



## MINUTES - MEETING June 3, 2024

### Golden & District Arena Meeting Room

**In Attendance:** Ashley, Chantelle, Kristine, Michelle, Bruce, Jessica, Blaine, Jon, Niall, Amber, Josee.

**Call to Order: 7:05**

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

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

#### **New Business:**

N/A

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

#### **Registrar Report:**

Malin Sjostrom

Current numbers (but or somewhere around there)

- U7 – 22
- U9 – 21
  - U7 & U9 reasonable numbers, both manageable.
- U11 – 20
  - U11 is smaller than planned. Will have to see what happens. Currently with 20 players we don't split the team.
- U13 – 28
  - U13 will be an interesting conversation looking at numbers. Do we want two U13 teams or 1 Golden and 1 combined team with Invermere.
  - Talk to parents and see what we want to do. Can only card 1 team. Might be an unequal number from each association if we do combine.
  - Have not a true combined team before. 1 practice in each association.
  - If we hold tryouts you automatically get placed in the A division.

Windermere: U13 number projecting to be 20 with 2 goalies. U15 ?

- Bruce and Jess will chat with Windermere this week.

Plans in the East Kootenays: Cranbrook, Kimberley, whitefish split equally last season but will likely be splitting into a rec and competitive team this year and Elk Valley might be putting in more teams in the A division.

- U15 – 10
- U18 – 17

#### Girls

- U11/13 – 15
- U15 - 13
- Dual roster has taken some effort and they have gotten back to Malin and Josee.
- Plans for the dual roster players? Basic expectations but not held to that. Practice once a week with each team encouraged and prioritize the primary team for games. play games with whichever team is your primary – Even the U15 girls dual rostered?
- Some U15s have dual rostered. Some new and some returning to integrated. May not understand contact hockey. Worried about safety and skill level. U13 might be a better option. Might change their minds after a couple of practices.
- Options: discussion with coaches and coach coordinator.
- Welcome to dual roster but a more appropriate team might be a U13. Make decisions in September.

Still missing about 15 players?

- Follow up emails with families for registration?
- Track down people for registration?
- We might also lose a few players after tryouts.
- Assume kids that haven't signed up but play every year will sign up again.

#### Team Meetings:

- U13 & U11 meetings? Maybe just U13 soon. At enough kids for 2 teams, could be 2 equal kids, 1 competitive and 1 rec or 1 larger rec team and combine with Invermere for a carded team.
- U15 meeting as well? Maybe wait until registration closes in August. 10 registered, hope to have more or figure out a plan for them to play games. U18 girls can play down, boys can with permission from EK league. If you are carding a team you can pull boys down. If we only have 8 kids we support that and find players from other associations, bring girls down, etc. Permission kids to up or down.

#### Ice Manager

**Amber Granter**

#### Ice Schedule:

- Doesn't have teams on it because it will change so no need to dedicate teams to practice times right now. Wait for numbers.

- Speed ice practices will allow for enough ice times for all the teams including two U11, U13 and Girls.
- The 45 minute practices will be for U7. We have asked the town to change the public skate time so U7 can practice the 45 minutes before.
- U9 will practice in the 1 hour time spot on Fridays after U7. They have less away games.
- Shared U11 practice on Mondays.
- Two U13 practices and 2 girls practices.
- Tuesday/Thursday nights practice on their own. U18 to take the late practice but don't have to combine practice.
- Not only are you sharing practice but gaining 15 minutes.
- If we don't have 2 U11 teams we will shift the schedule and times.
- Last meeting – Last year Monday ice went until 10:15 but trying to get kids off the ice earlier.
- Will bump the men's league around a bit.
- Overlapping, some flexibility with what teams match up.
- U9 would share with a group in this schedule. ½ per week the 20 kids in U9 would be on the ice with another group.
- Until we know the teams we can't fill the spots.
- Need to figure out the weekends we don't want.
- Last year we booked every weekend from November -March.
- U15 & U18 might be switching to league showcase weekends.
- When do we know about U7 and the change in public skate time? Another meeting after the rockets get their schedule.

\*Book every weekend again. Will allow additional tournament weekends for teams that don't join a league or can't book a lot of games.

Rink will be opening August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Rockets are hosting a camp on labor day weekend (29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>) and we can book a girls camp. We don't have to stack them. Will work with Tony for ice times.

**Fundraising Coordinator Report:**

Kristine Divall

Strategy overview:

- Gaming grant still in progress. Michelle will make a phone call soon.
- Sponsorship campaign running June-September. Ideas to up level that. Would get a committee together. Email out to the association. Reps from every team.
- Events – raised money and great moral raisers.
- Lottery – 2 online 50/50's.
- Tournaments raise money for the association.
- Grants: Plan for more next year.

Golden Golf Classic:

- Rockets are hosting a golf tournament in July and Rockets signed us up.
- Poster not clear but the write up is more clear.
- Rockets suggesting the 40% of proceeds that used to go to the coach could go to minor hockey.

- Golf and dinner with a cabaret. Hoping for 144 golfers and to raise \$20,000.
- Kristine has spoken to Andrea and they have asked that we provide a list of volunteers.
- They would make a donation to us. Need to clarify what this donation will be (40% of proceeds?).
- Letter needs to be clearly outlined on how the sponsorship will be broken down.
- Predicting the golf tournament to fill up because it is being hosted on a Saturday. Andrea asked that we help fill it up/advertise.
- Other fundraising options during the golf tournament?
- Will email the association about registering and finding volunteers.

Will be calling a fundraising meeting in June.

**President's Report:**

Bruce McKnight

- Fall/Winter Camps
  - Wolski Sept 13-15
  - Smith
- Columbia Basin Trust Non Profit Advisors Program
  - To clarify vision/mission/values
  - develop a strategic plan and a 3 year operational plan. The end documentation is your product.
  - typically around \$3,000, but the Trust normally pays 80%
- Showcase-style league games for U15 (?U18)

**Camps:**

- Booking Carter Wolski to run a camp in the fall, likely Sept. 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be different and through his registration process. He can't book the ice, we would have to do that. Cost savings will be passed onto the kids. Our kids would get first access to register. If it doesn't fill up locally it will open up to Revelstoke, Invermere, Banff, etc. Prices will be very similar to last year.
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- Smith Power skating group – tentatively booked the first weekend in November. Rockets dictate the ice schedule so waiting on that to decide. Price was a bit higher but good value for the coaches and players. Coaches encouraged to join.
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- Noon shot will likely return. Registration numbers will decide if 1 or 2 times per week.
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- Hockey block? Would be school accredited. School pays the coach and kids pay the school. Kids in grade 10-12 got a PE credit. No teacher assigned to hockey block.
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- If teams want to run bigger tournaments or longer game tournaments, hosting earlier will be encouraged (November).
- Town has attempted to make templates for tournaments. 7:15 being the first game of the day.
- They lost money last season but want to help offset the 2 so having a 7:15 am.
- Bigger teams can make two teams for home tournaments.
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- EK would like to know who is available to host tiering in October. Will be lots of open ice in October. Need to let EK know in September.

- Revelstoke Minor Hockey is bringing in the Columbia basin to sit down with the board to help make a strategic plan. The cost for this service is around \$3000 but the CBT covers 80%. Help to further develop procedures and policies. Bruce will follow up with the CBT if the board is happy with that? - All in favor.

**Vice President Report:**

Jessica Chiles

- AGM review
- Policy updates
- Complaint process provincially

AGM Review:

- Structure helped.
- Voting – do we clarify if for example both parents show up does everyone get a vote. 1 vote per kid? Do we want to define? CBT question, discussion before the AGM. It is not defined in the bylaws.
- Vote of 70% members at the AGM. Only need 15 for a quorum.
- Folks voting but have never met the candidate makes it hard to vote.
- Option to have someone speak on behalf? Helps with character.
- Voters can abstain.
- Take feedback from AGM.

Policy updates. Email sent to board members.

- The Province, in partnership with viaSport, will establish an independent non-profit organization to oversee a new complaints process for B.C.'s amateur sport sector. grant put out provincially, taking over all of the complaints for youth sports across Canada. Will provide a layout on how the complaint process works. This will take the work away from the board allowing more time for player development.
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- AP committee: Blaine will be the lead on that. Will meet before the summer. Not a lot of guidance. Would like someone else to help with the policy document. CBT might be able to help or give guidance. Chat GBT. Deciding on what we want to do. Whatever BC hockey says we want to continue. It's the gray area that is difficult. All kinds of stuff from different associations.
- AP policy needs to be done by the end of the summer.
- Amber happy to steer.
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- Hockey Canada will ask us for our policies. Trying to make the book make sense.
- Team write ups to be the next write ups. Managers to help.
- Will post things we have approved on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Michelle O'Grady

**Coach Coordinator:**

Blaine Broderick

- Blaine spoke with Chuck and he asked for a sample outline for coaching plans. What he is teaching is something lots of our coaches can't teach. Would be good value for GMH. Blaine will send an email out with the plans.

**Secretary's Report:**

Ashley Durning

- With regards to the change of Bylaws, we need to provide Leona (E&M) with those changes as they need to be filed with BC Registry Services. Ash will follow up.

**Ref Coordinator Report:**

Niall Gleeson

**Health & Safety Report:**

Jon Hayward

- Referee helmet purchase.
- Pucks - team allocation?
- Coaching jackets to continue?
- Proposed summer gear exchange - two dates in August.

Helmet sponsorship?

- Will need ref helmets. Lots of helmets are missing from the referee room.
- Experienced refs buy their own.
- Secure helmets, get a locker code. Brand with GMH. \$150/helmet and visor.
- Will need approx ½ dozen.

Pucks – allocating to teams? Or keep replenishing when we run low?

- Coaches would like to allocate per team. 50 pucks per team.

Coaching jackets to continue? Yes.

Gear swap:

- Car-boot sale, everyone brings their stuff and sells/trades, etc in-date equipment.
- Drop off early and then the sale goes for approx. 2 hours.
- Jon will organize for the next meeting.
- Tuxedo could do a pop up shop at the same time? Sticks, skates, under layers. Could add into that. Kristine will talk to them again.

**Female Development Report:**

Josee Roy

Jerseys:

- Requesting approval to buy jerseys for U15 in a different color than the team jerseys are now. Thinking purple. Everyone in favor of changing the jersey color for the U15 female team.

Emails to EK for U11/U13 to start a league.

- Showcase weekends for league games.
- Encourage more communities to join the league if it is less travel with showcase weekends.
- Hoping for a min of 3 teams to start the league.
- U15 hoping for some similar options.

**Manager Coordinator Report:**

Chantelle Lacasse

EK AGM

**Date for next meeting:** July 3, 2024, 7:15

**Motion to Adjourn by:** Bruce

**Meeting Adjourned:** time: 9:01