



Devon Minor Hockey Meeting Minutes September 2021 DMHA Executive Meeting

Date: December 8, 2021

Called To Order: 7:04pm

Minutes Taken By: Brittany Wright

Attendees: Rainie Gervais, Brittany Wright, Brandy Fisher, Steven Kuchirka, Peggie Melnychuk, Wayne Wolfe, Tina Pollock, Melissa Price, Cassandra McNirney, Ali Whelen, Duane McNirney, Joe Reynolds

Motion to approve the December 8, 2021 Agenda:

- Motion to approve the December 8, 2021 Agenda made by: Ali Whelen
- Seconded by: Steven Kuchirka
- All in favour, motion approved

Review and Approve November 3, 2021 Minutes:

- Motion to approve the November 3, 2021 minutes made by: Peggie Melnychuk
- Seconded by: Ali Whelen
- All in favour, motion approved

New Business:

Reports:

1. President - Raine Gervais
 - a. Finalized Tiering
 - i. Everybody is where they need to be. Some teams moved down and some moved up.
 - b. Affiliations
 - i. EFHL meeting brought this up and pointed out that this was sparked by Devon with U15-1 and U18-2. Traditionally the initial tiering they are in is where the affiliations come from even if a team moves up, the tiering grid was also brought in this year, EFHL said they would honor the initial tierings but got caught up in things and unable to do this. EFHL ignored the HA rule, HA tried to push back, but Hockey Calgary caught wind and they said they would do the same so that HA backed down. Please keep note of this for future years. Affiliations can be made PRIOR to tier movement and will remain valid. HA has now agreed to change the rule to fit the realities of what hockey is in Alberta. U18-2 does have 5 affiliates and have 12-13 skaters which is great. U18-1 has affiliated from U18-2



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- and U15-1
- c. Outstanding Player Fees
 - i. Dec 1 is the deadline as per our bylaws to be paid in full for the upcoming year or have a payment plan in place. Melissa has been tracking people down to get payments and the rest of the players have been put on payment plans. One player we are waiting on, but they are not allowed on the ice anymore until something happens. Should not have any outstanding debts this season, minus the one possible player.
 - d. Conflict of Interest Document/Code of Conduct
 - i. This document comes from Sherwood Park Minor Hockey and will be the framework for the EFHL's document, as well as several other associations seem to be adopting it. This will be a good thing for DMHA to look at.
 - e. Hockey Alberta AGM
 - i. Took place last week, very minor wording changes to bylaws. Nothing major to report back from there. They did get some grant money from the Edmonton Oiler fund
 - f. U18 Tournament
 - i. Having a lot of trouble finding teams for a number of reasons. They are going up against Edmonton Minor Hockey Week, as well as 4 or 5 other tournaments in the central alberta league, and NAI and CAHL are still hitting in the lower teams so they are not interested in coming to a no hitting tournament. U18-1 has opted out, U18-2 is looking for one more team to possibly put on a tournament for themselves. December 13 has been given as the go ahead/no go date. After that, Tina will be able to release the schedule for the rest of the season once we know about the tournament
 - g. Player Development
 - i. First 2 rounds of sessions have been completed and were successful. Revenue positive to the point that they have paid for the player development sessions for the other teams. Every team should get at least 2 sessions with the Dynamic Hockey team. Possibly releasing some different types of sessions for players in the new year. Looking at position specific sessions.
 - h. Oilers Tickets/Volunteer Appreciation
 - i. HA reached out to Rainie, he has secured 4 tickets to the game in February against Vegas. These are for us to do whatever we want with. Rainie suggests putting all the coaches, managers, executive and level coordinators in a hat and doing a draw for the tickets. No cost to us, we can do what we want with them. We will look to draw 2 names.
 - ii. If you are on the HCR, a team manager, executive member or a level coordinator your name will be in the draw
 - iii. If the winner cannot make it, they can give the tickets to another person on the list of volunteers
 - iv. One entry per person, no extra entries for holding multiple volunteer roles
 - i. President/vice Presidents Meeting



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- i. HA wants to get all presidents and vice presidents together to have a meet and greet. Normally this is done at the AGM but it has been virtual the last couple of years. Rainie will make sure that Duane is aware of the date so that he can attend. It will be held at one of the exhibition games, pre-tournament, for the IIHF world juniors.
 - j. Hockey Alberta Member Grant Program
 - i. Rainie will send this out. \$1.5 million from the Edmonton Oilers fund, gifted to HA for hockey associations Red Deer and north. There are limits to what you can do with this money, must apply with a reason to why the funds are needed. If it's seen as a good reason, HA will award so much grant money
 - k. Junior B Discussion with the Town of Devon
 - i. They want to come to Devon and want to come to Devon and want ice. Supportive of a Junior B program in Devon, but this does not seem feasible with only 1 sheet of ice. Our hopes are that this discussion is centered around Junior B and the 2nd ice surface. Rainie will be there to reiterate we need more ice time and not less ice time. We will look to make our case there. Rainie will not be in favor of giving up ice for a Junior B team, unless we get a 2nd sheet of ice.
- 2. Vice President - Duane McNirney
 - a. Sponsorship costs - does DMHA need to charge \$1000 for name bars?
 - i. A parent on the weekend asked about the costs and why they seem so high and where this cost comes from.
 - ii. Past executive set the cost to bolster savings for equipment and jerseys
 - iii. Most years we do not have any problems getting sponsors for the jerseys, but COVID has changed that. We seem to be in line with other associations.
 - iv. Let's look at this again next year, nothing can change this year
 - v. Steven made a good point, the jerseys are not going down in price, and it takes a lot to build that fund up. Without the sponsorship money, we can't afford good quality new jerseys. Another option is parents purchase their own jerseys every single year
 - vi. Rainie will get the financials to Duane from 2 years ago to see what we are bringing in and what are the real costs for everything are
 - b. Late registration payments - would it work to move everything back one month for a Dec 1 deadline
 - i. The bylaws state December 1 as the date that fees must be paid. To avoid this situation, can we move the payment schedules back one month so that the last payment is in November and not December. Then you still have a cushion and can have December 1 as a hard date to sit out players if needed.
 - ii. This is a great idea, so looking into this for next season. Perhaps having our early bird registration start again on May 1
- 3. Past President - Marc Aromin
 - a. Not in attendance



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4. Treasurer - Melissa Blize
 - a. Went through the budget, will send to Brittany after the meeting
 - b. Working on tournament costs - 50/50 sales are a lot higher with Rafflebox and making more money from DMHA
5. Secretary - Brittany Wright
 - a. Meeting minutes need to be updated on the website
 - b. Team pages on the website should be updated. I've had a few emails from other teams wanting contact information for different levels and different teams, how soon can we get that information up?
 - c. Tournament registration costs
 - i. Executive to look at the costs for next year to make them more comparable
6. Coach Director - Steven Kuchirka
 - a. Nothing to report
7. Registrar - TBD
 - a. Rainie is kind of handling this right now as for permits and rosters. He has access to everything now. As of now, this is an open position.
 - b. Looking at streamlining permits with Google Docs - maybe a Google Form
 - c. Not scrambling to find just anybody for the position, looking for somebody who might be good at the role for the long term. Duane and Rainie have talked about that, if anybody has any suggestions please bring the name forward. At this point in time we are not in a rush.
8. Referee in Chief - Joe Reynolds
 - a. Nothing to report
9. Referee Assignor - Brandy Fisher
 - a. Nothing to report
10. Level Director - Ali Whelen
 - a. Nothing to report
11. Fundraising Director - Peggie Melnychuk
 - a. Rafflebox Update
 - i. U11 - \$6635
 - ii. U15 - \$6070
 - iii. U9 - \$6805
 - iv. \$19500 - this is huge, the fees are approximately 10% which still leaves us ahead of previous years
 - v. QR code is extremely helpful, especially with everyone sharing this
 - vi. U7 will look at using this in February
 - b. U18 Tournament
 - i. You can do a big prize and not just 50/50's with Rafflebox
 - ii. Perhaps this is something she could approach the U18-1 team to raffle off and make some money for their team if they want an option since they are not doing the tournament



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- c. Casino Fundraiser Dec 28 & Dec 29 - Starlight Casino (WEM)
 - i. Approached by Hockey Alberta to fill 2 shifts
 - ii. 12 people per shift
 - iii. We would receive \$2000 per shift
 - iv. Thursday evening will be the night that they are choosing the associations who will work these
 - d. We did purchase the square terminal to use for all of our tournaments. We can now accept credit card and debit payments. You can even track the cash payments.
12. League Representative - Max Rupp
- a. Not in attendance
13. Ice Coordinator - Tina Pollock
- a. Cancelling of practices within 10 days
 - i. Goal is to have a full month or the full schedule in advance
 - ii. Teams have backed out of practices last minute
 - iii. If we don't return before 10 days, we are on the hook for that ice time, and sometimes we can't fill it
 - iv. Can we say teams need to give 11 days notice to cancel ice or else they are on the hook for it?
 - b. Other ice locations/availability update
 - i. Did some research - Enoch is \$240/hour and River Cree is \$350/hour
 - ii. Trying to find closer and low costs for Thorsby
14. Equipment Manager - Adam Wright
- a. Small nets for U7 and U9 - pretty wrecked
 - i. Need to look at replacing these - EFHL is looking to get a bulk price
 - ii. Get a price from United Cycle and Evolution
 - iii. Look for ones that can be pinned down so there are less fixes during the games
 - iv. 3x4 nets
15. AA/AAA Representative - Jon Morton
- a. Not in attendance
16. Evaluations Coordinator - Brent Coutu/Adam Wright
- a. Not in attendance
17. Website Coordinator - Joanna Parnell
- a. Not in attendance
18. U7 Level Coordinator - Selena White
19. U9 Level Coordinator - Stephanie Knott
20. U11 Level Coordinator - Dawn Kostyshen
21. U13 Level Coordinator - Michelle Miller
22. U15 Level Coordinator - Shawn Bartoshewski
23. U18 Level Coordinator - TBD

Closing Discussion:



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Next Meeting Date: January 12, 2022 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:50pm