

**SGMHA Executive Meeting – January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Zoom meeting – 7:00 pm**

Attendance: Mike W, Chris E, Chris C, Brendon, Christine, April, James, Scott, Taylor, Bev, Mike M, Jocelyn, Mark, Dan, Jordan

Guests: Jenn

Regrets: Lacy, Chelsea, Craig, Brandi

Call to Order 7:07 pm.

We have reached quorum. Yes

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

Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Dan motions, Christine seconds. All in favour. Motion passed.

Amendments: None at this time

**Updates:**

President Update:

- Minor Hockey week starting this weekend.
- Over the holidays, there were many positive social media posts featuring teams participating in tournaments and various charity type events, which was great to see.
- The Hockey Alberta AGM took place end of November; no significant updates resulted from that meeting.
- EFHL meeting is scheduled for the next week or so.

PAC Update:

- U13AA had bronze at the Fort Saskatchewan Christmas Classic
- U15AA green got to semi finals at the EBIT tournament over Christmas
- U13AAA finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the Raiders legacy event over Christmas
- U11AA team is attending the AEHL showcase in January
- U17AAA will be hosting provincials in April – Easter weekend. Come out and support, it's always a fun time.
- First annual U18AAA High Performance Camp will take place on January 17<sup>th</sup>, run by Matt Gorman, designed for players interested in upcoming U18AAA opportunities.
- There is a strong interest in the U18AAA program, with 20 applicants for the head coaching position.

- Momentum continues to build, and the response from the coaching community has been excellent.
- Interviews begin in February
- Winning records for: U17AAA, U13AAA, and U18AA
- Even win/loss records: U16AA and U15AA Green
- Other teams: Showing effort and room for improvement

**Old Business: None at this time**

**New Business**

**Vital Sports presentation (Chris Vital Sports) – Chris couldn't make it**

- Vitals sports submitted two design options – these will be shared with the board, along with a short survey to gather feedback.

**Coach incentive ideas for recruiting and retention (Mike M):**

- Idea raised to introduce a basic coach incentive – not a full program, but a small recognition initiative.
- Incentives could acknowledge milestones for example
- Purpose is to attract and retain committed coaches – those that want to coach, not just fill a vacancy
- I want to help maintain positive coaching experiences by offering small tokens of appreciation.

*Action item: Gather ideas and bring them back to the board for further discussion.*

**Program Development for non-Hockey Alberta hosted courses (Mike M):**

- Followed up with multiple Hockey Alberta branches and confirmed that no new goaltending-specific coaching courses are planned.
- Identified an alternative online goaltending development course through InCrease Performance that offers formal coach and goalie-development training.
- Suggested exploring external certification opportunities in areas not currently offered by Hockey Alberta (e.g., goaltending, power skating, defense).
- Noted that budget may be required next season if external training costs are involved.
- Proposed identifying interested coaches to take the necessary training so they can deliver these sessions internally moving forward.

**Female Hockey Day (Jenn):**

- Chelsea and others (4–5 members) have done an outstanding job organizing Female Hockey Day.
- The event will run January 31 from 1:00–8:00 PM.
- Email invitations have been sent to all female players as well as players on co-ed teams.
- The event will include a variety of activities and will have multiple sponsors supporting the day.
- A junior game will be part of the event (team name to be confirmed).

**Additions to the Agenda:****Ref mentors U11/U13 (Jordan)**

- Concern raised about gaps in referee mentors, particularly for younger officials who may need guidance on positioning, judgment, and game management.
- Noted that mentorship challenges may be due to logistics and scheduling.
- Discussed developing 16 – 18year-old officials to help support younger age groups (U9-U11).

**Next Meetings:**

- February 10<sup>th</sup>

**Adjourned at: 8:28 pm**