



Springfield Minor Hockey Association Meeting

May 21, 2025

The Lift- 6:30-9:00 pm

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Attendance**

Present:

Laurie Turnbull, Kevin Maslechko, Mark Dyck, Mathew Bannerman, Courtney Lechman, Joanne Jeffreys, Tiffany Kirton, Meaghan McCarthy, Jeff Church, Lissa VanDorp, Jennifer Tremorin, Jason Teerhuis

Regrets:

Danielle Taylor, Lindsey Smith, Dustin Dent

**2. Call to Order 7:04 pm**

**3. Additions to and adoption of Agenda**

Mathew Bannerman- Eastman Summer Summit

Jeff Church made a motion to accept and Courtney Lechman second.

**4. Adoption of AGM meeting minutes- will be adopted at next AGM**

**5. New Business**

**Registrar-Joanne Jefferys**

- Proposed Refund Policy
  - Deadline to Request Refunds, add a late fee, any amount owing, set percentages and dates of how much would be returned. 50% by Dec.31 no refund following that date. Have an early bird registration.
  - Revisit topic in June and approve final copy.
  - Decide where extra funds will go

**Treasurer-Lissa VanDorp**

- Received all hockey Winnipeg team bonds back and cheque has been deposited into the SMHA account

**Development-Courtney Lechman**

- MA evaluation ice, extra for separate A evaluations (U9/U11)
  - go over the ice schedule for U9 and U11 slots, 4 for each division-for the A Skate
  - Will speak to Max Analytics confirming 4 ice slots needed
  - Deadline for giving back ice is Aug.3/25 notified by Oakbank Arena
  - Arena needs to let us know what their rates are. SMHA Deadline first week of June to receive rates.
  - Will be able to set our registration rate following receiving Arenas ice costs
  - Possibly set up by Aug.3rd/25
- Starting evals, date

- Push U13/15 till after the AA try outs are complete (one week back)
- Allows more flexibility at U9/U11 as well by pushing back U13/U15
- Hockey Wpg made a rule that rural Eastman teams are not allowed into the league; Eastman thinks they are grandfathered in. This will be looked into by Mat

- Rustbuster

- Success last year, \$150 for 4 ice times. A total of 270 kids went through it.
- Possibly spread out Rustbusters a little bit more this year

- U15 Hitting clinics were completed in Rustbuster for 2024 Season
- Cory Nakamura will do a hitting camp, no more than 20 kids on the ice at a time.

Possible Rust Buster contracts:Owen Blocker, Brett Davis, Matt Haubbauer, Joe West

- Idea is to split them up into different age groups
- Request a proposal from all vendors

- Intro, change the programming

- Difficult to run the program with that many kids
- kids are bypassing can skate and straight into that program
- discussing only major age kids
- alot of associations do not offer this program
- continuing with these numbers we may have to split up the program
- 39 kids registered in 2024/25 season
- kids coming into U7 that can't skate
- change it to our own can skate program and second half more of a hockey program
- if we hired one trainer and they had assistance
- could we possibly blend it with hockey and learning to skate?
- We can encourage families to go to canskate first for kids to learn how to skate
- Keep same ice and arena
- Board Decision in June

- Power skating

- Currently TJ Spruit will be submitting a proposal for power skating lessons next season
- Positive feedback from survey

- Female float/parade

- Kids can't be on the float
- A girl hockey group just walking no float this year
- Courtney will get jerseys from Danielle

Continuing with the \$500 dollar budget Mathew Bannerman made the motion and Joanne Jeffrey second.

**Secretary-Meaghan McCarthy**

- Recruiting new secretary

- post separately all tasks, send email out separately, and put a post on social media.

**Female Convenor-Laurie Turnbull**

- proposal to visit elementary schools in the area to promote girls hockey at the intro level (K to gr. 3) to ensure the program continues to thrive moving forward
- Dugald principal is open, K-3 age groups
- older kids make a poster why they like hockey, creating a bit of a mentoring program
- We support the growth of females in the hockey program
- This would be done prior to the end of June 2025

- October Try Hockey Day, or floor hockey in August.

- proposed Goalie coaching package for coaches to use at U9 and U11 level to help with goalie development and retention
  - Goaltender retention- Create a basic package e.g. U9 proper equipment fits, movement patterns, half ice drills.
  - What are some things kids should try in a practice before a game
  - Matt- will run goalie development through the regional level. This will be put together for all eastman teams.
  - Byron put together a manual last year, asked for one bench staff to have goalie training. Including level 2 and goalie 1. Next year identify who has taken this course and share with them the information.
  - Add to registration
  - Are you interested in goaltending

#### **U9/U11 Convenor- Mathew Bannerman**

- New league formats for u9-u15 (including Eastman info)
  - Eastman AGM changing format of having to re-tier team.
  - Win you move up, Lose- move down
  - Scheduling would only come out a month at a time
  - Any opinions of how the league format can be improved?
  - Could assign ice time to a certain age group possibly? It would be tricky to do it this way.
- Considering Rotational head coach for U9-U18
  - Entail if you were a U9 minor coach you can not be a U9 major coach. Would like to vote on this next meeting.

Summer Summit June 8, Lorette Curling Club 9am-4pm

Development and Hockey Ops encouraged to attend

Trying to get an agenda for the day and possibly the break out room

- Eastman Summer Summit
  - U15 Release from Eastman motion needs to made at the summer summit
  - Eastman wants to communicate better.
  - Will not be sending info through the president to send out to the SMHA will send it out to all board members.
  - Any questions need to go back through the president.

Hockey Manitoba has initiated a no mouth guard rule, beginning stages.

## **6. Old Business**

Book keepers

-Potential to hire someone, still looking into this.

Next meeting:

Entry into the city motions for U15 and U11A teams, Summer Summit

Courtney's items

Refund policy

Secretary position

Hazelridge and Oakbank Fees

Motion for the rates

Motion for rate for registration

Possible rebate cheques?

Intro program

Rustbuster

Rotating head coach

Max Analytics

## **7. Next meeting**

June 16/25 8:30 pm Teams meeting and Adjournment 8:48pm