



# JUNIOR B/C COUNCIL MEETING

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**ATTENDANCE:** A. Rawlake (Chair), F. Horbay, T. Bahl, H. Pomreinke, B. Lenz, L. Corbett, G. Wournell, G. Renaud, K. Wilkinson, A. Spence, M. Tingstad, M. Woytkiw, S. Hainstock, M. Waselenkoff, J. Craig, L. Davis, R. Harrison, J. McAuley, D. Poitras, R. Dyck, B. Masters, J. Holmes, L. Appelt, C. McAuley, C. Aplin, T. Caputo, J. Baron, T. Malmas, R. Peterson, D. Edwards, M. Kronewitz, W. Gatza, B. McConky, G. Metez, D. Odynski, R. Berard, A. Odynski, B. Berard, W. Jones

**HOCKEY ALBERTA STAFF:** M. Skilnick

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** S. Kochnowich

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## - AGENDA-

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Call to Order</b>  | <b>A. Rawlake</b> |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM.</li></ul>   |                   |
| 1.1        | Introductions   | <b>A. Rawlake</b> |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Rawlake did introductions</li></ul>  |                   |
| 1.2        | Review of Voting Procedures   | <b>F. Horbay</b>  |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F. Horbay went over voting procedures</li></ul>   |                   |
| 1.3        | Roll Call of Delegates  | <b>F. Horbay</b>  |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Asked to complete sign in sheet</li><li>A. Rawlake asked everyone introduced themselves and the team and/or league they were representing</li></ul> |                   |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Agenda</b>   | <b>A. Rawlake</b> |
| 2.1        | Additions/Deletions   |                   |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>none</li></ul>  |                   |
| 2.2        | Approval of Agenda  |                   |

<b>Moved By:</b> J. McAuley	<b>Seconded By:</b> A. Spence
To approve Agenda as presented.	<b>CARRIED</b>

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| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Minutes of Junior B/C Council Meeting – 2012 AGM</b> | <b>A. Rawlake</b> |
| 3.1        | Errors or Omissions                                     |                   |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>    |                   |
| 3.2        | Approval  |                   |

<b>Moved By:</b> B. McConky	<b>Seconded By:</b> K. Wilkinson
To approve the 2012 minutes as presented.	<b>CARRIED</b>



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### 3.3 Business Arising from Minutes

- None

### 4.0 Junior B/C Council Chair Report

**A. Rawlake**

- Maximum of 5 affiliates at Provincials was not an issue
- Jr. B Provincials – Okotoks Bisons were the champions.
- Merits of Bronze Medal game - Cold Lake appreciated it. The game was well attended, with good intensity, players enjoyed.
- Jr. B Westerns – Okotoks Bisons claimed Bronze in Manitoba.
- Jr. C was held in Calgary, the Edmonton Avalanche were the defending champs. Thanks to Hockey Calgary for all their help.
- Numbers are consistent at 52 teams – looking to increase to 53, and potentially 54 in the following season. Expansion in NE league, and contraction in HJHL.
- Jr. B largest contingent in Alberta, strength of game for this age group
- Jr. C provincial championship working well and holding strong.
- Almost 80 teams for this age group, this number is excluding Jr. A

### 5.0 Hockey Alberta Notices of Motion

**F. Horbay**

#### 5.1 Notice of Motion #1: Nominations

- Reviewed the recommended change that would see the creation of a Nomination Committee and process for the Board of Directors.
  - Will be voted on at the AGM on June 16, 2013 by members in good standing.

#### 1.1 Notice of Motion #2: Transitional Provisions

- Reviewed the recommended change that would eliminate Bylaw 4.3 as it was a provision to guide the first season with the new Bylaws only.
  - Will be voted on at the AGM on June 16, 2013 by members in good standing.

### 6.0 Election of Junior B/C Chairperson

**F. Horbay**

- A letter sent out 2 weeks ago for any interested.
- A. Rawlake was acclaimed as Chair for Jr. B/C council for 2013/14 season
- A. Rawlake thanks to group

### 7.0 New Business

#### 7.1 League President Reports

**Presidents**

##### a) Calgary

- Not in attendance

##### b) Heritage

- No changes, except Strathmore taking year of absence.
- Arranging schedule
- 36 game season, playoff start stays same as previous year
- Proud of Okotoks for being Provincial Champions.

##### c) Capital

- Congratulations to Spruce Grove for winning the League Championships. As well to Sherwood Park and Wetaskiwin for representing well at Provincials.
- 14 teams, potential interest for next season



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- 38 game schedule – will be discussed on Mondays meeting
  - Most games good, thanks for the co-operation

d) Northwest

- 8 teams - 2 from British Columbia and 6 from Alberta
- No changes from previous season, will have 35 game season
- JDA Kings- did not do so well at Provincials

e) Northeast

- 8 teams, close games, minimal issues
- Cold Lake won over Wainwright, and both represented well at Provincials
- Onion Lake is rejoining after a 3-4 year break, in 2014-15 Frog Lake is looking to join.

f) Noralta Jr. C

- 13 teams, looking at 15 teams, including Fort Saskatchewan and a South Edmonton team
- 26 to 28 game season.
- PIM going down after tracking

## 7.2 Junior B Provincials

a) 2013 Report – Wainwright

- Provincials went well, great facility, and community involvement. They were well attended, and very well laid out.
- Host team showed well
- League Presidents served as discipline committee – appreciated. Only a few small hiccups.

b) 2014 Location – NWJHL

- Hosted by Grande Prairie. Keith Whitfield will be running it at the Coca Cola Centre, a twin arena. Just added in a pool, looking to get full use for teams. Working at getting motels online for good price to let teams know to start budgeting. Getting host team together.

## 7.3 Junior C Provincials

a) 2013 Report – Calgary

- Hockey Calgary hosted great event

b) 2014 Location – Noralta

- League hosted, arena TBD

## 7.4 Western Canadian Jr. B Championships

**A. Rawlake**

a) 2013 Report – St. Malo, MN

- Thanks to J. Lockhart for attending in place of A. Rawlake.
- Arena was less than spectacular, group has been created to rewrite manual for hosting/placing a bid that will include minimum requirements. We want this to be a top notch event.
- Games were competitive in the tournament.
- Okotoks Bisons received bronze, and were not pleased with how they finished.
- Nothing negative from Okotoks, the kids were happy to be there, as they had won the league but never won provincials before to continue on. Thanks to Wainwright for hosting a great event. Two players have been scouted and received scholarships.



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- b) 2014 Location – Abbotsford, BC
- If Northern Ontario is still in to host Westerns, we will not be going, and BC shows no interest in going either. Northern Ontario is in every second rotation to host.
  - 2015 Championships will be in Alberta, would like to set a host by, at least, the 2014 Provincial Championships.

## 7.5 Hockey Canada AGM Update

### A. Rawlake

- Represented in Charlottetown in May, participated in discussion towards National Jr. Championships. Concerns discussed are the competition levels, and largely centered around financials and work/school schedules. Many players are working/students; it is hard enough to take time for provincials.
- Almost every province agreed it would need to be a similar model to RBC, with funding model in place.
- Finances will be first issue, school and work second.
- The discussion continues, and growing slowly. The interest is coast to coast.
- Question was asked if it would be the same models as Jr. A in the sense of sending two teams? Will have to look at structure once finances are figured.
- Regional championships would dissolve. Potentially in the year 2017-18, but may be taken away before that.
- Outlaw leagues taking players from Ontario, the NE league has USA non-sanctioned leagues taking players. The issue is across the nation, of players moving for money.
- AJHL taking stance on player payments, not of our concern. There does not seem to be accusations of this anymore

## 7.6 Hockey Alberta Officials Report

### M. Tingstad

- Online learning to train officials, 3 ½ hrs, the removal of body checking will be a large focus. Many Jr. B players would make great officials, need numbers.
- Match penalties on officials up this year, Jr. B players are not biggest culprits. Would like to get word out that: threatening is a minimum 1 month suspension, and striking an official is 1 year minimum. Want to educate before rather than after.
- Defined point of emphasis: Checking to the head.
- A. Rawlake - 3 match penalties this year in Jr. B. Ops council looking at match penalty procedures.
- Want everyone to know their role: refs, club, and player. We are looking to lay out procedures at the club level, as volunteers are not sure of the process. Want it to be fair across the board. In one incident the player and club did not know what they were getting into. Senior could benefit from this as well.
- M. Tingstad – there are 6 referee zones, and each zone has match coordinator. Officials get ahold of them when there is an incident, and complete report. The call can be changed, to ensure correct call is being made. Report given to Hockey Alberta and they make a decision based upon report. There is an appeal process; and a hearing for serious calls.



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- A. Rawlake – players need to know process.

## 8.0 Adjournment

A. Rawlake

**Moved By:** A. Spence

**Seconded By:** B. McConky

To adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.