



GIRLS HOCKEY CALGARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Via Microsoft Teams

Attending: Amber Carney, Samm Domagala, David Burch, Dan Giasson, Jacqui Piebiak, Laura Dostaler, Spryng Kubicek, Jarid Poissant, Grace Kim, Dan Zubkowski, Andrea Zabłowski, Jennifer Gerla, Kelly Raffan, Michelle Hardy

Absent: Dan Giasson, Paulette Niedermier, Jeaniece Frick

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03PM

1. APPROVAL OF JULY 24 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Kelly Raffan. Seconded by Michelle Hardy. Approved.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Spryng Kubicek. Seconded by Grace Kim. Approved.

3. STANDING REPORTS

a. Presidents Report

Summary of recent accomplishments and activities:

- Interviewed two candidates for the ice scheduler position – will now be reviewing their interviews and booking a working interview with Karen for successful candidates.

List of activities in progress and upcoming events:

- Continuing ice scheduler interviews – will now be reviewing their interviews and booking a working interview with Karen for successful candidates.
- Hockey Alberta Winter Games
 - o In Grand Prairie this year over family day weekend
 - o Female U13AA
 - o 1 Fire team will earn the right to go, cost is up to the team to cover
 - o We will need to do a mini-series (Winter Games Qualifier Series) in nov/dec to determine who will go. Need to present a team name to go by Dec 15th
- Will determine dates for games after schedule has been set.
- GHC ice scheduler and Lisa to work to find ice to support these games.



- We will need 4 ice slots (Red vs White, Red vs Black, White vs Black, and a final game). Ice doesn't all have to be on the same weekend, can be spread out through the week.
- Jersey Update
 - o Decided to not move forward with multicolored jerseys. Still plan to purchase sets of jerseys in this fiscal year but will need to be within our brand colors. Will need to explore different way to give each team their own identify but staying within the GHC colors to keep our brand.
- We will need to plan for 5 different jerseys, current home jersey colors:
 1. Red
 2. Black
 3. Silver/Grey
 4. Option to vote in 'Gold' color, like the fire yellow color.
- Coach Development Committee – Hockey Calgary
 - o New Hockey Calgary Employee Zack Finlay will be the coordinator for coach development.
 - o He is putting a call out for 1 coach representative from each MHA.
 - o Will select a rep by end of August. Possibly Dan Giasson or Dan Zubmkowski, or Ryan.
- GHC Socials
 - o Have been working with Brooke McCool (former GHC member and recent graduate from MRU in PR. She evaluated our socials and provided us with a suggested posting calendar.
 - o Will send out calendar to BOD tonight to add anything.
- Will still put a call out for a communications director for the board_

b. Admin Report

2022/23 Registration

Registration numbers to August 10th are attached. There are a total of 1061 registrations compared to 1008 this time last year. Every division except for U9 and U13 has seen an increase in numbers compared to last year at this time. The biggest growth has been at U15 and U18.

Increases compared to last year at this time:

- U7 – 5
- U9 – (9)
- U11 – 10
- U13 – (6)
- U15 – 16
- U18 – 15

Registrations have picked up again this week as the fees increase \$100 as of Tuesday. I am also still processing transfers into GHC. To date there have been 188 new profiles added to the association. This includes 88 players new to hockey, 13 players from associations outside Calgary and 87 from other Hockey Calgary associations. There have been 56



transfers out of GHC – 7 to associations outside Calgary, 46 to other Hockey Calgary associations (U7 -2, U9 – 5, U11 –22, U13 – 11, U15 – 2, U18 – 4) and 3 U18 AAA. We are also sharing 30 profiles for the Calgary Fire AA tryouts (U13 – 18, U15 – 11, U18 – 1). Here is a comparison of the actual numbers to the possible numbers (based on last season’s players returning) and projected numbers. U18 is the only division with less registrations than possible returning players. U9, U11 and U13 have exceeded the projected growth. On track to have as many registrations as last year. Suggest a late increase fee for Elite camps after a certain date.

						Actual 8/10/2022		
Division	Registration 2022-2023	Possible Returning Players 2023-2024	Moving Up/ Graduating 2023-2024	Possible Total Registration 2023-2024	Possible Goaltenders 2023-2024	Skaters Registered	Goalies Registered	Total Registration
U7	74	22	52	22	0	54	0	54
U9	188	85	103	137	0	156	0	156
U11	215	110	105	213	13	183	10	193
U13	208	105	102	210	19	177	12	189
U15	253	127	124	229	14	224	16	240
U18	205	152	54	276	18	214	15	229
Total	1143	601	540	1087	64	1008	53	1061

GHC Registration Tracking 2023-2024

Division	Skaters 2022-2023	Goalies 2022-2023	TOTAL 2022-2023	Skaters 2023-2024	Goalies 2023-2024	TOTAL 2023-2024
U7	49	0	49	54	0	54
U9	165	0	165	156	0	156
U11	176	11	187	183	10	193
U13	182	13	195	116	3	119
U13 AA Tryout Camp				61	9	70
U15	112	5	117	99	5	104
U15 AA Tryout Camp	110	10	120	125	11	136
U18	105	6	111	114	5	119
U18 AA Tryout Camp	24	4	28	36	1	37
U18 AAA Tryout Camp	58	7	65	64	9	73
	981	56	1037	1008	53	1061

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Players not Registered for the Season

U13 AA Tryout Camp				17	4	21
U15 AA Tryout Camp				14	0	14
U18 AA Tryout Camp				0	1	1
U18 AAA Tryout Camp				4	0	4

Registration tracking June 15 to August 10
Comparison June 15 to August 10, 2022

Community Prep Camps	Skaters	Goalies	Total
U13	89	4	93
U15	90	5	95
U18	81	5	86

Fire Prep Camps	Skaters	Goalies	Total
U13	68	13	81
U15	101	7	108
U18	82	9	91

Waitlist

Goalie Camps	Registrations
U11	12
U13	4
U15/U18	9

2022/2023 Total Registration

Division	TOTAL Players Registered to Teams 2022-2023
U7	74
U9	188
U11	215
U13	208
U15	215
U15AA	38
U18	147
U18AA	38
U18AAA	20
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First Strides

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- All Scotiabank accounts that needed to be closed have not been closed yet. Financial assistance fund will increase once the accounts are closed.



c. Elite Report

- All coaches have been confirmed and announced.
- Had a mission statement meeting to communicate to the coaches what they will be doing.
- We are working on the Firestarter and have confirmed with the U18 AAA teams and are working thru the U15AA and U18 AA.
- We are confirming contracts with our skills and dryland providers.
- All apparel has been orders and is arriving, David has secured a storage locker for us to store our overflow.
- We are working to update the Player handbook and are creating procedures over the summer.

d. Vice Presidents Report

- Just working on registration numbers.
- Looking for a goalie equipment coordinator.
- **Action:** email all goalie parents, goalie coaches, or put out on social media to look for a new coordinator.

e. On Ice Report

List of activities in progress and upcoming events (new items are bolded, others are carried over from last meeting)

- Evaluations
 - Updating documentation and drills for 2023 evaluations.
 - **MacLean Evaluators**
 - **Cost is \$72/session which includes 2 evaluators.**
 - **Would like to use them for U18, U15, U13 and top half of U11.**
 - **92 ice sessions = \$6624 plus GST**
 - Working out how to do volunteers (signing up vs assigning) – coming soon
- Coaching
 - Coaching applications – 159 received to date (45 for head coach).
 - **Deadline to apply is Aug 21.**
 - **Email sent to all GHC families as a reminder.**
 - Will be reaching out to all previous coaches who have not yet applied.
 - Coach summit:
 - **Aug 28 – U7-11**
 - **Aug 29 - U13-18**
 - Agenda under development
 - Save the date has been sent out to all applicants.
 - Oct 25 – “Dare to Care” Coach Management workshop (virtual)
 - **Hosting female only coaching clinics**
 - **Oct 15 – Coach 1**



- **Oct 22 – Coach 2**
- **Oct 29 - Checking**
- Monthly Coach Sessions – Ice booked at ECTAS for 5 nights, 2 hours of ice each.

- Goalie Development
 - Prep camps: Aug 27, 28 & 30
 - TPG lined up to run goalie sessions. Will send out request for volunteer shooters.

- Player Development
 - AM Skills Development
 - Current proposal for groups
 - U11/U13 Tier one North (Bowness)
 - U11/U13 Tier one South (ECTAS)
 - U15/U18 Tier one (ECTAS)
 - U11 Tier two and three (ECTAS)

f. Off Ice Report

Summary of recent accomplishments and activities:

- Photo Day booked with Prime Sports Photography. We are working with a new photographer this season due to all the complications with GameFace last season.
- Volunteer Sign Up's being created by Nicole Walker (GHC Volunteer Coordinator).
- Community Photo Day: Sunday October 22nd - 9:00am-5:00pm. **Note:** Will not be at Shepard Hall as in the past – currently looking a new location.
- Elite Photo Day: Sunday October 29th Bishop O'Bryne High School (combined photo day with Calgary Buffaloes) Time TBD
- Equipment:
 - U11 jerseys ordered and received.
 - Timbits jerseys ordered.
 - Socks ordered.
 - Misc equipment ordered (pucks, puck bags, stop signs for jerseys, hangers).
 - 2023/24 Volunteers:
- Age Group Coordinators
 - U7: Chelsea Bieronski
 - U9: Susie DeTeves
 - U11: Amanda Broomfield
 - U13: Lindsay Sali
 - U15: Jessica Lamming
 - U18: Marie McCarthy
- GHC Sizzle Sticks Tournament Coordinators
 - U7: Erin Ryland (February 24/25th, 2024)
 - U9: Stacey Mainville (March 2/3rd, 2024)
 - U11: Kelly Raffan/Shannon Roman (November 24-26th, 2023)
 - U18: Marie McCarthy (December 1-3rd, 2023)



Looking for new volunteers to shadow/assist tournament coordinators this year to take over the tournaments next season.

List of activities in progress and upcoming events:

- Nicole Walker (GHC Volunteer Coordinator) creating Sign Up's for community pre-skates and evaluations.
- Wickfest Calgary:
 - November 23-26th (U9, U15, U18)
 - November 30-December 3rd (U11, U13)Teams will complete online Expression of Interest. We will work with Wickfest to decide which GHC teams attend and which GHC teams participate in U9, U11 and U18 Sizzle Sticks tournaments. Tournament fees have increased.
 - Ceilidh will send us volunteer needs so we can share with our membership for association credits.

g. Financial Report

- Please see August Financial Statement Spreadsheet.
- **Action:** Kelly to send Jarid the cost of photo day.
- Spring Camp assistance Fund be donated to Grindstone to distribute to female hockey players.
- End of Sept will be a good goal to have budgets submitted to vote on in October.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

- No new business

Motion adjourn by Kelly Raffan. Seconded by Spryng Kubicek. Approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:46 PM