



HOCKEY CALGARY

**HOCKEY CALGARY FALL GENERAL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

October 22, 2013

Markin MacPhail Centre, Winsport

In Attendance: J. Cameron, R. Chicoyne, R. MacLeod, I. Gunn, G. Shneider, S. Makarchuk, D. Loomer, K. Kobelka, T. Carter, D. Katz

Regrets: B. Trumble, C. DeCoursey, I. Corkin, M. Dlugan, B. Page, P. Cavanagh, S. Shariff, M. Tebutt

Scrutineer's report attached

Meeting Chair: R. Chicoyne

Recording Secretary: S. Makarchuk

1.0 Meeting called to order by R Chicoyne at 7:02pm

2.0 Scrutineers Report

Quorum in attendance (15 of 23 members; 555 of 797 votes)

3.0 Welcome and Introductions

R. Chicoyne introduced a new way of running the meetings. All relevant reports will be posted with the agenda on-line. Please take the time to review these reports as only questions pertaining to the reports will be discussed at the meeting. Hockey Calgary will continue to work towards ensuring all reports are online at least 7 days before the meeting but it must be recognized that as a volunteer organization, this can be a challenge at times.

4.0 Acceptance of the Agenda

No additions for the agenda

Motion: **It is proposed that the agenda be accepted as written.**

Proposed by: Jason Martin

Seconded: Dave Guebert

Motion **Passed**

5.0 Review of previous meeting minutes

No discussion or changes

Motion: **It is proposed that the meeting minutes from the June 25, 2013 Annual General Meeting be accepted as written.**

Proposed by: Shaun Renneberg

Seconded: Vince Beaulieu

Motion **Passed**



6.0 Officer Reports

6.1 Executive Director – K. Kobelka (report attached)

K.Kobelka provided an overview of highlights from his report with a focus on the Hockey Alberta Summit meeting last August.

- **Provincial Championships** – Divisions 1 and 2 will continue to be involved in the provincial playoffs this year. Hockey Calgary is currently looking for host associations. Associations are encouraged to apply and submit their applications to Hockey Calgary office by **Nov 15th**.

- **Coach Qualifications**: Clinics operated by NSA. All information and deadlines are available on the Hockey Calgary website. Deadline for completing qualifications is **Nov 15th**.

- **Timbits Learn to Play** – A very successful program that was run by NSA with over 350 players and 50+ coaches participating. Next year, the coaching clinics will be directly linked to this “Learn to Play” program to allow for mentoring and experience for coaches

- **Flood Relief and Assistance** - Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta stepped up to provide support for flood affected individuals. Over \$43,000.00 were committed to Calgary. The cheques were processed today and are being sent out this week.

- Upcoming events:

U16 Western Canada Challenge Cup Oct 31-Nov 4, Father David Bauer

U 18 Female National Championship – Nov 6-10, Winsport Arenas

- Reminder regarding the **Pee Wee Concussion Study** through University of Calgary

Question from the floor: Is this study only for Pee Wee players or can other players also participate? Just Pee Wee players

Hockey Alberta Summit, August 2013

– 7 key themes were presented. Challenge to see what Hockey Calgary can do proactively along these lines

- Need **Shared Leadership across all Sports** – there is competition between different sports so how can we work together with other sports to reduce time competition and time commitments for young athletes? Our focus should be to work to develop better athletes in general versus better hockey players in particular. The overall focus should be on health and well being through sport.
- **Strengthening Business Relationships** – Hockey community must work to strengthen sponsorship relationships to reduce costs and provide sponsors with recognition and visibility
- **Ideal LMHA?** – are we set up in the “ideal” way? Are the tiers the way to go? What can we do to evaluate our system for developing players in the most appropriate way possible?
- **Reducing System Bias** – The cookie cutter approach doesn’t work – we need to be able to be flexible with our programs and



time commitments to provide options for players. This may well help with participation and retention.

- Open doors to **Non-traditional Participants** – how do we encourage participation of non-traditional hockey players – do we start with alternatives such as road or ball hockey and move to the ice? How else can we “grow the game”
- **Focus on the Player** – adults need to stop wrecking the game for the kids. How can we teach and grow the skills of young players
- **Leadership** – very few players will make it to the highest levels of hockey but we can train them **all** to be leaders in the future – on or off the ice

All the info from the summit is on the Hockey Alberta website
Hockey Participation is on a 28 year per capita decline; participation of males is down and there appears to be no growth in the female game
Fewer Canadians in the NHL; **less than 10% of kids are playing hockey**
Why this decline in participation: Potential reasons include program cost, time commitment, extra costs and travel, safety concerns, poor parental behavior (image of this), not perceived as “fun”, need for better coaching

What can we do as an LMHA to fix this?

FUNdamentals: bring the fun back – make sure that kids enjoy it and want to play!

Encourage the **Love of the game**

Be Ambassadors for the Positives of the game (teamwork, relationships, friendships, life skills) and of playing the game: reduce the emphasis on the negatives

Shrink the Game “to kids scale” – smaller ice surfaces are more manageable for kids and can teach kids skills that are harder to teach on larger surfaces

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+X9Pc1vf_tlg

Focus on **Skill Development**: Quote from George Kingston: “*enjoyment and skill mastery are outcomes which provide the motivation to continue*”. Improved skills will help kids maintain an interest in hockey

As **Coaches and Volunteers** – **what is our Purpose?** How do we measure our success? Perhaps our success should be measured by how many players stay in the game after high school. Only about 1 % will make the NHL, so success measured this way will be minimal.

Hockey for Life – We are all Players: We should focus more on lifelong involvement in hockey as a goal

Hockey Calgary wants to be a Leader in this area and see what we can do to develop our own associations and systems to make hockey a choice for our community and increase participation in hockey.

- 6.2 Registrar's Report – R. MacLeod (report attached)**
Comment from R. MacLeod: At this time, these numbers reflect only those players who are registered on teams. In particular, the Timbits program and RHC programs have not yet fully registered all their teams. Once this list is updated (likely mid November), it will be available for review.
No questions from the floor
- 6.3 Treasurer's Report – I. Gunn (report attached)**
No questions from the floor
- 7.0 Council Reports**
- 7.1 Community (BB) Hockey – I. Corkin (report attached)**
I. Corkin unavailable for questions
Thanks expressed to I. Corkin for re-engaging Mr. Darrell Martindale
- 7.2 Elite Hockey Council – T. Carter (report attached)**
No questions from the floor
- 7.3 Girls Hockey Calgary – D. Loomer (report attached)**
No questions from the floor
- 7.4 Rec Hockey Calgary – M. Tebutt (report attached)**
M. Tebutt unavailable for questions
Comment made that RHC is in need of 2 extra goalies at the Midget level – allowing for 2 more teams to be added
- 7.5 Presidents Council – D. Katz (report attached)**
No questions from the floor
- 8.0 Committee Updates**
- 8.1 Game and Conduct Committee – J. Cameron (report attached)**
J. Cameron emphasized the need for the information contained in the Hockey Calgary bulletin regarding Discriminatory Slurs to be disseminated to the coaches and teams. 20% of hearings last year were in regards to this issue and it is under our control to reduce this type of behavior.
Question from the floor: Has an arrangement been worked out between Hockey Calgary and Hockey Alberta in regards to disciplinary hearings? J. Cameron indicated that “yes” and arrangement has been clarified.
- 8.2 Central Zone Referee Committee – C. DeCoursey (report attached)**
C. DeCoursey unavailable for questions
- 8.3 Hockey Alberta Update – P. Cavanagh (report attached)**
P. Cavanagh unavailable for questions
- 8.4 Strategic Plan Committee – M. Dlugan (report attached)**
M. Dlugan unavailable for questions

8.5 Safety Committee – S. Makarchuk/G. Schneider (report attached)

No questions from the floor

9.0 Notice of Motions

9.1 Mouth Guards - Modification to Regulations Handbook

This motion was precipitated by CZRC decision to no longer call the mouth guard infraction. As a result, Hockey Calgary had to modify the regulations handbook to reflect this change in practice.

No discussion

Motion: It is proposed that the Resolution for the Members regarding changes to the wording of Section 11 of Regulations Relating to All Streams in the Hockey Calgary Regulations Handbook (pertaining to the wearing of mouth guards), be accepted as submitted.

Proposed by: Kris Katsaounis

Seconded: Scott Adair

Motion Passed

10.0 Other Business

None

11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by R. Chicoyne at 7:33 pm