



GIRLS HOCKEY CALGARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Via Microsoft Teams

Attending: Stu Bridle, Samm Domagala, Jarid Poissant, Michelle Hardy, Kelly Raffan, Spryng Kubicek, Jennifer Gerla, Jeaniece Frick, Jeff Walker, David Burch, Dan Giasson, Grace Kim (Guest), Heather Boyer (Guest)

Absent: Shannon Cleary, Kyle Wanvig, Jacqui Piebiak, Laura Dostaler, Paulette Niedermier, Andrea Zabloski (Guest)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 PM

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Spryng Kubicek. Seconded by Michelle Hardy. Approved.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Jennifer Gerla. Seconded by Spryng Kubicek. Approved.

3. STANDING REPORTS

A. President Update (Samm Domagala for Shannon Cleary)

- Welcome Cam, Heather, and Grace to the meeting.
- Alberta Provincial Championships – 3 GHC teams won provincials this year: Jr Inferno U18 Flyers (Female A Division), Calgary Fire U15 AA Red, Jr Inferno U15 Outlaws (Female A division)
- GHC Volunteer Award Winners 2022/2023 – Judy Colpitts Award – Marie McCarthy, Coach of the Year – Michael Cherewko, Manager of the Year – Shelley Fugel.
- Hockey Calgary Volunteer Awards – GHC Volunteer of the Year – Stu Bridle
- Alberta Female Hockey League – Summer Fomradas - U18AAA MVP and Top Defence, Kaysah Nurani – U18AA MVP, Olivia Imperato – U18AA Top rookie, Davina Davis - U15AA MVP, Lily Oster U15AA Top defence, Kyle Severson – U18AAA Coach of the Year, Jordan Fenton – U18AA Coach of the year
- Esso Minor Hockey Week winners – U11 Blaze (female division), U13 Scorch (female division), U15 Scorch (Female C), U15 White (Female B), U18 Blaze (Female B), U18 Outlaws (Female A),
- City Championships - U11 Heat, U13 Blaze, U13 Teal, U15 Scorch, U15 Black, U18 Heat, U18 Outlaws
- Elite Banquet was April 16th.
- Board Structure for next year was discussed.
 - Action – Shannon to send out email regarding Board Structure as discussed with the executive board.



- Biggest change is Evaluations will be moving from the Operations responsibility to Community or On Ice
 - Action - Do an analysis of your area and take inventory of needs and roles.
 - Need to get more involvement from the membership to volunteer on the board therefore would like to improve communication to get involved by moving the call for nominations date up.
 - Action – confirm the date when call for nominations will go out.
- Ice Scheduler description – several people interested, need to get salary comparisons, and get the description posted.
 - Action – Jarid do up the job description to be posted.
- There was discussion regarding the current photographer GHC is using for player photos. The issue of the quality of the photos could be better and the ordering process could be improved has been brought up and therefore would like to search for new photographers.

Motion to research new photographers by Samm Domagala. Seconded by Kelly Raffan. Approved.

- Discussion of the Growth of Female Hockey was had. Hockey Calgary has put together a committee to assess female hockey.
 - Hockey Calgary and GHC would like to explore moving away from playing against boy and move to an all girls model to prepare the players on the pathway to play female hockey, and help them to continue in sports. This has not been finalized at this time. Looking to make this change for the upcoming season. There are a lot of options that could be explored for this model. Membership will have an opportunity to give feedback and make suggestions.

B. Administration Update (Jacqui Piebiak)

1. Spring Camps
 - Calgary Fire Camps
 - U18 AAA – May 12-14
 - changed registration to specify forward or defence
 - increase in registrations in last few weeks
 - currently 81 skaters and 9 goalies registered
 - remaining spots - 3 goalies, 7 forwards and 8 defence
 - U15 AA – June 14-16
 - added an additional ice time
 - currently 102 skaters and 7 goalies registered
 - U13 AA – June 14-16
 - currently 80 skaters and 12 goalies registered
 - GHC Spring Development
 - Wrapping up registration
 - Try Hockey Camp sold out – added more spots
 - U11, U15 and U18 Skills Camp sold out for skaters



- Set up teams in TeamSnap

2. Year End

- Allocation of ice costs to correct accounts (practice, game, playoff etc.) and correct class (community or elite)
- Split out all ice costs from respective expense accounts for easier tracking
- Still waiting on invoices for AA teams from Canada Coach Lines for December to March

3. Casino

- Application for Casino License needs to be submitted to AGLC by April 28th
- Volunteer Sign Up is full with the exception of a few back up positions that are not essential
- There are at least 10 slots filled by families that do not require credits. Once I receive Nicole's Volunteer Commitment report, I will reach out to families that still require credits and see if they can volunteer for the casino. If they are able are will replace those who do not require credits

4. End of Season Surveys

- Goaltending Development Questionnaire
 - Sent to goalie families and all U9 families
 - Closed March 31st
 - Received 91 responses
 - Results sent to Jason Poulin
- Calgary Fire Player Survey
 - Sent to all Fire players on March 28th
 - To date have only received 20 responses
 - Suggest to contact team captains and ask them to put link in team group chat

C. Elite Update (Spryng Kubicek)

- Working on the banquet and are year end wrap up with our teams. Banquet was successful.
- We will be doing a call out for volunteers and U13 coaches.
- Wally Kozak is going to be helping out with U13AA and U15AA division developing and mentoring coaches and creating a team culture and parent understanding through his mission statement exercise.
- Have someone will be coming onto the board to fill the U13AA role.
- Have most of the coaches lined up.

D. Operations Update (Stu Bridle)

- Planning next year and succession planning.

E. Community Update (Samm Domagala)



- Sent out coaches applications- to all current rostered coaches
- Planning for a coaching summit for all coaches in Sept so want them to submit interest early
- Kelly – admin for spring camp for Laura – Spring is going well.
- AGC – one will be leaving to come onto the board. Looking for 2 AGC's for next season (U11 and U13). Please reach out to Kelly if you know someone who is interested.

List of activities:

- Working with HC to develop next years plan on divisions and number
- working to creating a partnership with the Flames
- jerseys and confirming what needs to be ordered – starting to mix in colored jerseys to give them a different identity.
- to develop a coach selection committee for Aug/Sept
- starting to work with development to formulate ideas we brainstormed in Jan.

Recommendations:

Pls send me all suggestions you have for your area so we can get the ball rolling
- also give me feedback in the all girls proposal!

F. Financial Update (Jarid Poissant)

- Please see April Financial update that was included in board package.
- April 30th is year end and getting prepared for the audit/review. All board members need to get all the costs in. Would like to begin the review mid-May to have the audited/reviewed statements ready for the AGM at the end of June.
- Jacqui has done a great job of identifying the ice usage for the season and will continue to identify these costs in the future comparisons.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

1. Ice Scheduler Position
 - Discussed in the President's Report
2. 2023-2024 Board Structure and AGM
 - Discussed in the President's Report

ADJOURNED: 8:18 PM