



GIRLS HOCKEY CALGARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2021 @ 18:30

Attending via Teams: John MacDonald, Stu Bridle, Jarid Poissant, Shannon Cleary, Spryng Kubicek, David Burch, Heather Delaney, Samm Domagala, Christine O'Shaughnessy, Jeff Walker, Shonn Hilliard, Jacqui Piebiak
Absent: Kyle Wanvig, Jodie Baldwin, Jeaniece Frick

CALL TO ORDER 6:36 PM

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve May 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded. Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve May 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded. Carried.

3. STANDING REPORT

A. President's Report

Welcome to new and returning Board members. It's going to be fun to have a full hockey season (fingers crossed). Many exciting things to come: female coach initiative, new and exciting programs in our age divisions including an updated U13 AA, exciting news for our Firestarter tournament and teams. More to come!

B. Elite Report

- i. **Coaches:** Still seeking U18 AA Head Coach, waiting for commitment from individual who has been offered role. If not, existing ACs may take on role as co-Head Coaches with mentorship through Global.
- ii. **Ice:** AFHL requires dates and commitments now however City of Calgary ice contracts are not being confirmed at this point. Working closely with HA and ice providers.
- iii. **Firestarter:** Finalizing agreements with hotels, have teams who have verbally committed and contacted us. We don't anticipate trouble filling space.

C. Operations (Stu Bridle)

- i. **Prep Camps:**
 - Global has confirmed to run our prep camps.



- Ice and dates are confirmed.

ii. Evaluations:

- McLean Group has confirmed for Evaluation dates.
- Will connect with GDI to confirm dates.
- Committee is determining best format for each session.
- Team Genius is being prepared.

D. Community

- i. **Equipment:** Racks are being installed on Wednesday, Aug 4 to move everything from ECTAS to Great Plains.
- ii. **Age Group Coordinators:** Looking for U7 and U11 Age Group Coordinators.
- iii. **Volunteer Positions & Policy:** In 2019/20 we created a subcommittee to review our Volunteer Policy. We had decided that eventually need to change our requirement for families to fulfill an Association-level credit and a Team-level credit. We will have Volunteer Coordinator(s) in place who will monitor positions and credits.
- iv. **Coach Selection & Requirements:** Connecting with coaches, reviewing evaluation credit requirements for coach candidates.
- v. **Max Bell Closure:** U9 teams will be doing games out of Crowchild and ECTAS. Borrowing Boards from MaxBell and bringing them to ECTAS until Max Bell is completed.
- vi. **“Try Hockey” Event:** Was able to pull this together very quickly, thanks to Andrea Z, Marni C and Christine O! Great success.
- vii. **Coaching Software:** Will table a motion to approve the cost of “Coach Team” software for coaches to design drills, build practice plans, etc.
- viii. **Player and Coach Development Overview:** See attachment.

E. Finance Update

F. Marketing Update

i. Upcoming Events:

- Try Hockey Event (Wednesday, July 21, 2021)
- IIHF World Women's Championship (August 20-31, 2021)
- Firestarter (Sept 16-19, 2021 & Oct 1-3, 2021)
- Team Photo Day (TBD)

ii. Partnerships:



- Pro Hockey Life Minor Hockey Association Sponsorship: We will learn if we are accepted as a recipient in the next few weeks.
- Primal Soup Company Bursary (\$500): Determine eligibility and process.
- Blake Bolden’s “emBolden Her” Mentorship (Deadline August 31, 2021)
Twenty-five female hockey players between the ages of 13-16 will be selected across Canada and the US to work with Blake Bolden for a 6-month mentorship. Girls will meet virtually with Blake for 90 minutes a month to gain an understanding of what it takes to be a female professional hockey player and succeed in life in general.
- Black Girl Hockey Club Scholarship Application added to website.

iii. Marketing Initiatives:

- Community Signs
- IIHF Presence
- Great Plains Boards & Signs
- FDB Boards & Signs

iv. Member Forum & Member Survey Feedback

- BOD will review question results and comments (grouped into “hot topics”) to follow up on and use to inform our decisions moving forward. Responses and link to video and summaries of forum available on shared drive for review.

G. Administration Update

i. Registration:

- Registration is up compared to last year, biggest jumps are in U9 and U13. We have added an evaluation ice time to accommodate increase in players.
- U15 and U18 Community Prep Camps are full. U13 group has 20+ so we may reallocate for U15 and U18 groups and/or find more ice as feedback from parents is that it’s difficult to find female prep camps that are not AAA/AA.

ii. Team Bank Accounts:

- Scotiabank has provided an overview of how they can make our banking processes (opening accounts, signing authorities, distributing cards, digital banking, “Super Users,” etc).

Motion to move Association and team banks to Scotiabank. Signing Authorities will be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Hockey Administration Manager. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to adjourn June 2021 meeting. Seconded. Carried.

ADJOURNED: 8:08 PM