

**Foothills Flyers**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 7th, 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Kellie Beal, Duncan McLeish, Bobbi-Jo Zimmer, Rachelle Jackson, Allison Pedersen, Brian Sewell, Kim Matheson, Terri Woolcott, Cayley Payne, Danny Culp, Miles Kiemele

**Absent:** Jon Devlin, Michelle Hammond, Jen Nichols, Jamie Barton

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Kellie Beal

**Approval of Minutes:** Brian makes the motion to approve September meeting minutes. Kim seconds, all in favour, motion carried.

**Additions to Agenda:** Kellie will be president for 1 year term

**Old Business**

**Social Media Policy-** Rachelle will get a copy of the Social Media Policy to all level directors and also post on the FMHA website under its own tab.

**Bylaws-** Duncan has submitted the Bylaws.

**Facility Restrictions-** Blackie limit is 400

**Sponsorship-** Duncan will get things started on gathering information now that evaluations are complete.

**Team Photos-** Ian Whitworth will be doing the team photos for the 2021/2022 season. Rachelle will contact him in regards to photo day. Information will be sent out as soon as its available. Kim makes a motion for Ian Whitworth to take pictures for FMHA. Teri seconds, all in favour. Motion carried.

**Jerseys-** Brian will be looking into new jerseys and color change for Jerseys from U13-U18

**New Business**

**Rules & Regs-** Kellie will be assigning each board member a section of the rules and regs to go through.

**Santa Claus Parade-** Melissa Pryor will help lead this and board members will also help her out more information becomes available.

**Jersey for Rec Hockey-** Brian will be in contact with somebody from the town. We have a large selection of old jerseys that can be donated for their program.

**Social Media Accounts-** Do we want to expand to twitter? We have a parent willing to volunteer to keep the social media up to date and information about games. We will continue discussion next meeting.

**Managers Meeting-** Managers meeting will take place October 14<sup>th</sup> at 630 for U7 and U9. Then 730 for U11 and up. Rachelle will send a link to all managers and level directors.

## **Reports**

### **President Report**

It's been a very busy week, thank you to all board members for their help during conditioning and evaluations.

Fielded some calls coming from families with Hockey Calgary after the bylaw was implemented and again now as Cochrane has folded a U18 team.

Application for oversized U18 team submitted and just waiting to hear back from HA, Jamie to follow up with CAHL to ensure we don't need to complete anything for them.

Had our Regional HA meeting and in follow up no changes to the understanding of the REP – bulletin sent out to all level directors.

We've fielded some complaints from the town and need to remind all our parents that they need to follow all the rules laid out in arenas and this includes proper mask wear.

We also will be using both facilities to the full account we can and not segregate to one vs the other because of the different facility restrictions

### **Treasurer Report**

September Ice cost to be paid \$6643.45

Operations Manager paid out A few course reimbursements for bench staff HR concession cost for evals \$297.25

Also HA has a grant we can apply for as an association (I've applied before and got nothing) but there is also a grant for \$200 per player (up to 15) for those who may need it any objections to apply for this for those who may need it I can send an email and ask?

I will be contacting the bank re cashing in the mutual funds account to use for the \$100 reimbursement for early registration.

I will also be contacting to see if we can open a couple of different accounts to use for specific means (as in funds to be saved for provincials etc - monies we are holding and would like to keep separate)

Also for ice costs this season are we using casino funds for this? Anything else earmarked for Casino funds?

Any monies collected by FMHA have now been transferred to Bisons for those players who made that team.

Teamsnap fees of \$100 need to be paid back to Michelle

ORA fees have been paid

## **Equipment Report**

Brian has handed out all jerseys and supplies to teams. If any managers haven't received decals please contact Brian.

## **Ops Report**

**Ice** Tiering ice is submitted to CAHL Intro to hockey schedules are in process of being set for the whole season

**Registration** We have a total of 207 FMHA registrations. Teams have been rostered and uploaded into HCR.

**AA Bisons** 57 Bison's registration

**CAHL** Forms have been submitted for Team Tiering and Team Contacts

**Miscellaneous** I've sent all Managers, that I have, a letter of deadline and important information. As bench staff come in, I check on all qualifications. The only weekend available for Tournaments for home teams is Jan 29<sup>th</sup> weekend.

## **Development Report**

1. For evaluations next year we need to come up with a system that goes back to allowing the coaches to select teams for the final games. For example each kid should get one number but in two colours so he can move from one team to the other if needed to balance skill level.
2. Evaluations was to be changed to 50% participation not more than 50%. Are we making this change?
3. Don't make comments on team size until after teams are chosen. The correct response to a parent is to tell them it will be decided after evals are entered, teams are chosen and your director will let you know. Best not to comment as adds extra confusion.
4. As coaches come forward or you notice someone with potential be sure to pass them onto the development director. Be sure contact information is correct for the one volunteering.
5. When players get released to us during evaluations be sure they know where and when to be there.
6. Requesting coach volunteers to have a minimum of coach 1 level but recommend coach 2 level and checking as coach volunteers are becoming harder to find, this gives us more option.
7. Recommend to pull goalies up for practices if not in conflict with own schedule for Jag recommended development.
8. Start thinking about conditioning to be included with the AA program starting at the peewee level. We ran into ice sessions with only one or two players as all else were at the AA conditioning. That way when they release the players we can go right into evaluations.
9. Upon executive team selection take the players names off data sheets so we don't see them. That way we can keep a consistent group through all the level selections remaining in bias.
10. Before I speak to Team Genius I would like to do a mock up from start to finish of how our evaluations to team selection works. We still have the evaluators notes so we can choose one division as an example.
11. I would recommend going back to the 1-5 rating guide as 1-10 is not working as per evaluators comments.

## **U7 Report**

Evaluations went well. Had one kid drop so we are down to 19 U7.

Coaches and bench staff are still in progress, but I almost have enough.

I have questions regarding the placement process (not sure if this is U7 or new business). I had put in the coaches and a request to have them spread on teams. I know that it was done to the evaluation numbers to be even. My only thoughts or concerns on this, is I then I was left with a stacked with coaches and the other than had one or maybe 2. I understand the value of staying true to the evaluation numbers, but I also see that in intro to hockey the importance of having volunteers on the ice is essential to the kids having a good season. These are the years that kids decide if they love hockey, and parents too. When kids are not getting the help on the ice they need sue to lack of volunteers, or volunteers that know what they are doing, they get bored. It also has made a ton more work for me, trying to find more coaches, and getting them certified to be on the ice in time. Just thoughts moving forward into future seasons. (PS, I can only imagine how hard the placement process is, this isn't criticism, it's a viewpoint from my side.)

One parent/coach complaint is the possibility of no U7 jamboree this year. Rachelle and I have had a meeting and in the November break there are only enough ice time for a U7 OR U9 jamboree. I would like to see if we could do a different weekend, or find ice in Stavelly? I think it is important for me to try and give these kids a home tournament.

## **U9 Report**

Email has been sent to U9 registrants regarding evaluation group number and times.

Also emailed interested coaches and bench staff regarding requirements needed to fulfil these positions. U9 currently has 33 registered players.

## **U11 Report**

Team 1 : Players, coaches, managers all settling in nicely. Played an exhibition game against Brooks (Tier 2/3). Unfortunately, a Foothills player was hurt (broke tibia) and is off the ice for 6 weeks. Player is recovering and will stay connected to the team by going to practices and games (not dressed).

Team 2: Very quiet group manger s- no games played yet; manager is working with another parent on finding some exhibition games and tournament possibilities. They have a volunteer coming in to work on power skating during their regular scheduled practices.

## **U15 Report**

Evaluations went well, except for the over lap of AA for a few players returning later than expected.

Attendance was almost perfect except for 2 sick players that need a reevaluation. 1 other player evaluated the same but attended all evals. ( I would like to speak about this with a complaint i received). 2 goalies transferred from Okotoks and 1 player transfer.

1 parent has reached out to have his son re-evaluated as well.

One problem i was made aware of is i wasn't aware of goalie evaluation times and had 2 goalies join late and I was made aware in passing, we caught it the day before so they could attend.

## **U18 Report**

We have received approval for the oversize team

Miles makes motion to adjourn meeting at 8:25. Brian seconds

Meeting minutes submitted by Bobbi-Jo Zimmer

Next Meeting Thursday November 4th via zoom