



**Springfield Minor Hockey Association
September 2025 – 7:00 pm- The Lift**

Present: Jeff Church, Matthew Bannerman, Kevin Maslechko, Laurie Turnbull, Jason Teerhuis, Courtney Lechman,
Dustin Dent, Jason Teerhuis, Lindsey Smith, Joanne Jefferys, Tiffany Kirton, Tony Cianflone, Mark Dyck

Absent: Jenn Tremorin, Danielle Taylor, Lissa VanDorp

Called to order at 6:35 pm

Adopt September minutes, nothing to adopt as this was an informal meeting as per Jeff Church

Additions to the Agenda: none

Adopt the Agenda, first, second: Nothing to adopt

EXECUTIVE REPORTS	REPORT	ACTION
President’s Report – Jeff Church	Attended Eastman AGM, Eastman looked at the female hockey league again. SMHA does not support this and still wants all the teams playing in the city. -Oct is league meeting, will need to provide number of registrations to EMHA -OBCC not moving forward with covered ice. -approach members for release to Beausejour who are closer to that association than ours, even if they fall into our zoning	
Comments by others: MB not having ice will make parents unhappy, but the association is at a crossroads of not having ice available to offer with so many teams. Expectations need to be set at the AGM. HC has a min/max roster size, we may need to apply for variances. JC - communication to members will be key to convey this msg.		
V.P Business Operations Joanne Jefferys	-395 reg registrations, approx 100 AA/AAA/high school registrations. -50 bench staff applications all informed what to do via email. -2 under age (2021) cancellations, 3 wrong MHA registrations (U7), 3 cancelled regular season(u13/u15) as players withdrew.	CRC/CAR checks still developing a process that can work better.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Inadvertently did not put option to reg as player/goalie for U11's. -Early Bird incentive overall well received and the bulk of registrations before the deadline. -discuss process for this years CRC and CAR checks 	
<p>Comments by others: JC we are at tipping point of ice time. Need to re-evaluate roster sizes, reach out to other communities for ice. JJ - could we possibly set up CAR before roster, MB - not possible, TC - I will find a process that works for the association and volunteers</p>		
<p>V.P. Hockey Operations Courtney Lechman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Intro to Hockey roll out through HR skate club had a very rocky start. Hoping to see their numbers increase after corrections to their registration. -A group of parents started their own Intro to hockey on Tuesdays at HR -U11 pathways skates done. 24 coed and 19 female. -Rustbusters sell out (194) except for 3 - U7 spots this season. Need more ice for females next season. -Evals with MA scheduled, challenge creating the schedule due to regional tryouts. -Continuing to support convenors. Jay and Laurie with releases and uncertainty surrounding female teams. -Byron wasn't able to secure ice at southdale arena this season. We will have him back in HR. -Power skating will be scheduled once teams are formed. -I'm seeing many coaches who applied through registration not filling out coach apps on our website. 	-
<p>Comments by others:</p>		
<p>Intro, U7 Convenor Mark Dyck</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -85 total registrants for u7. Currently 11 of those 85 are female teams with potentially adding a 12. Balance in coed. -Looking at 14-15 kids per team again this season. -Eastman hosting u7 faceoffs in Lac Du Bonnet this year for Springfield. Will need to get more info on how many teams from smha can attend and get info out to coaches to sign up -Need to figure out if we are going 2 or 3 teams per ice slot for practice ice skates. Leaning towards 3 after feedback from last season that members want as much ice as possible regardless of the size of the ice given. -Have reached out to all in u7 for coaching volunteers. I have had a handful express interest. 3 coaches from last year have offered to coach again 	Noted
<p>Comments by others: MB HC recommends goalies, but the concept will be 4 on 4 with a kid covering the net.</p>		
<p>U9, U11 Convenor Matthew Bannerman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -80 players entered into Max Analytics -Evaluation Drills altered slightly to include more tactics and compete drills for u9/u11 -Six goalies for 5 teams at U11 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Registration numbers show 5 U9 and 5U11 teams for 25/26 season -Evaluation Information & Tryout Schedule shared with members Friday September 5th -Mouthguards are not mandatory this season as per Hockey Manitoba. 	
Comments by others:		
U13, U15, U18 Convenor Jason Teerhuis	-cant change evaluation skates due to complexity.	
Comments by others: JC, only change evaluation skate for Drivers Ed		
Female Hockey Director Laurie Turnbull		
Comments by others:		
Ice Scheduler Jennifer Tremorin/Tiffany Kirton	TK, learning lots from JT, nothing to report. Motion to approve ice contract from OBCC for \$195.18 + gst brought forward from AC, second MB.	All approved motion
Comments by others:		
Referee in Chief Kevin Maslechko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Oct 18 clinics for level 1&2 will be training officials. -focus will be working with officials who want to officiate for the love of the game and not just a paycheck. -it's important to have officials who are bringing a positive attitude and desire to be there and grow as officials. -No mouth guards, but will be watching for cage hang, chin straps. -will be supporting the refs and making sure if they feel uncomfortable they are aware of their capabilities to officiate fairly as trained. 	
Comments by others:		
Timekeeping Scheduler Dustin Dent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -struggle around the eastman region with timekeepers, will reach out to share training modules with any association that would like. -24 kids approx, 2 days of training with hands on. Ex.games will be reserved for experienced timekeepers as the teams are paying for that ice. 	
Comments by others: JC, could we get an expedited suspension list to inform coach/player so that it takes place immediately, DD will look into it.		
Community Club Liaison - Jennifer Tremorin	-nothing to report	

Comments by others:		
Tournament Coordinator Lindsey Smith	-Girls are players too tournament scheduled January 23rd- 25th -will be using both rinks. -U7 will be included in the tournament -Reg fee is \$1150/\$450 for U7 -Planning an Eastman transition / full ice U9 tournament in March.	
Comments by others:		
Treasurer's Report - Lissa Vandorp	-No report given	
Comments by others:		
Equipment Director Danielle Taylor	-equipment purchased this year thus far includes some puck bags, two new goalie sticks (left and right) and try out pinnies. -would like to connect with the rinks by possibly adding a deck box to each rink with a combination code lock to allow us to store practice equipment our coaches can use. -overall ready to go with equipment this upcoming year.	
Comments by Others:		
Secretary Tony Cianflone	-trying my best to keep up with the demands. Please have patience. -nce I get into understanding everything I would like any agenda items for new business sent to me no less than 2 days before meeting.	
Comments by others: Awards still need to be handed out from last season.		
NEW BUSINESS	-bench supervisors for evaluation skates, a parent board member can not have a kid or know someone in that age group when on bench. -idea is to allow a kid an opportunity at offense and defense.	

Mark motioned to adjourn; Courtney seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm Next meeting: TBD