



## **GIRLS HOCKEY CALGARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**February 10, 2021 @ 18:30**

*Attending via Zoom: John MacDonald, Ted Oloriz, Jarid Poissant, Shannon Cleary, Grant Borbridge, Jason Higgins, Samm Domagala, Kyle Wanvig, Jodie Baldwin, Tanya Mitenko, Dale Risling, Jeaniece Frick, Stu Bridle, Shonn Hilliard, Jacqui Piebiak*

### **CALL TO ORDER 6:32 PM**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded. Carried.*

#### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion to approve the February 2021 agenda. Seconded. Carried.*

#### **3. STANDING REPORTS**

##### **A. President Update**

- a. Return to Hockey: Information is changing every day, documents from Hockey Calgary and Hockey Alberta coming in fast. Hockey Calgary wants to identify the numbers of players who are coming on the ice as well as which Associations want to use City of Calgary ice. The City will open up arenas on as need-basis. Three confirmed to open at this point is Southland areas, FDB and Max Bell (which is closing down for renos at end of March).
- b. Refunds: In terms of refunds, other Associations seem to be in the same range as what we've calculated. Would like a discussion and main motion to approve a percentage of refund to members after recognition of financial report tonight.

#### **4. TRADITIONAL SEASON REFUND PLAN**

##### **B. Refund Update**

- a. Calculations: Worked through all individual invoices and major costs incurred. Determined how many players per division and which costs applied to each age group. Divided out costs by age group, team, fees paid. Total cost per division, then cost per player, then divided cost incurred by registration fee to come up with the percentage of costs incurred to date.
- b. Ice: We have prepaid for ice that will go unused and are working to reconcile what we've paid vs what we've used. We're getting close to that number.



- c. Suggestion is to not focus on small differences but go for one percentage for Community and one percentage for Elite. First Strides only got on the ice three times, perhaps take them out of the calculation and refund them a separate amount. For Community teams, we're at an average of 46 percent of cost incurred.
- d. Other considerations to be aware of when returning funds:
  - i. Rebates (U7, Goaltenders)
  - ii. Outside funding / dollars paid on behalf of players.
  - iii. Elite equipment and apparel has not been invoiced to teams.
  - iv. Volunteer bonds (\$300 pre pay) will be refunded.
- e. Communication: All needs to be communicated clearly to members.
- f. Recommendation 50-55 percent on what was paid to the association.

*Motion to approve that the percentage of refund to members will be 55 percent. Seconded. Carried unanimously.*

## **5. DEVELOPMENT SEASON PLAN**

### **A. Calgary Fire AAA/AA**

The Elite Committee proposes that the Elite teams continue training together rather than have players re-register for "opt in" development programs. This is subject to ice availability and Hockey Alberta announcement on Feb 8 confirming "Two groups of 10 allowed on indoor ice surfaces in Step 1."

- a. Elite teams/players are typically playing in playoffs until the 3rd week of March for AA and until the last weekend in March for AAA. As such, we will simply continue with the teams as they are currently comprised.
- b. Sessions will be skills-only or a mix of development/games, dependent upon AHS guidelines.
- c. AFHL is in continued discussion with AHS to allow for games/tournaments/showcases sometime in March.
- d. Elite will hold off calculating and issuing refunds to AAA/AA players until things come to an end in March, or earlier if forced to bring it to an end before then. However, we will cancel third-party training to keep costs as low as possible.

### **B. Jr. Inferno Community**

- a. HC has provided a planning template for a development season program. Other Associations have already opted-out of offering development programming (access to ice / volunteer fatigue). We expect a good showing and based on feedback from families, it's important to provide this for players given the difficulties this year.
- b. Sessions will be ½ ice, physically-distanced. With the numbers we have, one coach for 8-9 skaters we would need 48 coaches. Based on communication with our coaches, it seems that we have coaches available to run the groups. We will have third-party skills coaches we were working with during the year to help the practices and help the coaches.



- c. We will partner with TPG to run goalie development sessions for U11-U18. Will cost more per player because of the paid instructors but still cost-effective for GHC parents considering third-party training costs.
- d. Ice Scheduler has confirmed ice with ECTAS and Great Plains for all age divisions.
- e. Parents will have the option to “opt out” right away and receive their refund, or to wait for registration to open for Winter Skills program. Overviews for each age group will be available on the website with tentative schedules for families.

### **C. Safety**

- a. Safety guidelines should be made very clear to parents. Considerations:
  - i. Coaches must wear a mask on-ice.
  - ii. Players come dressed, dressing rooms restrictions apply.
  - iii. Symptom screening before area each session.
  - iv. Coaches kept to one session, not session to session.
  - v. Great Plains and ECTAS will allow one female to come in to the arena (GP to enforce maximum capacity, need clarification).
  - vi. ECTAS will allow some spectators, we should keep message consistent.

*Motion to adjourn February 2021 meeting. Seconded. Carried.*

**ADJOURNED: 8:16 PM**