



## MINUTES - MEETING July 3, 2024

### Golden & District Arena Meeting Room

**In Attendance:** Ashley, Josee, Malin, Jessica, Kristine, Bruce, Michelle,

**Call to Order:** 7:20

*Motion:* to accept minutes of last meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>: Jessica 2<sup>nd</sup> : Michelle

*Motion:* to accept agenda as amended: 1<sup>st</sup>: Josee 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michelle

**New Business:**

#### **Action items:**

1. Set the next meeting date: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in August? August 7<sup>th</sup> , 7:00 pm.
2. Manage website, Ash? Web master-update.
3. Manage social media, Amber?

#### **Female Development Report:**

Josee Roy

Female Summer Camp is a GO!

- Jess Chagnon found coaches. Day 1 will be Annette from the Edge of Academy. Day 2, 3 will be Chuck.
- Will need a minimum of 12 girls registered.
- Might offer lunch, will wait on numbers and how much money we have.
- Email association, and neighboring associations.
- Age group is U11-U18.
- \$150/registrant.

Jersey order update:

- Kristine and Josee have been working on designing the U15 jerseys.
- Prices are reasonable. \$3000 for all jersey sets.
- Could look into grants for the other female teams next season.
- Changing the logo color to match the new set.
- Will do our best to support local but had to outsource due to color and pattern changes.
  - Business should support non-profit not non-profit supports business.

Motion by Josee to approve the pricing and design of the U15 female division set of new jerseys and change in color of the logo. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle. Motion passed.

**Ice Manager:**

Amber Granter

New town ice calendar after user group meeting, we have a good handle on day/time allocation for teams, however it will be finalized once we confirm teams.

- Our big request was changing the public skate time on Wednesdays. Was a difficult decision from the town but they did change it in our favor.
- Another change is on Fridays the Rockets are starting an hour earlier – Bylaws state Rockets home games take precedence.
- Working with figure skating, on Rocket game Fridays U7 will practice from 4:45-5:30 and U9 from 5:30-6:15. U9 will practice 5:30-6:30 on non-Rocket game Fridays and won't be sharing practices on Fridays.

First shift update:

- 1st shift ice confirmed. Ice will be on Sundays for 6 weeks - Dec 8, 15 & Jan 5, 12, 19, 26.
- Town will take back all other Sunday ice as there are not enough Sunday girls registered. Sounds like they will re-introduce stick and puck during that time.

Practice times:

- Shifted out of 3 U11 practices to 2 U11 practices. Will allow the U15 a practice by themselves.
- Teams could decide to do a 45 minute practice and have the full ice and not share ice. Coaches would have to discuss and agree.
- Won't know the managers at the August meeting. This will depend on how many teams. Might need a point of contact before managers are assigned.

Tournaments and Camp Weekends:

- Will work with the U9 manager to book tournaments on Friday night and not take their practice time.
- Town is mandating we start tournaments earlier, tournament games will likely start at 7:15am this season.
- Regarding league game/private rentals on schedule; town will take back the spots that don't get booked for games. Larger tournaments can also request those spots for games.
- Town will book the tournament schedules based on 4/6 teams, and we will just provide the team names.
- Managers tell the TOG and Amber "we have 6 teams and need 2 hour games" and they will sort it out.
- Wolski, Power skating and 1st adult tournament have all been requested and times are being organized.
- Adult fundraiser tournaments will be different. Requested the weekend after Thanksgiving (Oct. 18-20th) for the adult tournament. Getting the Jr Rockets involved to help, may split fundraising.
- Female camp confirmed.

- Chantelle – Manager coordinator to help with tournament contacts to start?
- U15 league is switching to showcase weekend game schedules within EK (1 weekend per month). We have extra weekends available. Alberta Esso week weekends in January would be good for showcase weekends.
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- Will select tournament weekend dates and slot teams into them for the August board meeting.
- Suggesting U18 takes November 8-10<sup>th</sup> and can host a 6-team tournament.
- Extra 3 weekends could go to the bigger teams or teams that aren't playing in league.
  - Teams can step up and request the extra weekends.
  - Will make it an open discussion with all the teams, and be transparent about the opportunity.
  - Weekends before and after Christmas might be easier to fill and organize, should consider keeping those as tournament weekends.
  - U15 will have a tournament and showcase weekend.
  - If we reserve it all will have 4 extra weekends.

WILL NEED TO CONFIRM WEEKEND BOOKINGS 20 days prior to the operating season or town give option out to public bookings. DEADLINE therefore is AUGUST 2nd (something to be considered as that date is prior to our next board meeting)

- Once I book ice, it cannot be canceled without penalty, unless the town can rebook (still charge an admin fee). The Cancellation policy is 50% refund 60 days out.

Will confirm the reservation date for all the weekends.

- Reminder - we have a shared GOOGLE CALENDAR. Please add important days on the calendar as you see fit. The only thing on there at this point is the first shift and monthly meetings.

#### **Registrar Report:**

Malin Sjoström

- U7: 25 players
- U9: 25 players – 2 teams/2 managers? Half entries into tournaments. Divide would be difficult. Last season poll confirmed everyone was happy with the tiering, making 2 teams within the team. Split formally is harder to borrow back and forth. People were happy with the tiering but liked all being part of one team.
- Approve the tournament funding based on the amount of players?
  - Tournaments have different costs. If U9 has 30 kids and want to split for tournaments they should approach the board for tournament funding for 2 teams per tournament.
  - Would need a plan for coaching if they split and go to different tournaments.
  - Educate the families at meetings with options.
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- U11: 20 players
  - Meetings: Small amount of people at the meeting. Couple of players may move to female only and a couple to still register.
  - Not enough players for 2 teams. Could move players back and forth between teams for games. Even with the girls AP'ing not enough players.
  - If numbers increase could support a rec and comp team.

- If numbers stay the same, one option is to bump some of the stronger second year players up to U13.
- Usually when you move players up a level you have to try-out and be in the top 50% of the team, but that is the rule when player movement is requested by the family.
- When we as an association move kids up we can't ask kids not to tryout for the Competitive team.
- If those remaining 17 players stay in U11 they would be a rec team.
- Spoke with a couple of the families about this option, this would also add some coaches at the U13 level.
- U13: 28 players:
  - Meeting held with parents to discuss some options. Good turnout.
  - Will come down to numbers. Safe to start planning for 2 teams and tryouts.
  - Definitely interest for a local competitive and a local rec team and numbers support that.
  - Discussed a combined team with Invermere. Had a meeting with Invermere but haven't heard back. If there is a group in Golden that is interested they will have to spearhead this conversation with Invermere and then come to the board.
  - Would leave a rec team here.
  - Could card a team in Golden and invite Invermere as a default. If we card a team and Invermere doesn't, they would have the option of trying out here. Based on numbers Invermere doesn't have enough numbers to card.
  - If we are interested in combining with Invermere, who is the contact?
  - Board perspective would be that if there are families interested then we will consider it.
  - U13 competitive league should have at least 5 teams.
  - When you combine with Invermere you are tier 3 and have to request through EK to play tier 4.
  - Avalanche tier 2 play in the CAHL.
  - Bucks are tier 3 and play in the West Kootenays.
  - Raiders combine Elk Valley and Fernie, still tier 4.
- Female U11-13: 16 players
- Female U15: 14 players
- U15: 12 players – 3 female dual rostered players. Will have to decide on the league.
- U18: 16 players

Teams are created and rostered for messaging on Sports Engine.

I have started a request for a registration for the female summer camp.

- Registrants pay online, no e-transfer option.
- Fee for the camp is \$150/player.
- Camp to have coaches on the ice?
- Coaches Out of province to have a rider.

**Fundraising Coordinator Report:**

Kristine Divall

Will work on the sponsorship campaign and fundraising goals after we find out about the gaming grant and the golf fundraiser earnings.

- Golf tournament:

- 74 people signed up for golf. Goal is 100.
- Filled 11 volunteer spots for the golf tournament.
- Can youth fill in volunteer spots?
- Maybe people could sign up in 3-hour time slots?
- Ice and fundraising to collaborate for social media posts?
  - Advertise tournaments and games on FB, newspaper, flyers out the association. Manager coordinator to help?

**President's Report:**

Bruce McKnight

- U11 and U13 Updates - Parent meetings held, see notes under registrar.
- U9 to U11 Request
  - Will send the parent request letter, coach endorsement letter and the EK policy to the board to review.
  - Safety concerns for other kids on the ice. What is safe? Telling kids they can't play their hardest?
  - According to the EK policy must be a safety concern and not skill request.
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- The 2<sup>nd</sup> coed adult tournament will likely happen again the weekend going into spring break. Will know more in September if the TOG will allow extension of the ice season into April. Could change the tournament dates. If extended could run a spring hockey and would help with fundraising.

**Vice President Report:**

Jessica Chiles

- AP guideline update summary:
  - Presidents to sign form and submit to committee before sent to EK.
  - U11 is a rotation, anytime a coach needs a player they request through the coach coordinator and committee and they give them a name from a list.
  - U13 and above discussion was that players would go to tryouts and get placed on the team or the AP list. If a player doesn't make the AP list they will be told by the AP committee so they understand the reasons regarding skill level.
  - AP list to the carded team will rotate through. When it comes to play downs, banners, and provincials it will be a coach's decision.
  - AP list will be based on the tryouts.
  - The AP committee will decide.
  - U13 APing to U15 - players will have to be evaluated for safety. Should have kids up to practice contact.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Michelle O'Grady

- Gaming Account: \$11000, doesn't include registration fees.
- Have collected \$15000 in registration fees, will put a list together of who needs a reminder. Will remind in late July.
- Cheq: \$23000 but \$15000 is from registration.

**Coach Coordinator:**

Blaine Broderick

**Secretary's Report:**

Ashley Durning

**Chief Ref Report:**

Niall Gleeson

**Health & Safety Report:**

Jon Hayward

**Manager Coordinator Report:**

Chantelle Lacasse

**Date for next meeting:** August 7th, 2024

**Motion to Adjourn by:** Bruce

**Meeting Adjourned:** time: 9:08