



**Springfield Minor Hockey Association
November 2025 – 7:00 pm- The Lift/Teams Online Meeting**

Present: Jeff Church, Joanne Jeffereys, Courtney Lechman, Mark Dyck, Matthew Bannerman, Jason Teerhuis, Laurie Turnbull, Jennifer Tremorin, Dustin Dent, Kevin Maslechko, Lindsey Smith, Lissa VanDorp, Danielle Taylor, Tony Cianflone

Absent:

Called to order at 7:00 pm

Adopt September minutes, first, second, Voted unanimously.

Additions to the Agenda: U11A team jerseys, Thank the stripes budget

Adopt the Agenda, MD, LV, all in favor

EXECUTIVE REPORTS	REPORT	ACTION
President's Report – Jeff Church	-nothing to report	
Comments by others:		
V.P Business Operations Joanne Jefferys	<p>-All teams rostered, bench staff finalized, and submitted in HCR. All rosters approved. All teams eligible to play. Awaiting 1 new player U7 to register moving into town this month. Possibly 1 U15 player from Pinawa.</p> <p>-All RIS Parent certifications complete.</p> <p>-Pending Bench Staff certification due by Dec. 1.</p> <p>Both Hockey MB and myself will be sending out weekly reminders to those who have pending certifications.</p> <p>Of note: if there are bench staff that have not completed the required certifications by this date we have two options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. they can remain on the roster but can not participate until certifications are completed, however, SMHA will be fined \$50 for every certification not completed (ex. If a head coach is still pending Coach 2, RIS AL and Checking 1 that is \$150 we would be fined) 2. Release them from the roster (prior to Dec. 1). No fines, they are not permitted to participate at all for the remaining season even if they end up finishing the requirements. 	<p>Undetermined who will work on process</p>

	<p>Of note, a team must have a Head Coach and Safety Person rostered for the team to be eligible to play.</p> <p>Proposal: I will advise Jeff as President to make the decision depending on the situation if we get to this point. There were no pending certifications last year.</p> <p>Question: Eastman has their own requirements for U7, U9, U11, U13 that all coaches must take. What is the action if they are not completed as Hockey MB does not require these for all coaches? This requirement has been causing confusion for the coaches as this is not a requirement of Hockey Manitoba.</p> <p>There have been a few questions regarding APs for teams that I have clarified with Eastman and Hockey MB - A player/goalie can only AP for one team at the same level - ex) U11C goalie cannot AP to BOTH U11B teams. They can only AP to ONE team. Sent email to Managers and HC about APs. There still seems to be mixed messaging from Eastman.</p> <p>Provincials - deadline to submit registration Dec. 1. Have received confirmation from the following teams to date: U13A U13B - combined between the two B teams (Flin Flon is the location this year) U13C Grey (Smith) U18B</p> <p>Jeff - need to discuss the U11A female player from Stonewall.</p>	
<p>Comments by others: JJ - what is plan for coaching certifications? JC - we should survey coaches and look for feedback JJ - Does SMHA consider paying for coaches for the 2026 season? JC - we need to assess as a board and determine this. No resolve determined</p> <p>JJ - player transfer from Stonewall LT - we have enough players on teams, this will cause issues as they are requesting to be placed on A1 team, and if we are transferring players, the next highest evaluation score should be bumped up instead of taking another player from another association. JC - I agree,</p>		
<p>V.P. Hockey Operations Courtney Lechman</p>	<p>-power skating up and running. TJ and schedulers doing their best to accommodate teams</p> <p>-Byron camps up and running.</p> <p>-Merch being picked up and ready to hand out this weekend from the Pro shop.</p> <p>-Hearing feedback about Eastman's new league format</p>	
<p>Comments by others: CL - concerns with Eastman re-starting a new league, this came up with the summer summit, JC - we need more details so we are not left in the dark, the members have made it clear to the association, they want to play in the city.</p> <p>TK - issues with teams requesting new ice times because they don't like the 745 ice slot for power skating when they have a game in the afternoon. JC - if they are able to play multiple games in tournaments this should be no issue. TK - so if teams forfeit ice, we are not offering them another replacement, JC - they can use the current practice ice they had like previous season.</p>		
<p>Intro, U7 Convenor Mark Dyck</p>	<p>-everything running smooth for U7</p> <p>-Do we have ice to run a U7 jamboree?</p>	

Comments by others: TK - I don't believe we have contract ice available, but I will look into it and let you know.		
U9, U11 Convenor Matthew Bannerman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Emmitt Neufeld, the U7 player that advanced to U9C was moved up to U9B, as he was impacting the outcome of games at C. -Communications to Coaches regarding Provincials has been distributed, I requested a response by November 15th. Lots of questions about what tier their teams would be in. Which is always unknown for our B&C teams. I'm attending a Hockey MB provincial meeting this week. -I've spoken to three of our teams already about dressing room policies in October, friendly reminders of the requirements. -U9 Development zone use is still a challenge in Eastman, it seems like our teams for the most part are utilizing it. -League/tying parity seems to be the number one concern from parents 	
Comments by others:		
U13, U15, U18 Convenor Jason Teerhuis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -issue with parents understanding the max process, and some feel teams are not fair. -need a clear process on how to follow up on suspensions -issues with EMHA and not approving transfers into SMHA when we are short goalies. 	none
Comments by others: JC - we need to determine a better way to have better communications if parents are not understanding the process. TC - I thought it was clear on registration.		
Female Hockey Director Laurie Turnbull	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All our female teams playing in HW (U9A1,U9A2,U11A1,U11A2,U13A1,U15A1) -U13 roster is large this season *20 players -Dual roster teams in Eastman for females playing coed (hosts U9 Lorette, U11 and U13 Steinbach). Interesting as ice is tight and these associations aren't stepping up to run female teams all winter? -Eastman in the future needs to help associations develop female teams and play in HW. After establishing sustainable female teams in a few years, then look to build an Eastman league. -Thanks to Courtney and Jeff for all of their help with the nuisances and issues over the past 2 months. -I would like to discuss the workload and sustainability of board member positions within SMHA. 	
Comments by others: CL - we will be posting the positions soon for the board, JC - share the constitution so board members can review, TC -maybe we can establish if we need more board positions (non-voting) to help alleviate the amount of work at beginning of the season like the assistant ice-scheduler. This would help the convenors and secretary.		
Ice Scheduler Jennifer Tremorin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All practice ice and issued games are entered -Teams are regularly picking up weekend ice with some availability for sticks and pucks. -Need to discuss for next year if we would like to keep the 7:45am on Saturdays in Oakbank? We have been trying to issue powerskating during this time but when teams are sharing ice it is difficult to find free days. -Sold some ice to Women's hockey on Sunday nights in Hazelridge (least used ice slot for us, and we took their Thursday 9pm slot in Hazelridge) -Game ice will be distributed to Eastman and Hockey Winnipeg for the 2nd half. 	

	<p>-Email was sent to OBCC in regard to dressing rooms for sticks and pucks as members were being instructed to use the lobby. OBCC has confirmed that they will provide 2 dressing rooms for sticks and pucks moving forward.</p> <p>-Email was sent to all teams re: team photos need to be requested to the arenas ahead of time.</p> <p>-Tiffany is doing an amazing job.</p> <p>-I will not be doing another term next season</p>	
<p>Comments by others: CL - we will need to fill the ice scheduler position, will TK move into this and then we will need to fill her position?</p> <p>CL - U11C team is hosting an independent tournament, insurance requirements? TF - this will impact our playoff ice time availability,</p> <p>JC - we have a contract for ice, this should be full-filled before renting out ice, should it not. TK will look into this and talk with Jenn</p> <p>JC - thanks to Jenn for all her hard work over the years.</p>		
<p>Referee in Chief Kevin Maslechko</p>	<p>-unaware of issues with suspensions, will look into this.</p> <p>-refs are doing a great job this season</p> <p>-no issues with mouthguards</p>	
<p>Comments by others: DD - notices the refs are doing a great job this season.</p>		
<p>Timekeeping Scheduler Dustin Dent</p>	<p>-22 time keepers, 90% retention from last season.</p> <p>-all time keepers have been trained.</p> <p>-some minor issues filing out availability</p> <p>-some minor issues with ice schedulers and time keepers for games.</p>	
<p>Comments by others:</p>		
<p>Community Club Liaison - Jenn Tremorin</p>	<p>-no report</p>	
<p>Comments by others:</p>		
<p>Tournament Coordinator Lindsey Smith</p>	<p>-Girls are Players too Tournament full, minus one spot still available for the U13A1 (as we just opened that division after our u13 A1 team won the Rob West tournament)</p> <p>-Both U9 division have 4 teams</p> <p>-U11 A1 4 teams, A2 6 teams</p> <p>-U13 A1 4 teams, A2 6 teams</p> <p>-So 28 teams in total for the tournament.</p> <p>-For u9 games we will be doing two games at the same time, to make availability for all games.</p> <p>-We are not going to do medals this year and are going to do cookie bouquets for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.</p> <p>-Looking into a DJ as well as a Photo Booth for the girls. Still deciding on a player of the game and swag bag, but have a few ideas.</p>	

	-U9 transitional season tournament booked March 6th 7th and 8th. We are hoping to fill up with Eastman teams before we open to other teams. One team from Regina is already booked.	
Comments by others:		
Treasurer's Report – Lissa Vandorp	-E-transfer monthly limits a hindrance, discussed with Access CU and we have the best account for our type of “business”. I will be back to writing cheques for ice. -U18 issued \$3000 float for refs -registration numbers very similar to last year (without intro program) therefore anticipate revenue approx same as last year. -Hockey MB insurance fees went up, \$7700 more than last year.	
Comments by others:		
Equipment Director Danielle Taylor	-Equipment all out at this point. -We had to order quite a bit of extra jerseys this year with the increase in kids. -Joanne/Mark if we're adding a U7 kids, I will have to order a jersey as all teams were maxed out I believe.	
Comments by Others:		
Secretary Tony Cianflone	CAR's starting to role in Would like to propose an increase to the amount sent for thank the stripes.	
Comments by others: Awards still need to be handed out from last season. JC to send TC names.		
NEW BUSINESS	-U11A jerseys, who approved this, was this brought to board's attention, there is policy in place, was this followed? JC - Don't see any issues. CL - as long as they are following the policy, JC were they informed? TC - it is in the bylaws, JC - are the bylaws on the website available, TC- no, JC - lets review the bylaws and add to the website so no more issues moving forward. More discussions needed, -Posting available board positions for upcoming season with explanation of the roles. JC- need to review the constitution and each individual position, all board members review. TC - please highlight in red anything you would like removed or added and make note for future discussion. -Increasing the dollar amount to thank the stripes. LV- currently there is no budget, TC - I feel they deserve a nice thank you from SMHA, how many officials? KM - approx 40. LV how does \$400 sound, TC - motion to have an annual budget of \$400 to thank the stripes, 1st CL, 2nd DD, all in favor. -Developing a clearer understanding of our relationship with EMHA and how we can work together to overcome these obstacles. JC - I will reach out to EMHA. -Should we look at the process again to have all teams be playing tiered hockey with Hockey Winnipeg? JC - we will need a poll sent out to the member, more discussions in future	

Mark motioned to adjourn; Courtney seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm

Next meeting: Dec 15, 2025 6:30 pm The Lift