



SENIOR COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, June 15th, 2013

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ATTENDANCE: K. Marsh (Chair), L. Schmidt, R. Virgil, J. Stephens, T. Stephens, N. Ziegeman, R. Dodd, J. Lenz, K. Vreeling, J. McInnis, B. Williams, J. Hueppelsheuser, B. Forslund, S. Fraser, R. Sklaruk, G. Vanberg, C. DeCoursey, D. Butler, D. Lorencz, D. Edwards

ABSENT:

HOCKEY ALBERTA STAFF: J. Haluschak, M. Olesen

RECORDING SECRETARY: K. Bellamy

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Introductions

K. Marsh

- The meeting was called to order by Senior Council Chairman at 1:37pm.

1.2 Review of Voting Procedures

L. Schmidt

- The voting procedures were reviewed with all of the representatives present. With the changes in Hockey Alberta's governance, leagues do not carry a vote at this table, which is a change from last year. Representatives must also be in attendance at this meeting in order to vote. Mike Olesen stated that a bulletin describing the new voting procedures was sent out to leagues and teams on this change.

1.3 Roll Call of Delegates

L. Schmidt

2.0 Agenda

K. Marsh

2.1 Additions/Deletions

- There are two additions to the agenda:
 - Item 6.3 - Hockey Canada Regulation E.35(a)
 - Item 15.8 - Alberta Hockey Summit 2013

2.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: D. Edwards

Seconded By: J. Stephens

To approve the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3.0 Minutes of Senior Council Meeting – 2012 AGM

K. Marsh

3.1 Errors or Omissions

- None



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3.2 Approval

Moved By: G. Vanberg

Seconded By: D. Edwards

To approve the 2012 minutes as presented.

CARRIED

3.3 Business Arising from Minutes

- Provincial Play Procedure Section D 10.2 still needs to be cleaned up and updated from 2011.
- The Provincial Hosting Bid Guidelines for Senior AA/A as noted with the following motion that was passed by Senior Council in 2011 and re-affirmed in 2012.

Moved By: J. Lenz

Seconded By: J. Stephens

To approve that in all future Inter-Branch - McKenzie Cup (Alberta Hosted) games, the Senior "AAA" Provincial Final series, and the "AA/ A" Provincial Tournament that Goal Judges who are currently carded with Level 2 officiating certification or greater from that season will be used from the local referee zone.

CARRIED

- This 2011/2012 motion was re-affirmed by Council once again today.

Moved By: Jason Lenz

Seconded By: Jason Stephens

CARRIED

- Provincials – A team management suspension regulation is still needed as all leagues run differently and we need consistency.
- A Trophy Policy is required for Provincial Champions to adhere to any damages to trophies. Currently the draft 10.5 Trophy Policy is in the hands of HA Bylaws and Regulations Committee (BRC) for an amendment to the Senior Council regulations.

4.0 Senior Council Chair Report

K. Marsh

- K. Marsh presented highlights of the Senior Council Report and also advised that a full copy of the report can be found in the HA 2013 AGM Information Package.

5.0 Hockey Alberta Notices of Motion

L. Schmidt

5.1 Notice of Motion #1: Nominations

- L. Schmidt reviewed the motion, which is printed in the HA 2013 AGM Information Package. The motion does not allow names to be brought forward from the floor. The voting for this motion will be held tomorrow at the AGM meeting.

5.2 Notice of Motion #2: Transitional Provisions

- L. Schmidt reviewed the motion, which is printed in the HA 2013 AGM Information Package. The motion eliminates 4.3 Transitional Provisions as it is no longer needed to carry forward.



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6.0 Hockey Canada AGM Update

K. Marsh

6.1 Registration

- The Hockey Canada Board has passed the Senior Council motion to allow for 28 registered players at the Senior AAA level at the cutdown deadline. The Notice of Motion (F39) is in the Senior Council Meeting Package. **Note: Senior AA/A is status quo.**

6.2 Imports

- Senior Council discussed the motion that was passed at the Hockey Canada AGM in regards to imports at the Junior A level. The Notice of Motion (K30.1) is in the HA Senior Council Meeting Package.
- Does Senior Hockey need this kind of opening of the borders for the movement of its' players? There needs to be a work flow chart made to lay out the process of player movement.

6.3 Hockey Canada Regulation E35a

- *Included in the HA Senior Council Meeting Package is a reminder of the passed motion by Hockey Canada in November 2012 on the number of games an affiliated player can play.*

Miscellaneous Notes

- An Ottawa group might declare a team for the 2014 Allan Cup Play downs; however they are having trouble finding ice time. **August 15th** is the deadline date for declaration of participants for the Allan Cup.
- Quebec is preparing to declare a team for the 2015 Allan Cup.
- In the Maritime province's they are trying to get leagues formed to get another representative for the 2015 Allan Cup Tournament.
- Going forward, starting this season, the 2014 Regional Play-offs and Allan Cup Tournament will have a 4 man officiating crews. This was a passed motion at Senior Council at the Hockey Canada AGM.
- The Senior Council representatives from the respective "AAA" Branches that attended the Allan Cup in Red Deer congratulated Bentley Generals and their Host Committee for an outstanding display of Hockey and Hospitality.
- TSN AND Fast Hockey viewers numbers from the Televised Allan Cup Final game and the Internet Tournament games are in the Senior Council Meeting Package.
- K. Marsh was in discussions with the Hockey NFLD Labrador representative about a set of three exhibition games over the Thanksgiving weekend regarding the Bentley Generals or another CHL member team to promote the 2015 tournament in Clarendville. This would include a return engagement in Alberta (a two year deal).
- 2013 Senior Council AGM Minutes from Hockey Canada AGM are in the HA Senior Council Meeting Package.
- K. Marsh congratulated Jason and Ted Stephens and also the Sylvan Lake Admirals support staff for winning the Bronze Medal at the recent World IIHF Inline Hockey Championships in Germany.



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7.0 Hockey Alberta Officials Update

C. DeCoursey

- 7.1 New Rules for 2013-14 update
- Nothing new coming for this upcoming season.
- 7.2 Use of 4 man officiating crew for League games, Provincial and/or League Playoffs.
- If leagues want to go to 4 man officiating crews, they need to submit a proposal to their respective Zone Chairman.
 - Chinook Hockey League will receive 25% of their League games done this year, and will have more playoff games done as officials become available.

Miscellaneous Notes

- The Referee Council is actively recruiting and asked that if anyone knows of any players that want to officiate, there are 1 day clinics for officiating and Hockey Canada has developed a 3 hour e-learning online portion also.
- Teams then addressed Craig on Referee's doing Senior AAA games, they must know the League rules as last year problems arose when they and their Linesman did not.

8.0 Senior "AA/A" Provincials

K. Marsh

- 8.1 Recap of Provincials 2013 - Innisfail
- A letter was received from the Host Committee Chairman and was included in the HA Senior Council Meeting Package.
 - K. Marsh personally thanked Lee Kemp, Mike Bennett, Danny Daines, Ken Roberts, Shauna Wing, and especially the Town of Innisfail and its ice facilities staff who all went out of their way to make everyone enjoy the experience. K. Marsh also thanked all of the Tournament Volunteers that made the Senior AA /A Provincial Event a Success and congratulated all of the "AA" teams that attended.
 - The respective League offices and Hockey Alberta have been notified of the outstanding suspensions coming out of the tournament.
 - The tradition has continued as the All-Star Teams and Tournament Awards were provided by the Host Committee for the respective players.
- 8.2 2014 Provincials Host Application Deadline (Nov 15th or preferably sooner)
- Bid applications and Guidelines are sent out in early October.
 - Devon has expressed interest in hosting, even though they are only 30km away in the North East Zone.
- 8.3 2014 "AA/A" Provincial Dates – after Minor Hockey Provincials are finished
- AA/A Provincials will occur March 28 – 30, 2014.
 - All League play-offs must be finished no later than March 23, 2014.



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8.4 Provincials Schedule – Competition Format

- K. Marsh discussed the format that being a League Champion or a representative, a Host team, plus a Wildcard.
- Senior Council discussed how to determine the wildcard. It was suggested that maybe we could use the previous year's Provincial AA Champion. This will be discussed further in the next Presidents meeting.

Action Item for the League Presidents.... Classification of teams for affiliation purposes, use what deadline dates to get this done.

8.5 Provincial Boundaries for Tournament Host Bids - NORTHWEST

- K. Marsh referred to the HA Senior Meeting package for the 2012-13 paperwork for registered team and their zoning boundaries.

8.6 Senior B/C – Provincials / Categorization and Affiliation Discussion

- K. Marsh reviewed the Amendments to the Regulations and the Council discussed that it is still the wishes of Senior Council.

Moved by: K. Vreeling

Seconded by: D. Edwards

To reconfirm wishes of Senior Council to amend Regulation 9.0 Categorization to include a Senior B/C category.

CARRIED

- K. Marsh noted that the tournament must be on the same weekend as the AA/A Tournament or earlier, and all League playoffs must be finished no later than March 23rd, the same as in point 8.3 above.

9.0 Senior "AAA" (Allan Cup)

K. Marsh

9.1 Recap of 2013 Provincials and McKenzie Cup

- K. Marsh referred to his report in the HA 2013 AGM Information Package.
- No McKenzie Cup Play-down was required as both BC and Alberta had representatives' in the Allan Cup Tournament. The McKenzie Cup trophy was awarded to the highest place finisher at the Tournament, the Bentley Generals.
- The Trophy presentation Photograph is still to be received.
- K. Marsh gave special thanks to the Marsh Family and Chuck O'Neill for bringing the level of Senior Hockey up a notch once again with the MVP award.



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- 9.2 2013 Allan Cup Recap
- Stony Plain did not look out of place once again in their second straight tournament, but with a bit of bad luck while controlling and being ahead 2-0 midway in the second period of a round robin game an unexpected 1 hour delay took place. A player was slammed into the boards by an opponent, breaking them which took the Arena staff over an hour to repair and then the Eagles failed to score on the major penalty. They lost all their momentum in the game and finished last in their division. They then played the big men from the Rosetown Redwings, losing 4-1 in the quarter-finals.
 - The Bentley Generals defeated their opponent, the Clarenville Caribous', who bested them 5-3 two years earlier in the Kenora Allan Cup Tournament by the score of 3-0 on the nationally televised TSN game. The Generals were on a mission, never losing a game throughout the tournament by dominating their opponents by the score of 13-4 in 4 games while recording two shutouts. After they dominated the Alberta Provincials winning 8 of 8.
 - K. Marsh congratulated and thanked both organizations for representing Hockey Alberta in such a professional manner.
 - Plus or minus figures have a profit of around \$150,000 as the attendance was sold-out for each of the 11 games.
 - Host Committee Chairman Report is in the Senior Council Meeting Package.
- 9.3 2014 "AAA" Playdown Format (Hockey Alberta – Notice of Intent is due June 1st)
- K. Marsh noted that only 5 teams are registered this year and all teams are in the Chinook Hockey League. Will the League Play-offs determine the Provincial Champion this year, with only five teams registered 'AAA' in one League being entered in the Allan Cup Provincial Play down series all being a Best-of 7?
 - The 4 man system for officiating must be used.

Action Item... Hockey Alberta is to advise Hockey Canada of the declared AAA teams by the August 15th deadline.

- 9.4 2014 McKenzie Cup Playoff Format – BC Host – **Tentatively set for April 3rd – 7th**
These dates cannot be confirmed until August 15th deadline.
- K. Marsh stated that a McKenzie Cup (Inter-Branch) Regional agreement must be filed with the Branches offices.
 - The 4 man system for officiating must be used.
 - **The following action item and TWO (2) Motions are to be addressed.**

Action Item... A letter must be sent to Hockey BC stating that the Alberta AAA teams are not in favor of going to BC this year until things have been worked out on hosting the 5 game Series as the rotation is unacceptable due to the recent Allan Cup tournament in Alberta and as Alberta did not get to host the Pacific Championship in 2013.



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Motion By: T. Stephens

Seconded By: R. Sklaruk

When the McKenzie Cup is played, it is to be rotated between Alberta and BC, with Alberta to host the next series played.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion By: T. Stephens

Seconded By: R. Sklaruk

That the McKenzie Cup is to be a three game series and the series host team is required to forward the travel allowances bond, as per Hockey Canada Regulations (B47b), to the travelling teams' branch office, and the travelling allowances bond to be received by the travelling teams' branch office no later than seventy-two hours before the series play is scheduled to begin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 2014 Allan Cup

- The 2014 Allan Cup will be held in Dundas, Ontario starting on April 14th – 19th and the Host will be the Dundas Real McCoys.
- Teams were reminded that it is Easter weekend.

9.6 2015 / 2016 Allan Cup

- The 2015 Allan Cup will be held in Clarendville, NFLD and the Host will be the Clarendville Caribous. The 2016 Allan Cup will be held in Manitoba.

10.0 League President Reports

10.1 North Peace Hockey League (NPHL) – K. Vreeling gave a verbal report on behalf of the League.

- It was noted that the Horselake Chiefs was denied to come back upon the end of their one year leave of absence, as the League Bylaws state they would need to reapply at the spring meeting however they were not in attendance.
- Fort St. John is contemplating not going AAA, but it has not yet been made official, therefore they would be eligible for League playoffs.

10.2 Battle River Hockey League (BRHL) – report in the Senior Council Meeting package

- It was noted that teams are interested in joining the League while another longtime member, the Provost Blades, might be folding.

10.3 North Central Hockey League (NCHL) - report in the Senior Council Meeting package

- It was noted that NCHL has three new teams: Morinville Kings, Westlock Warriors, and Whitecourt Wild.
- Slave Lake Winter Hawks have reapplied and been accepted after a one year leave of absence.

10.4 SaskAlta Hockey League (SAHL) – report in the Senior Council Meeting Package



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- 10.5 Chinook Hockey League (CHL) - report in the Senior Council Meeting Package
 - The longtime President of the League, Mr. Ray Marsh, passed away half way through the season on Christmas Day.
 - George Vanberg was selected to become the new President of the League.
 - 10.6 Ranchland Hockey League (RHL) - report in the Senior Council Meeting Package
 - It was noted that there are teams interested in joining the League.
 - 10.7 East Central Senior Hockey League (ECSHL) - report in the Senior Council Meeting Package.
 - 10.8 Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) – nothing was filed
 - 10.9 Presidents Conference Calls Meeting Minutes – are in the HA Senior Council Meeting Package.

11.0 Carryover Suspensions – League Responsibilities

K. Marsh

- 11.1 League Statistics
 - K. Marsh stated each that Leagues must honor any of the other League suspensions.
 - Leagues must notify the Senior Chairman and also the Hockey Alberta office of any suspensions that carry over into the next year so that it can be noted in HCR.
 - With respect to the 2013 Provincials, suspensions of players/team officials for Game Misconducts/ Conduct were given out to the respective individuals at the games and hand delivered to the League offices.
 - Any Suspension carries over, even if you move to another League and the dates apply to the team in the League it was given in.
 - For Provincial Games, a Team Management Suspension Regulation is needed, as some Leagues already have one in their own regulations. This is just to reinforced that the HA Provincial Games are run the same way **(2012 action item)**.
 - Penalty statistics for each League and other Branch Leagues were included in the HA Senior Council Meeting Package.
(The NCHL and BRHL statistics' are still outstanding.)
- 11.2 Exhibition Games
 - K. Marsh stated that sanctions are needed for out-of-League / out-of Province Games so proper on-ice officials are in place.



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12.0 Trophy Policy

K. Marsh

12.1 Damage Deposits

- It was stated that teams are responsible for any damages to trophies and they will be charged to be refinished.
- The Hockey Alberta office is still in the process of making boxes for trophies.
- *A Trophy Policy is required for Provincial Champions to adhere to any damages to trophies. Currently the draft 10.5 Trophy Policy is in the hands of HA Bylaws and Regulations Committee (BRC) for an amendment to the Senior Council regulations (a 2012 action item).*

12.2 Trophy Return Date

- The trophy return date is December 1st. K. Marsh calls the team in possession of the Provincial Trophies prior to December 1st to give the team time to get it ready for pickup.

13.0 Communication

K. Marsh

13.1 League Press Releases

- League press releases are to be forwarded to K. Marsh so he can forward them to Hockey Alberta for promotion and to be posted on their website.

13.2 Distribution From All Parties

- Senior Council was asked that when replying to group e-mails use "reply ALL" so everyone is on the same page.
- K. Marsh stated that the weekly Alberta Senior Hockey Teams Standings and Rankings document is put together for the media to promote Leagues. The League offices should be distributing it to their respective media outlets and teams.
- K. Marsh also stated that the Hockey Canada Senior Hockey Recognition Award certificates are available to give out to volunteers and are a great way to appreciate your volunteers. Recognition can also be posted on the Hockey Alberta website.
 - An example was included in the HA Senior Council Meeting Package.

13.3 Communication Protocol

- The standard protocol for communication is in the following manner: Hockey Alberta Office to K. Marsh, K. Marsh to League Presidents, League Presidents to teams. When Hockey Alberta sends something out, the League Presidents must get it also, therefore current up to date contact information is essential.
- K. Marsh reminded the delegates that a delay of information when asked for affects all involved, so be prompt with your responses.

14.0 Election of Chairperson

L. Schmidt

- L. Schmidt reviewed the protocol for election of the Chairperson, which can also be found on page 34 of the HA 2013 AGM Information Package.
- L. Schmidt announced that Kim Marsh has been elected by acclamation as the Senior Council Chairman for 2013-14.



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15.0 New Business

K. Marsh

15.1 Alberta Senior Hockey League Standings

- The Alberta Senior Hockey League Standings and Rankings package is printed in the HA Senior Council Meeting Package.

15.2 League Constitution and Bylaws

- L. Schmidt noted that each League must forward its respective Bylaws each year to Hockey Alberta. Bylaw Change Submissions must be sent in prior to June 30 of the current year complete with the breakdown of the officers of the League.

15.3 League Contacts

- K. Marsh reminded the delegates to ensure League contacts are updated, so that he and the HA office can keep all of the Council members informed.

15.4 League Exhibition and League Regular Season Schedules

- League offices are to send K. Marsh their exhibition and league schedules. When setting up League exhibition games, get them to your League President and your respective Zone Referee in Chief.

15.5 Rule Changes

- K. Marsh noted that May 30 was the deadline for submissions for the 2014-15 season. Changes are made every two years and the HC rulebook states that.
- The following motions have been confirmed once again June 15, 2013:

Motion By: J. Stephens

Seconded By: J. Lenz

To allow Senior Hockey Leagues the option to use of the Rule Supplement for the two-fight rule like the Junior "A" Leagues.

Carried Unanimously

Kim Marsh to take this motion to the Hockey Alberta Operations Council.

Motion By: J. Stephens

Seconded By: J. Lenz

To reverse the Game Misconduct rule for Senior Hockey. Wording to state (excluding Senior Hockey).

Playing Rule 4.6 (c) Game Ejection/ Game Misconduct

Any player or team official (excluding Senior Hockey) who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last ten minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days. A total of ten minutes shall be charged against the player for a Game Misconduct.

Carried Unanimously

Kim Marsh to take this motion to the Hockey Alberta Operations Council.



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Action Item.... K. Marsh confirmed these motions once again and was asked to take these motions once again to the Hockey Alberta Operations Council and the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors.

- Senior Council discussed how to get these motions passed at the Hockey Canada level. These motions have been brought forward for three consecutive years. L. Schmidt stated that the protocol is that these motions go from the Senior Council table, to Operations Council, to the Board of Directors, and then the Board of Directors takes it to Hockey Canada. Why has the former Board of Directors and Operations Committee never addressed them, who is dropping the ball after the Senior Council AGM Minutes are filed with the HA office?
- K. Marsh noted that the chart for referee rates is in the Senior Council Meeting Package and that next year Hockey Alberta will discuss increasing the rates.

15.6 Provincial Play-downs and Provincial Tournament Hosting Manual of Rules and Regulations Specific to Senior Hockey

- A Provincials Hosting Manual complete with the Tournament Rules and Regulations strictly for Senior Hockey is to be formed. This is to be sent to the respective league offices for them to address before their representative comes to the tournament.

15.7 Websites – Leagues and teams

- K. Marsh stated that all Leagues need to create or update their websites to keep everyone informed. He credited the websites that are currently being administered and stressed the usefulness of them to obtain information.

15.8 HA Alberta Hockey Summit 2013

- K. Marsh announced the Alberta Hockey Summit is in Banff August 22-24. The purpose is to touch on everybody involved in hockey and where the sport is going.
- K. Marsh stated that he would like to see some Senior Council members in attendance.

16.0 Adjournment

K. Marsh

Moved By: J. Stephens

Seconded By: K. Vreeling

To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

- Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.



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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS started amongst the delegates involving insurance dental claims and the protocol of how claims work and why they are still outstanding as of today (i.e. Stony Plain).

Action Item...J. Haluschak will look into the Stony Plain claim and get back to R. Sklaruk and K. Marsh.