



FEMALE COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, June 9th, 2012

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ATTENDANCE: J. Hughes, S. Hughes, C. DeCoursey, B. Stinn, K. Hitchcock, C. Gudmundson, B. Baird, M. Delamere, S. Gaeckle, C. Jenkins, R. Macleod, L. Fulton, M. Wasylynchuk, G. Nesom, P. Schmidt, L. Schmidt

HOCKEY ALBERTA: M. Kraichy

RECORDING SECRETARY: J. Engelhardt

- AGENDA-

- 1.0 Call to Order** **L. Schmidt**
- L. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.
- 1.1 Introductions** **L. Schmidt**
- L. Schmidt introduced the Female Council and Hockey Alberta dignitaries.
- 1.2 Review of Voting Procedures** **P. Schmidt**
- P. Schmidt reviewed voting procedures.
 - Review was performed of voting delegates and explanations were provided for those not eligible to vote.
- 1.3 Roll call of delegates** **P. Schmidt**
- P. Schmidt performed a roll call of Delegates in attendance.
- 2.0 Agenda** **L. Schmidt**
- 2.1 Additions/Deletions**
- L. Schmidt requested the addition of "Regulation Amendment" as item 7.1 f).
- 2.2 Approval of Agenda**

Moved By: K. Hitchcock

Seconded By: C. Jenkins

To approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

- 3.0 Minutes from AGM Female Council Meeting - 2011** **L. Schmidt**

- 3.1 Errors or Omissions**
- None



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3.2 Approval

Moved By: K. Hitchcock

Seconded By: J. Hughes

To approve the minutes of June 11, 2011 as presented.

Carried

3.3 Business Arising from Minutes

- None

4.0 Female Council Chair Report

L. Schmidt

- L. Schmidt announced that he is stepping aside from Council and will not be seeking re-election.
- L. Schmidt elaborated on his time with Council and expressed his thanks to everyone.

4.1 Minor

G. Nesom

- G. Nesom noted that it was a good year for female hockey.
- Alberta won gold at this year's Arctic Winter Games.
- Alberta Winter Games was very successful.
- Review done expressing the success of the female provincials held this year and champions announced.
- Was noted that there were a lot of teams that dropped out of Provincials this year and that Minor Council expressed interest in reviewing Provincial dropout procedures.
- There was not a large rise or decline in registration numbers.
- Expressed interest in bumping up Atom registrations.
- L. Schmidt discussed the difficulty in finding provincial hosts and noted that changes will be made to the structure of Provincials if hosts cannot be found.
- G. Nesom noted that there was difficulty identifying Atom Wildcard teams for Provincials this season and a short discussion ensued. Tiering and host sites were expressed as possible factors.
- K. Hitchcock expressed his view for a festival style provincial competition to provide more opportunities for the associations with thinning numbers. These ideas were discussed amongst the group. Bantam / Midget A is searching for better solutions in this area.
- Lloydminster expressed issues with the league they play within, pertaining to tiering.



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- 4.2 Senior **L. Fulton/M. Wasylynchuk**
- M. Wasylynchuk spoke about the 2012 Senior Provincials and noted that there were 32 Registered Teams for 24 spots in Provincials.
 - Senior Provincial Procedures were discussed.
 - 2012 Provincial results were recapped.
 - Was noted that Athabasca is a possibility for the upcoming Senior B Provincials.
 - Southern Alberta is lacking in Senior Female Hockey.
 - Recreational hockey was well received this year.
 - L. Fulton spoke to the Regional Championship between BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba (Western Shield). This event was held in Regina roughly two weeks after Provincials. Alberta was represented by Calgary (who placed Second) and Grande Prairie (also placing second).
 - Other Results were recapped.
 - Scotia Bank Championship was recapped.
 - Hockey Alberta will host the Western Shield in 2014.
 - Was noted that ways to expand this event were discussed for next season in Surrey, BC.
 - Please see Hard Copy of report provided.

5.0 Notices of Motion

- 5.1 Notice of Motion #1: Bylaws **TBA**
- L. Schmidt noted that the Notice of Motion will be introduced and voted on by the Membership at the AGM on Sunday and therefore there would not be further discussion during the council meeting.

6.0 Female Council Elections **P. Schmidt**

- 6.1 Chairperson
- Greg Nesom sought election, since no other nominations were received, G. Nesom was acclaimed Chair of Female Council.
- 6.2 Senior Provincial Representative – North
- Anna Lynn Sanche sought election, since no other nominations were received, A. Sanche was acclaimed Senior Female North Representative.
- 6.3 Senior Provincial Representative – South
- Lil Fulton sought election, since no other nominations were received, L. Fulton was acclaimed Senior Female South Representative.



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6.4 Minor Provincial Representative – North

- There were no nominations received for this position and therefore it remains vacant.
- The Procedures for appointment of a Minor Provincial Representative - North was reviewed.

6.5 Minor Provincial Representative – South

- There were no nominations received prior to the nomination deadline.
- K. Hitchcock nominated B. Stinn for this position and B. Stinn accepted the nomination. Since no other nominations were received, B. Stinn was acclaimed Minor Provincial Representative – South.

7.0 New Business

7.1 2012 Championship Updates

- a) 2012 Provincial Championships **Minor/Senior Reps**
- Covered in Minor/Senior reports above.
- b) 2012 Western Canadian Shield **L. Fulton/M. Wasylynchuk**
- Covered in Senior report above.
- c) 2012 Esso Midget Female AAA Championship **L. Schmidt**
- Was noted that the Edmonton Thunder represented Alberta and won the Bronze Medal.
- d) 2013 Provincial Dates **L. Schmidt**
- Minor Hockey Provincial dates for 2013 were circulated in the AGM Information Package.
 - Midget A and B - March 22-24
 - Bantam A and B - March 15-17
 - Pee Wee A and - March 22-24
 - Atom - March 15-17
 - Senior AA - March 15-17 (Edmonton)
 - Senior A - March 22-23 (Calgary)
 - Senior B was noted that it must be held either March 1-3 or 8-10
 - Junior dates have not been set.
- e) Female Midget National Championship – 2013 **L. Schmidt**
- Held in Burnaby next year, Hamilton the year after that.



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f) Amendment to Regulations

L. Schmidt

- L. Schmidt circulated a copy of the Regulation Amendment that was submitted by the AJFHL and highlighted the change in wording that would align this Regulation with Senior Female and Junior Male affiliation.
- Clarification was provided on history and reasoning for this change.
- B. Stinn provided further clarification.
- Lethbridge brought forth a question on tampering regarding players in towns with existing junior teams affiliating to a team in a different area.
- Was noted that timelines and all other regulations will remain the same.

Moved By: Bob Stinn

Seconded By: B. Baird

To approve the amendment to Regulation 8.3 of Section C - Senior/Junior Female Hockey as submitted.

8.3 *Minor Players may not affiliate outside of the Minor Zone in which they reside. For this purpose, the Senior or Junior Female team's minor zone will be determined by where the majority of the players on the team reside.*

Exceptions: *In the case of Senior Female "AAA" and Junior Female, minor zone boundaries will be removed, allowing these teams to access affiliated Players within the boundaries of the Province.*

Carried

7.2 League Reports

a) NAFA

- 36 teams and continued growth
- Working with Edmonton Minor on league awareness.

b) SAWHA

- Successful season, still growing
- Wanted to thank Banff for hosting senior B

c) Peace

- 32 teams in northern BC/Alberta with cross border competition.
- League uniqueness and procedure was explained.
- Congratulations to peace league were extended as Peace Region offered extensive help to Slave Lake to allow them to participate this year

d) ACAC/CIS

- Possibility of ACAC competing in western shield.



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- e) WWHL
 - None
- f) AMMFHL
 - Minor changing of the Guard.
 - L. Schmidt explained what has come through from the Calgary situation. Further conversation will be required. The need for change was reflected, and a further discussion was seen as necessary.
- g) AJFHL
 - K. Hitchcock spoke to junior.
 - Expanded to add a second Calgary team.
 - North South schedule for first time.
 - Medicine Hat and Banff Academy have requested expansion into the league.
- h) OTHER
 - None

7.3 Female Team Alberta Update

M. Kraichy

- Alberta 7th at 2011 nationals. Players and coaches were fantastic ambassadors of the branch. Gave up 4 goals and only scored 3. Emphasis put on goal scoring.
- 2012 U 18 staff announced.
- 88 girls at spring camp. Best one in last 3 years.
- Announced top 46 to move on.
- Alberta Winter Games, Big Country Champions.
- Spruce Grove was a great host. Great crowds.
- 60 athletes were selected to attend U16 Summer Camp in July. Focus on Skill Development emphasizing skating and goal scoring.
- Only 2 Esso fun days. Not same interest from LMHA's. Urge people to take advantage.
- U14 and U15 skill camps continue to grow under regional center strategy. Becoming mandated in regional programming.

7.4 2011 Hockey Canada AGM Update

L. Schmidt

- Continued emphasis on recruitment and retention. Focus on existing programs and money available from them.
- One goal program and others are available.
- Looking to recruit and retain Senior players. Continued service will be provided by branch.
- Looking to promote and raise level of female officiating.



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- 7.5 Hockey Alberta Officials Report **C. Decourssey**
- 220 female officials out of 5000 in province.
 - Mini one day clinics held for development in Edm. And Calgary.
 - Position built for female development coordinator.
 - Had issues with CIS playoffs as officials were brought in from out of province. This problem has been recognized and will be pursued.
 - Many zones looking to hold clinics focused on females. Officials seemed to thrive in that environment.
 - No significant rule changes. Head contact will continue to be emphasis.
- 7.6 Female ADM (Alignment of Draw Zones) **L. Schmidt**
- Effective last year, AAA draw zones were removed from league hands and put with ADM committee.
 - Composition of committee has passed board and will be put into book.
 - Draw zones reviews and depths will be reviewed.
 - Committee will make recommendations directly to the board of directors for changes.
 - Comprised of league people, people involved in female game as well as development involvement.
 - Clarification on recommendation process was provided by L. Schmidt.
 - Draw zones will have the ability to bring issues to the committee.

8.0 Adjournment

L. Schmidt

Moved By: B. Baird

Seconded By: J. Hughes

To adjourn the meeting.

Carried

- Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.