

SPRUCE GROVE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Annual General Meeting April 30, 2025. Elks Social Hall

Executive Attendance: Mike Watt, Jordan Duffy, Christine Raw, Bev Klebanosky, Paul Limoges, Chris Corbett, Dan Szoo, Brendan Vaillant, April Jasper, Mike Muise, Craig Dory, Tom Tremain, Darcy Carter

Guests: Jenn Dowhaniuk, Andrea Rushfeldt

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Approximate members in attendance: 50

We have met quorum. (Executive - Yes)

Mike welcomes the membership.

1. Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved as distributed. All in favour. None opposed. Jackie Christensen motions the approval, Rochelle St. Laurent seconds. Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 SGMHA AGM held at the Elks Social Hall on April 30th, 2024 – attached. Brittany Tremblay motions, Kevin McLaughlin seconds. Carried.
Amendment:

3. President's Message – attached. Great season overall. Highest enrollment. Edmonton Minor Hockey Week success. Successful playoffs. Great community work. Exciting news on Grand Opening of Heavy Metal Place.

4. Directors Reports:

- U4 & U7 Report – attached.
- U9 Report – attached. Hockey Alberta & Edmonton Federation Hockey League continues to evolve their pilot program at U9.
- U11 Report – attached. Inaugural year with the AA team being established. Several notable achievements through the season including Minor Hockey week gold medals for the female team.
- U13 Report – not available. Overall good year, very competitive teams. Very good coaches. One team championship 507 won gold this season.

- U15 Report – attached. Overall good season. Great to see that we were able to add a female team this year.
- U18 Report – not available. Overall successful season. All five teams were very competitive. One team won gold this season. Not a lot of changes for next year, other than potentially a female team being added if enough registration.
- Female Report – attached. Overall good season. Lots of successes with the female teams. Any girls that want to play U18 please make sure you register early.
- PAC Report – attached. For upcoming season, we will have nine teams in the club. Taking on U11AA and adding U13 AAA and U18AAA for the 2026/27 season.
- Referee Report – attached. Total of 88 officials this season. Of those 88 we had 23 brand new to officiating. Those 88 officials covered a total of 687 games from September 1-March 27. Special thanks for Glenna Wagner our long-time assignor for ensuring all games were covered.
- Coach Report – not available.
- Finance/Registrar Report – attached. Raffle brought in just under \$130,000 which keeps fees low. We are growing year after year so please ensure you register early. We are going to do five payments, so if you register in May there'll be 5 payments you can do.
- Player Director – not available.

Recognition – Darcy Carter:

- Brief remarks by Mike Watt recognizing Darcy Carter for 17 years of service on the Board in various capacities and thanking Darcy for their longstanding dedication to the community and Minor Hockey.

5. Bylaw Changes – attached document.

- Bylaw #1: Duties of Executive. Change 2nd Vice President title to Marketing and Sponsorship Director. Dave Leyttle motions, Chris Ayre seconds.
- Bylaw #2: Duties of Executive. Remove duty 5.5 (d) from 2nd Vice President responsibilities. That duty is no longer needed for this position. Cj Baylas motions, Chris Ayre seconds.

- Bylaw #3 Duties of Executive. 5.4 (f) add to 1st Vice President role to ensure senior executive member overseeing the safety program for the association. Cj Baylas motions, Kathleen Imlay seconds.
- Bylaw #4 Remove all mentioning of 2nd Vice President in the Bylaws and change to Marketing and Sponsorship Director. Cj Baylas motions, Brittany Tremblay seconds.
- Bylaw #5 4.1 The Executive List Shall Consist of. 4.1 (t) To add Goalie Director as a non-voting position on the SGMHA Board of Directors. Currently not listed in the Bylaws. New non-voting position 2025-2026 season. Rochelle St. Laurent motions. Taylor Wilson Seconds.
- Bylaw #6 Duties of the Executive. 5.24 Goalie Director duties listed. Currently not listed in the Bylaws. New position on the SGMHA Board of Directors starting 2025-2026 season. Rochelle St. Laurent Motions Cj Baylas seconds
- Bylaw #7 Committees. 8.4 Standing Committees. (a) Any standing committee under SGMHA is to adhere to these bylaws. Currently not listed in the Bylaws. Chris Ayre Motions Jordan Rice Seconds

6. Election of the Executive for the 2025/2026 season.

- 2-Yr Term Board Positions (positions with names beside them have been acclaimed)
 - 1st Vice President – James Hackett
 - Chair of Finance – Christine Raw
 - Referee-In-Chief – Dallas Bozek
 - Female Director – Chelsea Neudeck
 - U18 Director – Craig Dory
 - U13 Director – Scott Stuckless
 - U9 Director – Chris Corbett
- 1-Yr Term Board Positions (positions with names beside them have been acclaimed)
 - Marketing and Sponsorship Director (formerly 2nd Vice President) – Brendon Vaillant
 - U11 Director – Chris Eyre
 - U7 Junior Director (non-voting) – Jocelyn Enright

7. OPEN executive positions for the 2025/2026 season.

- 2-Yr Term Board Positions
 - Equipment Director -
 - Coach Director –
- 1-Yr Board Positions
 - Goalie Director (non-voting) -

Coach Director Selection:

- Two individuals have put their names forward for the Coach Director position: Paul Limoges and Mike Muise. Each provided a few minutes to introduce themselves, followed by a vote from those in attendance.
- The votes were very close, our new coach director for the upcoming season will be Mike Muise

8. Registration. Registration will open on May 21, 2025, at 6 am to allow 5 instalment payments for the membership to pay their registration fees, and to still allow for SGMHA to plan for the upcoming season. Fees will be going up. Registration for the upcoming season will be on a first come first served basis as per previous years - shortage of ice dictates how many teams SGMHA can host, so please register early as there will be a cap on the amount of players per Division that can be accepted. To ensure that proper planning can be done for the upcoming season, returning members still have only until the end of June to register to avoid a late fee charge; any registration of a returning player after June 30, 2025, will result in a \$125 late fee. The same payment procedures apply; credit card/VISA debit or MASTERCARD debit for online registration, if you cannot pay by credit card, please email the office to arrange for e-transfer payments and further instructions on how to process your registration through the online registration platform. All fees **MUST** be paid in full by **September 15, 2025** or the player does not get to evaluate or tryout!!

Roster sizes reduced U13 and down to 15 skaters 2 goalies. U15 – U18 16 skaters 2 goalies. U9 18 skaters

The website will be updated with all the 2025/2026 season information as it becomes available, please periodically check the site for any updates.

9. Question and Answer.

Q: With the changes to roster sizes, will there be the same number of teams per division?

A: This will depend on registration numbers. At this time, we expect to have approximately the same number of teams as last season.

Q: Is there still a chance of a U21 team?

A: Still talking about it, see what interest is, and will also be dependent on ice.

Q: Is the rumor true that U13 may move to half-ice?

A: Ice availability is the main consideration. There is no guarantee either way - it will depend on how much ice time is allocated to the association.

Q: When will we know how much ice we will receive?

A: Ice allocation is still being finalized with other user groups. At this point, we are unsure what that will look like.

Q: If U13 moves to half-ice, will families receive a refund?

A: Registration fees are based on the total number of ice hours provided.

Q: What is the division of ice usage with new ice between associations SGMHA and PAC with the new building?

A: The ice allotment is given to SGMHA, and PAC is under our umbrella. We are given an allotment of ice, and it is divided up accordingly.

Q: What is the ice allocation between PAC and other teams?

A: The allocation ratio is 2:1.

Q: Is there a minimum under Hockey Alberta how much for Elite teams

A: Yes, at minimum 2-3 practice days a week

Q: Would half-ice apply to U13 AA / AAA?

A: U13 AA/AAA have full ice practices

Q: For U15, why is the roster size 15 instead of 16, and will affiliates be used? Is roster size dependent on tier?

A: Roster size will depend on registration numbers.

Q: Will roster sizes be capped?

A: Rosters will be capped at 15 or 16 players. Any players above the cap will be waitlisted.

Q: What is driving these roster limits?

A: The primary driver is ensuring players have appropriate opportunities for ice time and development.

Q: Is it possible to avoid scheduling referee clinics during PAC tryouts?

A: The association submits preferred dates to Hockey Alberta.

Female Program questions

Q: Are you going to cut imports first?

A: No one will be released.

Q: Is the goal to build a competitive female team?

A: Teams in recent years have been built based on skill level.

Q: Feedback on evaluations for female players?

A: Lots of discussions on how improvements could be made, the association will be having female only evaluations next season

Evaluations discussion.

- will continue using Sports Eval for one more season, then as a board discuss how we can make that evaluation process better.
- A suggestion was made to incorporate timed skills.
- U11 benches will be monitored more closely during evaluations.
- Evaluations were discussed at the Operations Meeting.
- U7 tiering is being explored.

10. Registration Draw. 2025/2026 Season. Ben Whytock

Motion to Adjourn. 8:37pm.