



MEETING MINUTES September 3rd, 2024

Golden & District Arena Meeting Room

In Attendance: Ashley, Kristine, Chantelle, Bruce, Jessica, Niall, Amber, Malin, Josee, Michelle, Sue, Blaine

Call to Order: 7:03

Motion: to accept minutes of last meeting: 1st: Niall, 2nd: Josee.

Motion: to accept agenda as amended: 1st: Josee, 2nd: Malin.

New Business:

Bruce: stepping down from the Golden Minor Hockey Board. Would like to avoid any conflicts of interest that may arise with having a kid playing in a private hockey league.

- Will need to appoint someone? VP to take over in the interim.
- Board members to help with attending the EK meetings..
- Other roles and responsibilities: Team coordination, board meeting stuff, signing off on teams playing in tournaments.
- Will continue to help until September 30th

Request for player movement, show of hands on these requests:

- Milo Hamilton Zimmerman, requesting to play down with U9 instead of U11. Letter attached.
 - All in favor, request approved.
- Lynnea Buhler requested to play down in U7 instead of U9. First year playing and hasn't skated.
 - All in favor: request approved.
- Request for Beau Jones to play U9 another year instead of going up to U11.
 - All in favor, request approved.
- Four U11 players have requested to play up with U13. Blain has talked to Jed and he is going to check in on the practice on Thursday. Player movement policy will be written up.
 - Has to be a written request and the player has to be evaluated if suitable to play at U13 level.

- No player movement policy in GDMHA. Other associations have a policy that if you ask to play up you have to be in the top 50% of the evaluations for the Competitive team.
 - Board decision tonight on creating a policy.
- Policy supporting: if you want to play one division up on the competitive team, policy should consider:
 - Is there a competitive team in your own division?
 - Does this support the rec team, you must have a certain number of players before you can have a competitive team.
 - Some players may not want to play competitively but want to try out and AP.
 - Could say no if there are enough numbers for competitive and Rec teams in that division.
 - EK only has a policy for movement from U9 to U11. Can refer parents to that.
 - Policy should be finalized before tryouts.
 - No one in disagreement with kids being in the top 50% to be considered for that team if requested and there is a competitive team at their level.
- If someone requests to move up because there is no competitive team at their level but lots of players: Must be in the policy. Request – approval.
 - If there is no competitive team for this player(s) at their level and they try out, as UA players do they have to be in the top 50% or top 75% to be offered a spot on the team?
- If there is a competitive team in their level but they request to play up then they should be in the top 50% in evaluations.

Motion:

1. For this season players asking to move up from U11 to U13 and wish to try out for the competitive team without having a competitive team at their level will not have to be in the top 50% but will have to be in the top 75% of evaluations.
 - a. In favor: 7, Opposed: 3. Motion passed.
2. Anyone opposed the policy stating: Request for player movement to a higher level competitive team when there is a competitive team at the players level you must be in the top 50% of the evaluations to be offered a spot on the team. Everyone in favor.
3. U9 -> U11 request move up or AP: President of EKMH called Bruce and said they have never approved one of these requests due to safety. Said what we do with these kids is we grant them AP status. That grants the player the same AP privileges given at the other levels. Parents talked about it and are OK with that. But what do we do with practices? Not fair to play games on full ice but not practice on full ice. Player's parents request once a week with U9 and once with U11. APing on a big team might be hard to guarantee him an opportunity. There could also be AP's from the girls team. U11 girls

that are not dual rostered could be on the AP list. This request would go to the committee to decide. Benefits U9 to have Ben stay. Can't make decisions for a child based on coaching.

- a. Will need a halftime head coach for U9.
 - b. APing can be decided as the season goes on.
 - c. Practice schedule to be decided by the board upon request from the U9 parent.
 - d. Add to AP policy. Must be approved.
- Anyone disagree with Ben Aping to U11? No, everyone is in agreement to move forward with this.
 - Anyone disagree with him practicing once a week with U11 and once a week with U9? No.
 - What will the expectations be from the parents? If you have a full roster do you need to AP. Coaches will try to include him but would be good to be clear to the parents.
 - Can roster up to 20 players. Very much a coach decision, some would take extra players and some wouldn't.
 - Make sure expectations are known that he may not play as many games as would like.
 - The AP committee's job is to recognize the list and rotate through it.
 - In terms of transparency, look at the policy, they submitted a letter and we made a decision based on this.
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- Social Media Assist.
 - Who owns the FB page and does someone from the board want to be added to help?
 - A manager? Manager coordinator? Make the poster, send it to social media person to post. Chantelle will contact managers.

Action items for review:

- AP Policy

Vice President Report:

Jessica Chiles

- AP policy
 - Priority? List of kids that can AP. Do we say U11 gets priority over U9? Should be equal rotation once on the list.
 - Coach's choice for playdowns, championships.
 - Equal rotation = equal rotation.
 - Do UA kids have to try out for an AP spot?
 - Coaches could have some input.

- Re-visit the tryout and prioritization for league games.
- Less kids will be asked to AP.
- This could be forcing coaches to decide not to take AP's.
- U13 rec kids rotated through U13 comp practices. Got an extra opportunity that was great but won't be given this opportunity because of this AP policy.
- Want everyone to be aware that there will be less AP opportunities.
- **Policy can be amended each year.**
- If coaches have feedback they could come to the board.
- Do kids have to practice before AP'ing for a game? 1 practice is expected.
- AP player to go to 1-2 practices before the game and then the next AP gets the opportunity.
- Do we want to mandate tryouts? Some independent evaluation to be playing?
 - Can the U13 comp team coach request an evaluation for players on the AP list? Head coaches have the opportunity to request an independent evaluation for AP players to be evaluated to know if they are suited for the game.
 - Coach to talk to the Coach coordinator if feels kids are suitable.
 - Independent review if concern expressed.
 - Who is going to communicate how to request to be an AP – Team meeting – email – request made to the manager – manager contact registrar.
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- AP committee, min of 3 people - registrar, coach coordinator, manager coordinator? Ask for another board member if COI.
- U11 comp – U13 comp AP – how do you become an AP? Sign a form? Under age player really only for 2nd year players to AP – need a system in place to say this is the team you belong on. The AP committee talks to coaches and then to family.
- Exceptional circumstance?
 - Underage players playing from U13 to U15 – exceptional circumstances covers a broad amount of situations.
 - AP committee will communicate to managers, coaches and parents.
 - Contact your manager for the form.

For summary of AP discussion see latest version of AP policy

- EK meeting updates
 - U11 - 7 comp, 10-11 rec
 - U11F 3-5
 - U13 - 6 comp, 9-10 rec
 - U15 - 4 comp, 4 rec (Golden undecided)
 - U18 4-5 comp
 - Jamboree proposal for U15 and U11F approved
 - Tiering for U11 and U13 beginning of October 4-6 (U13 in Cranbrook) or 18-19
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- Funds for referee sponsorship – funds to support. Can apply to EK for funds.
 - Camp in Salmon Arm. Recommended refs have ref'd for 1 year prior.
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- Team meetings - confirm messaging from board:

Change rooms, AP list, Player movement, AP policy. Volunteers. Fundraising committee.

- U15 - Wed Sept 4th 7:00
- U11 - Thurs Sept 5th 5:00
- FU13 - Thurs Sept 5th 5:30 -change to next week.
- U13 - Thurs Sept 5th 6:45
- FU15 - Monday Sept 9th 6:00
- U7 - Wed Sept 11th 5:30
- U9 - Fri Sept 13th 5:00

Registrar Report:

Malin Sjostrom

Current team numbers:

- U7: 28
- U9: 26
- U11 : 20
- U13: 28
- U11-13F: 17
- U15F: 14
- U15: 14
- U18: 16

Think about a new team app?

Ref Coordinator Report:

Niall Gleeson

- Update on Ref recertification.
 - October 5th is booked for the new ref and ref recert course.
 - Will need the ice for an hour on October 5th.
 - Will send an email out to all the previous refs and the full association.
 - Must be 12 years old for U11 and above.
- Assigner app – working on figuring out the app for booking games.

Ice Manager:

Amber Granter

- All tournaments are posted on BC Hockey with sanction numbers.
- Will work with teams on tournament schedules as the town templates need to be massaged somewhat to allow for league game slots.
- Need to still fit in some league games into the tournament schedules.
- U18 6 team tournament working on fitting all the games in.
- Need to save league spots.

- 8 dates U7 & U9 will start earlier.
- Google shared calendar has been updated - please let me know if you do not have access (regular play not in calendar).
- Figure Skating is going to end early on all 8 Fridays that rockets have games so our U7's and U9's won't be cut short; just shifted 15 mins earlier.
- U15 working on showcase weekends for league play - approved at board. Other ages want to be able to plan ahead of the end of October for this as well. (U18 and U13 females have asked for league weekend).
- U15 & U11F have been approved by EK for showcase weekends.
- Would like to see allocations for exhibition games be fair and transparent. What can we budget / team pre-season games?
- Spread sheet with teams booking exhibition games.
- Waiting on league breakdown of how many teams in the league to understand how many ice times we will need to allocate.
- Teams wanting to book tournaments before knowing their league schedule?

President's Report:

Bruce McKnight

Fundraising Coordinator Report:

Kristine Divall

- Hats and toques have been ordered and I will begin selling asap.
- Meeting with managers.
- Main asks are for a tournament sponsor, concession sponsor, basket donation.
- Golf tournament - \$3000, gaming grant \$10,000, hats and toques approx. \$2000-\$3000.
- Coed tournament, rockets will help with the beer garden and split the proceeds.
- Sue D will coordinate the large raffle. Do it earlier this year. Could get tickets out within a month.
- The fundraising PDF has been revised- is attached and I will call a meeting with Chantelle and the managers as a place to start.
- Plan to work with Michelle and the budget for a clear goal for this year before asking places for \$.

Female Development Report:

Josee Roy

- League update. Did a presentation at the league meeting to start a league. Approved and 3 teams confirmed.

Treasurer's Report:

Michelle O'Grady

\$81,000 in bank right now between the gaming and chequing.

Coach Coordinator:

Blaine Broderick

- Changes to coaches courses, online now. Prices dropped. U13-U18 is coach 2. You have to complete a module pertaining to age group.
- Dev 1 cert for any carded teams Revelstoke will be holding a course. Highly encouraged.
- Coaching the checking clinic is required and online.
- Only barrier to becoming a coach is having internet access.
- No post clinic assignments that need to be finished.

Curious what our requirements for on ice helpers, CRC, concussion, RIS.

- Dev 1 online? Portion online that is an in person meeting, part 2 is in person. Nothing in person was done last year. Evaluation book is still done.
- Chuck coordinated instruction/evaluation last year.
- Some head coaches were assigned.
- On ice helpers can not run practices.

Secretary's Report:

Ashley Durning

Manager Coordinator Report:

Chantelle Lacasse

- Manager meeting scheduled September 24th.
- Sending out an email to managers.
- U15 has practices canceled this week requests have another time.

Date for next meeting: October 1st, 2024

Motion to Adjourn by: Jess

Meeting Adjourned: time 9:31