
WMHA Board Meeting Minutes

Jun 26, 2023

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location - Arctic Spas Rec Complex

<https://meet.google.com/tba-iwta-udx>

Attendance In Person: Chad, Kaz Dewey, Shawn, Jane, Bobbi, Jesse, Cory, Sherri, Shayne, Jen, Amanda

Attendance Online: Erin, Tiffany

Agenda Items

7:00 – 7:05 pm

- **Call Meeting to Order**
Chad Called to Order 7:03 PM
- **Accept agenda**
Dewey makes motion to accept Agenda, Shayne seconds.
- **Accept previous meeting minutes**
Cory makes motion to accept the previous meeting minutes, Shayne seconds.
- **Members at large Questions**
Chad had a parent who was asking about dropping a kid to u7 from u9, but he is going to encourage him to skate with the u9 to start. Chad also had another parent asking about a u13 who is new to the sport as well.

7:05 – 7:30 Old Business

West 39

- **Local Objectives and Bylaws Submission**
Calmar Directors:
Durwin Gendron - President, Shawn Seawright - Vice President, Jane Mercier - Treasurer, Erin Pawlick - Equipment Manager Kaz Thomas – Secretary.
Warburg Directors:
Will be discussed at next meeting.
- **Referee Clinics - Tentative Dates Released**
October 28 is our Referee Clinic Date.
Cory will update the Alberta Hockey Website with Thorsby Executive information as it is the active HCR #
- **Association Name Vote Results**
Top 3 – Bucks, Wranglers, Wolverine
- **Document Review**
 - Player Registration Fees & Bonds
 - Fundraising Requirements
 - Duties of Directors

- Coach Selection Process
- Dressing Room and Arena Etiquette

U9 Recommended guidelines, intro to hockey, leave it to the Coach if parents are in the room or not. Try to keep it to one parent and no siblings.

- Code of Conduct
- Evaluation Process

7 more to go through, Sherri will send the rest for review.

- **Website Creation/Review**

Website looks good, need to send emails that we added to the website to Sherri, will need Certificate of Incorporation before we can set up google space.

- **Boundaries - Status Update**

Chad has been having difficulties getting ahold of Drew Dixon. Drew was wanting to take over this, but wants to have Winfield figured out at the same time. There are a few families who are asking to keep Winfield going. There shouldn't be difficulties with this for our current boundaries for registration.

- **Junior C**

Cory applied for Jr. C – it is being reviewed by their executive and they will get back to Cory. Would like to meet with the league executive to figure it out going forward.

- **Bank Accounts & Signing Authority**

Bank accounts are set up – main one and the team ones. Team Snap is sending everything to the Thorsby Account, but Jesse is going to set up the bank accounts.

Each Individual Association has put in \$20,000 to the WMHA account.

Jesse will need a computer, Quick Books, and smaller office supplies. This will be around a \$2,000 budget. Sherri makes a motion to provide Jesse with a \$2,000 budget to get set up, Bobbi seconds this.

- **Evaluations**

Chad gave Kelly from Bar Down Dates – Weekend of 30 /1 and preferably the Thursday before, - Chad is booking the Saturday so there is time to go through. We need to have the Team Declaration in by the 1st, Manager needs to be assigned as well. – this will be tight. Will try to see if CAHL will give us time (a few days) past the 1st to get Managers assigned. Shayne will send the email to CAHL to ask for leeway on the Manager assignment. Chad will wait till Shayne sends the email.

CAHL

- **No Old Business**

Hockey Alberta

- **Spring Meeting Review**

Jane attended. There is more financial support available, Jane is going to follow up on this.

There was a lot of discussion about holding players back, but this is a non-issue for us. Hockey Alberta is putting a lot of effort into getting rid of bullying. There is a TP who they can get involved, and their Code of conduct is gearing more to anti-bullying. Feedback on u9 checking . Jane also tried to speak with Drew about the boundaries. She brought Anti-Bullying posters for the arenas to put up.

Travel Permit Change, only needed for going out of province.

7:30 - 8:30 New Business

West 39

- Director Reports

Jesse – Nathan Hart for Goalie sessions in Calmar and there is another guy in Leduc who can work on Defense, and would also be open to working in Calmar. Once Ice is allocated, he can look into booking these.

Sherri – applied and is waiting for documentation, Website is as up to date as it can be right now. Will work on creating a sponsorship letter for Jerseys.

Shayne - to get clarification on Drop Clock games, and Game Times. Might need to schedule longer ice time. Cory has a call with the company for the Score Clock, suggestion to look into updates for Lacrosse.

Bobbi – Ref Clinic October 28 at 8AM she will reach out to Julie for Information. Review the list of Refs to figure out what levels they should be doing.

Cory – working with Kelly, he will reach out to Calmar as well. Additional Practice still has been working for the most part. Maybe look at allocating the additional practices vs skill sessions (if a team isn't using their extra practice then allocate it to other teams). Could look at incorporating TP skills sessions to mix it up. Could have a list of companies / budget for Coaches for skill development. Could also do a cash call or a fundraiser for skill development clinics. Shawn could check in with Coaches to see if the extra practice is being utilized, and then we discuss as the board. Could also do PD day skates if coaches are willing to volunteer for extra skills in Thorsby, 2 skates and an off ice activity.

Amanda -

U7 – 21 Registered

U9 – 13 Registered

u11 – 8 (1 Winfield and includes 1 overage, would be a first year u13)

u13 – 10 (1 AA tryout, 3 Goalies)

u15 – 4 (1 AA tryout)

u18 – 4 (1 AA tryout, 1 Goalie)

Jen – Would prefer not to use Rafflebox again. They aren't user friendly on the admin end and they also take a lot of fees. Suggested to do a mix of ticket books and Rafflebox. Would be nice to have a fundraising plan before the season starts.

Jane – Hockey Alberta Grant, u9 Coach lesson plans, Provincials start March 21 weekend.

Shawn – working on Coach Application.

Dewey – Street Hockey Tournament, not a lot of response from kids within the association, but a lot of Hockey kids are signed up for it. Will be willing to do the parade in Calmar again this year.

Kaz – A few Parents have asked about participating in Calmar's' parade, put a post on Calmar moms group for Registration, and sent in the registration notice to CES to run in the weekly newsletter.

Erin – Still working on Calmar Equipment Room quotes. idea to incorporate all three associations in parade and publication.

- Registration – Open to Public
Once Coach application form is finalized, Amanda can send it out.
- Referee Review and Spreadsheet to be updated.
- Player Releases to date
- Brynn to Female Team, U18 Ryder has been released previously, so makes sense to release him for his last year.
- Player Recruitment
- Calmar Elementary School has been sent out in weekly blast
- Coach Application Form
- Google Forms Creation
- Association Name/Logo member vote details
- Logo needs to be picked before we can discuss on pricing, colours, etc.
Bucks – far right but add the West 39 and adjust the W.
Wranglers – the one on the right (Wrangler with Sticks).
Wolverines – Far Left (Claw).
Once the updated the Bucks logo comes back, send out to the members to vote with a deadline.
- Town Parades
- Calmar seems to be the only one in the Area in the Summer, not sure when Warburg Parade is.
If new Logo ready should try to use it or incorporate all 3 towns in the float.
- Goalie Skills for the upcoming Season
- Jesse looking into this.
- Facebook Page
- Kayla is media coordinator, will have to wait till we have logo to start the new Facebook page, will share New Page once set up from the old pages and then shut them down.

Next Meeting July 25 in Thorsby at 7:00

Jen makes a motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:55 Amanda Seconds this.