



GIRLS HOCKEY CALGARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 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 6:34 PM

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the December 2020 meeting minutes. Seconded. Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the January 2021 agenda. Seconded. Carried.

3. STANDING REPORTS

A. President Update

- i. Return to Hockey: Hockey Calgary Board had a meeting tonight, call with Hockey Alberta tomorrow. Drop dead date is Family Day long weekend if government has not approved a return to hockey by then. Now considering the option to carry on from now to end of April (no firm date). Many arenas have been shutting down their ice plants (GP, Max Bell, Rose Kohn, Seton)
- ii. Refunds: HA and HC are working on a plan if they are going to rebate player fees.
- iii. HHHHA Partnership Opportunity: GHC was contacted by Hyland Hills Hockey Association (HHHA) Jaguars community hockey association in Northern Denver area, Colorado, USA. They are interested in pairing with GHC and possibly planning a round robin weekend in Calgary.
- iv. UofC Concussion Study: UofC in touch regarding SHRed Concussion Study (information appended). Grant relayed contact information for Calgary Fire Managers and sent an email to Managers to expect to be contacted by the program.

B. AAA/AA Update

- i. AAA/AA Hockey Committee Structure: Following approval of new structure, made a call out for volunteers to fill the Committee. Filled the critical roles. Will meet as a Committee and work on the end of this season and getting ready for next season.
- ii. AFHL: With Hockey Alberta's announcement that Provincial Championships are cancelled, if an extended season to April occurs, will push for determination of a North vs South league champion for each AA and AAA division. Won't be hosting the U18 AAA Provincials this



season, but will request that Calgary be permitted to host the Provincial tournament next season.

- iii. AAA/AA Team Updates: Keeping the momentum going during the pause with 2x/week dryland, Team building calls, etc. With our expectations that this season will be shorter and less expensive (b/c of less travel) than is typical, we have terminated the Superstore gift card fundraising program for the rest of the season. Usually 5 months long, but this season is terminated after 3 months. Superstore has assured us that our teams will be welcomed to re-commence the program for next season.
- iv. Ice Bookings: Ice is booked for next season (Spring ID, Prep Camps, Try-Outs and Firestarter)
- v. Firestarter: The Tournament Committee will start planning for the 2021 event, which will be co-managed by GHC and Global Sport Academy.

C. Operations Update

- i. Ice Bookings: Ice is booked for August and September for Prep Camps and Evaluations. Scheduler has everything in place if everything goes as planned.
- ii. Health & Safety: The end of this week and next week will be telling, case numbers are going the right way but remain high.

D. Community Update

- i. Virtual Training: Tomorrow night is the last scheduled session. All the sessions are online so coaches / players can replay the videos at any time of day. We will wait to see any announcements coming up, whether we reinstate the live format.
- ii. Coach Support: Met with coaches in late December via Zoom and went through strategies on what coaches can do. Some coaches have not met with their kids, it has been hard for coaches to engage with kids as they don't know everyone on their new team. We provided a Google Drive for coaches to access videos and resources.
- iii. Hockey Canada "Pond to Podium" and Hockey Alberta Female Hockey Day will be entered into TeamSnap as a reminder to players. Samm Domagala will present during Female Hockey Day. Hockey Calgary's "What It Takes" was well done and available online.

E. Finance Update

- i. Account of transaction and of the financial position of the Association.
- ii. Refunds are highly likely. Financial calculations is one part and the other part is the message to families so we're clear and transparent.

F. Marketing Update

- i. No expressions of interests submitted for Director of Communications position. We may reach out to volunteers directly. If someone knows someone who would be interested in the role, please send name.



- ii. In partnership with Fresh Brand Gear we are selling Jr. Inferno and Calgary Fire “Be Kind” t-shirts for Pink Shirt Day on February 24, 2021. All proceeds will be donated to the Dare to Care bully prevention program.
- iii. GHC Volunteer Appreciation Awards: Once we have a better idea on the trajectory of the season we will send out the Call for Nominations for the annual volunteer awards.

G. Administration Update

- i. Transition has gone very smoothly.
- ii. We have received limited emails regarding refunds or in response to announcements. Membership has been courteous and patient.
- iii. Administrating the virtual training sessions. (Registration, Moderate, Survey; Trim and post sessions to Google Drive.)
- iv. Reconciled coach reimbursements. Once approved by coaching directors will process cheques and mail out.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

H. Scotiabank Sponsorship

- i. Scotiabank Branch has secured a sponsorship for GHC of \$5000. Incredibly grateful and will determine where this will go (perhaps replace U9 Sponsorship that HC will no longer receive?)

I. Proposed Procedural Changes to BOD Meetings

- i. Possibility of moving to a consent agenda, which groups the routine, procedural, informational and self-explanatory non-controversial items typically found in an agenda. These items are then presented to the board in a single motion for an up or down vote after allowing anyone to request that a specific item be moved to the full agenda for individual attention. Other items, particularly those requiring strategic thought, decision making or action, are handled as usual. Consent agendas help streamline meetings and allow the focus to be on substantive issues; Avoid homogeneity of our current agenda, which can obscure what is important and what is not; Draws us away from the inherently backward-looking nature of reports and updates and involves everyone in future-oriented discussions and debate.; Makes it easier to see the linkage between agenda items and our overall purpose and vision; Creates a sense of momentum and teamwork toward a common goal.

ADJOURNED: 7:40 PM