

**SGMHA Executive Meeting – April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Agra room – 7:00 pm**

Attendance: Mike W, Craig, Chelsea, Chris C, Jordan, Scott, Christine, Taylor, Chris E, James, Dallas, April, Mike M, Bev, Brandi, Dan

Guests: Jenn, Christel, Tom  
Regrets: Mark, Brendon, Jocelyn

Call to Order 7:00 pm.  
We have reached quorum. Yes

Approval of Agenda: Chris E motions James seconds. All in favour. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Craig motions, James seconds. All in favour. Motion passed.

Amendments: None at this time

**Updates:**

**President Update:**

- Hockey Edmonton and its executive are currently dealing with some challenges. To clarify, Hockey Edmonton does not run the Edmonton Federation Hockey League (EFHL). That is separate and is run entirely by all teams involved in EFHL. As a result, this situation does not affect us, and it is not something we are involved in. It is a matter for Hockey Edmonton, and it is expected to be resolved at their AGM.
- Operations meetings took place last night for U9-U13 and U15- U18. One of the key discussion points was goal differential during the tiering round. There is a strong appetite of moving away from a strict differential of 6 to a more flexible range of 4 – 6. Under this approach anything over a 6 is automatic, whereas the 4-6 range would be up for discussion. The change allows for more flexibility in team movement, helping determine whether teams should remain in current division, move up or down or change color. This is a welcome addition. While no system will ever be perfect, efforts are being made to improve it.
- Additional updates: Ice allocation meeting is scheduled for the end of the month. Additionally, with Labour Day long weekend being later this year, there was discussion that the season start date may be pushed back slightly due to when September long weekend falls.
- There was some discussion around potentially adding a Tier 4 NBC. Hockey Calgary currently runs a Tier 4 NBC and so there was some discussion on whether EFHL would be

interested in exploring something similar. This would primarily benefit associations with a high number of teams in U15-U18 by providing an additional placement option for players. At this stage, it was only a discussion, and nothing came of it.

### **PAC Update:**

- Provincials U17AAA – very successful. PAC came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meeting with Hockey Alberta on program, happy on direction
- Brought on a technical director (Hockey Manager), his name is Ryan Allen he was recruited from Grande Prairie, and he has ties in our community - he will also be coaching the U18AAA team
- Hired all AAA coaches
- Working on AA coaches
- Looking for committee members
- ID skates ongoing

Discussion around hosting provincials for one of the minor hockey divisions. Strongly suggest we take a look at where some of our teams are early on as its usually – mid November to submit a bid. We pick a division, and host something on the Minor hockey side. Hockey Alberta has taken notice of the big events we've hosted, that they're bring events here, like Alberta Cup. They brought prospects here this year for our new rink to be the home for that zone. It's a lot of work but very worth it – an experience kids will never forget. Let's re-visit this conversation in October

**Old Business:** None for this meeting

### **New Business**

#### **Discuss working with Stony on ref assignments (Craig):**

- Was approached by Stony regarding the possibility of combining Spruce and Stony referee assignments to create a larger shared pool to pull from.
  - It was noted that this would not be possible unless the associations are combined.

#### **Coach development over Summer (Mike M):**

- Explore options for late summer development, or possibly an information session for future coaches knowing we don't have coaches in place until we have teams, we have a pretty good idea of who is returning.

- Get something in place, especially for the goalies working with Goalie director, getting another one of those sessions so we are not running it mid season.
- I would like to see a formal program to put coaches through rather than just a quick interview process.
- I am requesting 2 or 3 more people to help run or put together a program that can be presented to coaches. Not a "how to coach" rather provide tools to coaches.
  - Have check list in place – for example if you are coaching any teams under U11 this is what we need to see players achieving.
  - Have small group that have coached or been part of development.
  - Hockey Alberta has a list of drills go through it as a small group see what works what doesn't Coach them has drills. Have variety of coaches who have coached Tier 1 – Tier 6. Here is what a Tier 1-3 plan looks like here is what a Tier 4-6 plan looks like
  - Go out more be more diligent on checking in with coaches to see how things are going
  - Mid season coach survey was suggested.
  - Suggest a coach chat for every division on TeamLinkt.

**Office updates (Jenn):**

- We talked about One click ice a few years ago, so we will look at getting that in place. Everything automatically goes in, if people want to pick ice they click, and it tells us who it is and it will save a ton of time, costs and back and forth emails. Roughly about \$3000 will let everyone know once I have confirmed that.
- Registration fees are staying the same due to not knowing ice allocation – won't get that until after registration
- Player who wants to over age in U13 – he was top of tier 2, and he wants to over age to stay in U13.

*James makes a motion to over age player of U13 SG502 – motion was denied.*

**U15 Pre-Eval Body Checking Clinic (Jordan):**

- Suggestion to have vendor come in to run pre-eval Body Checking clinic as part of the prep skates, additional sessions.
- Come up with a plan at operations meeting, possible offer additional sessions at U13 level and U15 level.

## **Additions to the Agenda:**

- **Gear Update**
  - Need to order jerseys, approval to move forward
  - Discussions occurred around teams paying a deposit for equipment they get it back, it's added to team budget no decision made just open discussion.
  - Suggestion to add pant shells to the store.
  - \$700 from Pro Hockey life how to spend, suggestion to use towards goalie gear.
  - Rebranding discussion, not going to move forward, wasn't in favor of choices that came forward.
  - A lot of jerseys will need to be replaced; the letter wrecked some jerseys. Letters only on jerseys that are kept then on ones they don't keep they have to use tape.
  
- **Coach surveys (Jordan)**
  - A lot of feedback was association directed
  - Not much to share with coaches
  - Mid season coach survey

## **Next Meetings:**

- May 12<sup>th</sup>
- June 9<sup>th</sup>
- July no meeting – Enjoy your summer

**Adjourned at: 8:39 pm**