

Springfield Minor Hockey Association Meeting
June 16, 2025
TEAMS (Online) 8:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Attendance

Present: Mathew Bannerman, Jeff Church, Courtney Lechman, Kevin Maslechko, Meaghan McCarthy, Mark Dyck
Regrets:

2. Call to Order 8:34 pm

3. Additions to and adoption of Agenda

Mathew Bannerman motions to accept the agenda, Mark Dyck Seconds. All in Favor

Adoption of May Meeting Minutes

Courtney Lechman motion to accept the minutes, Joanne Jefferys seconds. All in Favor

AGM Meeting Minutes

4. New Business

Development-Courtney Lechman

- Coach development - Many associations at the Summer summit have hired development to come and "coach" the coaches and then run a practice with their teams. Waiting to hear back from Peter Dueck from Steinbach. Any other recommendations.
 - Have reached out to him
 - Experienced older age coaches assisting early year (U7) coaches
 - Associations taking it upon themselves to find help for their coaches
 - Hockey Manitoba Coach Development courses
 - Courses offered to Elite head coaches now, not for lower levels.
- Would need to be improved by Eastman,
- Kevin Augustine- Kevin Maslechko will reach out. Courtney send Kevin info.
- Do we want to put something like this together for our coaches? If yes we will continue to look into it more.

-Fees we pay Eastman are supposed to go towards this. He is stating that there are opportunities available and SMHA just is not taking advantage of them. SMHA Development has not received any info on these opportunities throughout the season.

-We have asked what the plan is for development for next season.

U9/U11 Convenor- Mathew Bannerman

- Age advancement policy/by-law (u7-u9)
 - players entering their third year of U7 will be allowed to register for u9 evaluations. If they finish evaluations in the top 40% they will be placed on a U9 team according to their evaluation score.
 - Child entering third year (Late dob), most associations have a evaluation policy for third year U7 players to play up to U9
 - Currently SMHA does not have a policy
 - Fees: pay evaluation fee
 - Mat draft a policy
 - Motion for Mat to amend our current age advancement policy for U7/U9 Courtney Lechman, Danielle Taylor Seconds the motion. All in Favor
- U9/U11 A Evaluations Format- I have attached the new format for review prior to the meeting (Image Below)
 - Would need to provide a refund to players that make the A team
 - Players choosing to be apart of this evaluation may receive a lower score going into the B/C evaluation skate
 - bubble players showcase skills possibly with this format
 - players not interested in competing against A players may feel more confident in their skills and themselves
 - Max Analytics; waiting to hear back regarding an appropriate format that will not decrease evaluation scores if they were moving on to B/C evaluation.
 - Hockey convenors/development/president will finalize this decision and let the board know what the outcome will be.
 - Share the Evaluation draft with parents, including additional information so they are making informed decisions when they are choosing to participate in the A try out
 - Females;placement skate fees built into registration fees. Teams do not pay for Max if they are not using them.
 - Project the number of players from the previous years
 - The refund could go to the whole team to be divided up
 - Create "A" package end of June to see if it would be manageable.
- SMHA U9 transition season tournament
 - We have approval from Eastman to hold a U9 co-ed transition tourney. Hold it in March, Matt will speak with Lindsey. End of season Tourney. Have spoken with Jenn Re:ice, need to look at it further.
- U7 Rustbuster/ evaluation weekend
 - Evaluations held last weekend of September
- Eastman-Summer summit updates(Courtney, Jenn, Jason and Mathew)

Development table-new mandatory training, Eastman enforced. Free, computer based training.

U7 coaches-Skating 1, U9-goal tending, stick handling, U13-body contact

-How will it be enforced? Associations will need to track training

-Penalty removed from the bench staff until it's completed

-Coach's from previous seasons, put it on the coach's registration

-Does this apply only to Eastman teams? Yes, wouldn't apply to Hockey Wpg teams.

-Spectator policy-Eastman has new updated policy, changes have been made to properly administer the policy

-Policy now states coaches are able to eject individuals attending out of the arenas. Need some clarity.

Female Convenor-Laurie Turnbull

- Summer Summit
- Intentions U9 female league in Eastman, associations teaming up together. It would need 4-6 teams not including SMHA to be successful.
- Hockey Wpg deadline is Aug
- time sensitive
- motion forward at the summit for our U9 female teams to be released.
- If they get this league up and running then we may not be accepted to hockey wpg
- playing in Eastman will be using more ice
- Eastman recognizes that SMHA is ahead of the curve in developing our female program
- U11-U13 will continue to be in the Hockey Wpg league
- Female Reps met at the summit
- U15-Eastman will have AAA no more AA Regional teams, possibly 4 A1,A2 Hockey Wpg. We have the option to opt in or out.
- Timeline to declare if we are in or out:
- U15 regional team A1 who had to play against different areas, our Springfield team was moved down to a A2 team. Ensure our members know about it.
- Trying to get girls together by establishing the regional team
- unsure how SMHA team was bumped down
- Reach out to J.P. and Kerri to see if we can have a meeting

U9/U11 SMHA Evaluations 2025 Draft



5. Old Business

- Intro program
 - pilot moving the entire program to CanSkate with Betty Anne
 - Need to provide Sunday ice at Hazelridge either before or after their program
 - tailor it to be intro to hockey based, up to 40 players, 3-4yo's
 - report cards, ribbons
 - \$60 for parents to be on the ice
 - 45 minutes ice time would need to be given up prior to canskate starting or after-prefers

before

players brand new to hockey could enter even at 11 yo
one year trial

Currently waiting on ice fees from Hazelridge

Sunday U7 ice time 10:15 needed giving her the intro Saturday 7:45 Oakbank ice time

If we didn't offer an intro program could they all just go to her? She would have room for

10 players.

Fees:Hockey Mb increased, intro loss we are minus \$11,000. Including \$60 for a jersey.

Courtney made a motion to move our intro program to the Hazelridge skating program for a one year trial and give them our Sunday ice time. Mark Dyck seconds the motion, all in favor.

- Rustbuster-Courtney
 - Rustbuster quotes received from 3 individuals - attached
 - Matt Habbauer-Out
 - Joe West-245+gst all the help
 - Brett Davis-150, Courtney provide helpers
 - Owen Blocker-220 4 instructors female U of M Bison team and Winterhawks 3 instructors on the ice for U11 and up.

All want to do the entire program themselves

Courtney made a motion to hire Owen Blocker to run the Rust Buster camps this season, second by Jason Teerhuis. All in Favor.

- Power Skating-Courtney
waiting for TJ's proposal
- Goalie Development-Courtney
Byron - Waiting for proposal
- Max Analytics- Courtney

Max Analytics, new formatting needs to be confirmed yet and costs have increased. Still in discussions.

Need to book a conference room and rooms 5/6 for evaluators.

Courtney made a motion to book a person for the check in table this season, Danielle Taylor seconds. All in Favor

Courtney made a motion to have 1 helper for U9 evals paying them minimum wage, Mathew Bannerman seconds the motion. All in favor

Honor the two year price even though we are moving into our third year. \$12 per player last two years. This year has increased to \$16. Will continue to negotiate and hope to get the price honored at what we paid the last two years. Based on the base package. \$325 increased to \$375.

- Entry into the city motions for U15 teams, Summer Summit
Motions both passed at the summit. Jason will submit the application for U15
- Refund policy
Do we want to do the late fee or early bird? What would the fee be? \$100, Early bird mid August (one month after opening day.)
Early Bird-6
Late fee-2

Joanne Jeffreys made a motion to adopt the early bird policy Mathew Bannerman seconds the motion. All in favor.

- Hazelridge and Oakbank Ice Fees
- 2025/26 Registration Fees
 - Open registration target: July 15/25
 - Byron
 - Power skating
 - Female Teams
 - Max Fees
 - U9/U11 Evaluation Costs

- Hockey Mb fees increased

- Motion for rate for registration-Lissa/Joanne
- Possible rebate cheques?
- Rotating head coach-Matt keep on old business till september
- Book Keeper-Lissa keep on old business
- Secretary position-Meg
 - Waiting on confirmation from Tony that he's willing to accept the position. Meg to keep everyone updated.

6. Next meeting End of August

7. Meeting adjourned 11:29pm