, 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November. Brings 2 coaches and runs coach training as well.

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- Skill Development w Chuck - update next meeting.

#### Goalie camps and skill sessions

- Kathy Poland is trying to organize the World Pro Goalies to come and do a camp. Ice is paid for but still a small fee for the goalies. Continue the goalie training.
- Rockets will have a goalie coach coming out once a month and GMH goalies could plan to have a session. Will be a cost split between the goalies. Great option for goalies. Get the sessions during practices or rent some ice.
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#### BASE - U13 and U18

- Base is doing Hockey focused training, U13 age and U18 age. Will email out to the association.

#### Coach Selection

- See coach coordinator report.

#### U13 Tryout process

- see registrar report.

#### Noon shoot:

- Starts in October. Makes money.

#### **Equipment & Safety Report:**

Jon Hayward

#### Team allocation of pucks:

- Requirement: 9 'teams', 50 pucks each approx 400 pucks.
- Will buy the 400 blank pucks and 9 bags.
- All prices exclude taxes and any required delivery fees.

#### Options:

1. Blank pucks - approx \$1.30 per puck. (\$520)
2. Pucks with text - approx \$2.20 per puck. (\$880)
3. Pucks with logo - approx \$2.50 per puck. (\$1000)

#### Gear Swap:

- Plans ready to go, waiting on the TOG and CSRD for approval.
- Could rent the Rec Plex for a rental price.

- Need a temporary license of operation.

Dates will be Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> , 6:00-8:00pm.

If we can't get approval from TOG Amber might know a spot.

**Fundraising Coordinator Report:**

Kristine Divall

Participated in our 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser; golf tournament. Will find what is being donated back to GMA.

Does the board want us to invest in fundraising swag?

- Launching the new logo for the U15 girls team. Pink is also very trendy right now.
- We have the money to spend.
- Good investment with good return.
- Have to order in bulk and if doing it as a fundraiser?

Proposing:

- Toque with an embroidered edge 72.
- Hat with Puff embroidery flat brim 100, round brim 40.

Approx Costs:

- Flat brims: 100, buy for \$20/each = \$2000, sell for \$30/each, make \$1000
- Round brims: 44, buy for \$20/each=\$880, sell for \$30/each, make \$440
- Touques: 72, buy for \$20/each=\$1440, sell for \$30/each, make \$2160

\*Will get local quotes.

- Apparel companies like Off the Wall are great. But looking for a profit margin. Diversify the fundraising and promote the new logo.
- Will run it if it is a fundraiser, will create a strategy.
- Will email Tammy and get a quote ASAP.
- Ideally approval now to move forward with this.
- Will vote via email once we know quotes locally.

Need to know a clear fundraising budget before we approach businesses for donations this year.

**Vice President Report:**

Jessica Chiles

Looking for some direction on the AP document. Would like to get it finished before the team meeting and the season starts. There are endless scenarios that can be made, but if we have some good basics to go on, the AP committee can discuss any "questions" as they come up. Document attached. Everyone can make comments and Coach Coordinator to take over?

- AP Policy needs to be finalized before September.

Subjective comments questions:

- Banner tournament – do you move away from the equal rotation at rec or comp or both?
- Does the comp and rec team get to pick which players can AP?
- Priorities should be coaches' choice within the division first. Prioritize the age category or player best fit for the tournament?

Coaches and carded teams:

- Questions regarding do players playing playdowns must be chosen for provincials?
- Joining paragraphs together.
- The AP committee can look at the scenario and give recommendations.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Michelle O'Grady

- Still waiting on the final gaming grant decision.

**Ref Coordinator Report:**

Niall Gleeson

- Ref recertification and new ref training tentatively set for October 4th in Golden.

**Secretary's Report:**

Ashley Durning

**Manager Coordinator Report:**

Chantelle Lacasse

- Email to be sent out regarding the U13 practice and tryouts. Only the first week open U13 practices.

**Date for next meeting:** September 3, 2024 at 7:00pm

**Motion to Adjourn by:** Bruce

**Meeting Adjourned:** time 9:38

