



Southern Alberta Women's Hockey Association Meeting
Sponsored by Chartwell Retirement
AGM- Saturday April 13, 2019, 10am, WinSport, Room #2

1. Call to Order 10:09 am

2. Roll Call of Teams Warriors missing

3. Determination of a Quorum Determined

4. Agenda

 4.1. Additions/Deletions None

 4.2. Approval of Agenda Approved

5. Special Guests

 5.1 Chartwell Retirement

 If anyone is looking for information on Financial Advisors or Medical advisors for Seniors or older adults Chartwell is a great place to contact. They want family members to feel reassured that their loved ones are secure, active and engaged while living in one of our retirement or long-term care residences.

 5.2 Grindstone Award

 The Grindstone Award Foundation is a charity that enables young female players to participate and improve their skill development in the sport of hockey. The intent is to provide support to communities across Canada and address the needs of players who have a desire to play, but are unable to for financial reasons. All of their funding comes from donations so please consider helping out this great foundation. They are on social media so please "Like" their Facebook page. Their website is www.grindstonfoundation.com

 5.3 FWHAS--- Patti Newfield

 The society is still in place and all assets are intact. They are currently working with the city/SAWHA on actions going forward. The city understands that Women's hockey needs a home and are working on finding a new arena. If you know anyone who has influence please contact Patti.

6. Approval of minutes of last Meeting

 Approved

 6.1 Business arising from the minutes. None

7. Executive Reports

7.1. President – Katie McGillivray Elgie

 Congratulations to the following tier winners:

- Tier 1--- Fossils
- Tier 2—Ice Hawks
- Tier 3-- Riccochet
- Tier 4—Lights out

- Tier 5—Bullets
- Tier 6—Foxes
- Tier 7—Beiseker Bullets

Congratulations to the sportsmanship award winners for the season. These teams have the lowest penalty minutes in their tier.

- Tier 1--Fossils
- Tier 2—Red Deer
- Tier 3—Stray Cats
- Tier 4—Ricochets
- Tier 5-- Hockey Honeys
- Tier 6—Killer Bees
- Tier 7—Falcons (6 minutes total)

Thank you to all of the teams for their patience this season as we worked through a number of situations. We are continuing to work with the city to try and secure ice times that were similar to what we had at Fairview. We will be sending out a survey to the membership within the next few weeks to collect some information to help plan for the upcoming season. The information we will be looking for includes things like number of games, play off structure. Please look for this email and try and respond within a timely manner. Ice contracts are starting to come out and we will need to make decisions on number of ice times amongst other things moving forward.

There have been a few inquires if we have a inclusion policy within SAWHA. There is not currently an inclusion policy; however, we recognize that there may be a need for one. As such, we have started to consultations with other governing bodies (Hockey Alberta, Canlan) to get an idea of what is included in their policies and what may be appropriate for SAWHA. Once this policy is developed it will be brought forward to the membership.

Conversation around player safety--- a few injuries that have occurred that have left players off of work and have impacted their lives for months. While the season is over, we just want to take this time to remind players that everyone has a responsibility in keeping the game safe and fun. We are women that have jobs, families and responsibilities outside of the hockey rink. There have been some requests to have a discussion about player safety. We will postpone this discussion until the September league meeting.

Reminder that May 1st is the deadline for tier movement requests. Requests need to be sent to the President.

Thank you to our board members for their hard work this season. I appreciate that each of these women took time away from their personal life to help make SAWHA run for this season.

7.2. Vice President – Alyshia Pretulac

- Thank you to everyone for your patience while we implemented the new system. There are a few minor changes to make over the summer and it should be ready for the start of next season.

7.3. Director - Referee Co-ordinator – Mandy Runcie

- The plaques have been engraved and updated with new pictures of the winners
- Referee evaluation form is now on the website. To find it select league info and then it's under helpful tips.
- I would encourage all of you to consider refereeing next season. We need more refs who understand and are passionate about female hockey encourage all of you to consider refereeing next season. Please reach out to me if you want more information.

7.4. Director - Scheduling – Debbie Burke

League

- 1 cancellation to report since last meeting – mistake on the date entered into the system by myself - Teams treated as tie. – Thank you

2. Playoffs:

- As mentioned, Tier 2, 4 & 6 trialed a tournament-like playoff weekend. Some details:
 - Round 1 games were played prior to the weekend (or prior to the main day)
 - Round 2-3 or 3-4 were played on a singular day
 - Semi Final and Finals were played on separate days
 - Initial feedback is that teams are mixed. Some enjoyed the condensed format – but would prefer the entire playoff series was held in the 2-3 days rather than only partially condensed. And others just didn't like that there wasn't enough notice for the weekend they would be playing. (I will add to this based on additional feedback I receive directly - **if anyone receives anything, please forward it along to me**)
- 1 game was rescheduled due to late notice changes in the playoff schedule, causing availability concerns for teams affected by the change.

3. Scheduling prep for teams for over the summer – reminders and review

- a. Prepare for your next season by:
 - i. Contacting / Following up with your preferred ice arena's to determine how your team can apply for an ice permit or when you will be hearing if your team is successful
 - ii. Remember that ice permits are due to the league by August 15, but ending a draft early is appreciated
 - iii. For those who get ice permits, contact the Scheduler before finalizing your contract.
 - iv. Blackout dates are due on August 15, but earlier advice is appreciated.

7.5. Director of Discipline & Game Reports – Susan Beirnes

- Thank you for getting all game info in fast during the playoffs
- There is one hold-over suspension for next year
- Gamesheet checkers will now be empowered to administer the admin fines such as late game entries, etc.

7.6. Director of Finance – Joanne Powell

Statement of Operations 2018/2019

- We ended the year with a net variance to budget of positive \$2,400. This is mainly due to the website savings of 1,500 and an additional \$900 savings in admin expense.

Highlights:

- The website expense savings is due to the delayed website launch and scheduling issues we faced at the beginning of the season.
- Ice costs are slightly higher compared to budget due to the Jack Setters Arena closure.
- We received Casino funds last summer in the amount of 70k. And we have allocated 2/3 of this amount to teams this season.
- Motion to approve the 2018/2019 Financials - **APPROVED**

7.7. Director of Administration & Registration – Kelly Matthews

Not much to report except to say thank for your patience with the growing pains this season. I think the system is going to work really well going forward with a few little tweaks over the summer.

7.8 Director of Communications – Jillian Szoke

We are looking for options for a social for next year. Please send in your thoughts and ideas

7.9. Director of League Development – Cheryl Setchell

- Thank you to all who attended the development sessions. We would like to add some more sessions for next year with the possibility of also adding some off-ice sessions and goalie development. If there is something specific you would like to see please let Cheryl know.
- Info will be added to the website on how to join SAWHA and we are working on getting the Player Finder working for next year.
- We will look at bringing in the mentorship program to lower tiers
- The next casino is May 2020

8. Elections:

8.1 Director – Referee Co-ordinator (for a one-year term)

Current: Mandie Runcie

Will you let your name stand? **No**

Nomination of **_Dani Chicoine_____** by **Mandy**

Accepted by Nominee: **Yes**

Call for other Nominees: **None**

Successful Candidate: **Dani**

Voted by: **All**

8.2 Director – Discipline and Game Reports

Current: Susan Beirnes

Will you let your name stand? **No**

Nomination of **_Mandy_____** by **Susan**

Accepted by Nominee: **Yes**

Call for other Nominees: **None**

Successful Candidate: **Mandy**

Voted by: **All**

- 8.2 President
Current: Katie Elgie
Will you let your name stand? No
Nomination of Susan Beirnes by Katie Elgie
Accepted by Nominee: Yes
Call for other Nominees: None
Successful Candidate: Susan
Voted by: All
- 8.3 Director – Registration and Administration (for a one-year term)
Current: Kelly Matthews
Will you let your name stand? No
Nomination of Alyssa Mah by Kelly Matthews
Accepted by Nominee: Yes
Call for other Nominees: None
Successful Candidate: Alyssa
Voted by: All
- 8.4 Director – Scheduling
Current: Debbie Burke
Will you let your name stand? No
Nomination of Kelly Matthews by Debbie Burke
Accepted by Nominee: Yes
Call for other Nominees: Steph Leslie
Successful Candidate: Kelly Matthews
Voted by: Majority
- 8.5 Director – Communications
Current: Jill Szoke
Will you let your name stand? No
Nomination of Debbie Burke by Kelly Matthews
Accepted by Nominee: Yes
Call for other Nominees: Sharon Howland
Successful Candidate: Sharon Howland
Voted by: Majority
- 8.6 Director – Finance
Current: Joanne Powell
Will you let your name stand? Yes
Nomination of _____ by?
Accepted by Nominee: Yes
Call for other Nominees: None
Successful Candidate: Joanne Powell
Voted by: All
- 8.7 Director – League Development
Current: Cheryl Setchell
Will you let your name stand? Yes
Nomination of _____ by?
Accepted by Nominee: Yes
Call for other Nominees: None
Successful Candidate: Cheryl Setchell
Voted by: All

9.0 Volunteer Positions

- 9.1 SAWHA is asking for volunteers, one per tier, to assist with the 2019/2020 league schedule.
- 1) Tier 1 – Volunteers will be assigned to a tier at a later date
 - 2) Tier 2 – Laura Milne (Free Wheelers), Rachel Beaulieu (ANHL)
 - 3) Tier 3 – Steph Leslie (Vapour), Virginia Fraser (Ice Pack)
 - 4) Tier 4 – Meghan Draper (Ricochets), Erin Baker (Ricochets)
 - 5) Tier 5 – Jamie Guslan (Ricochets)
 - 6) Tier 6 –
 - 7) Tier 7 –
- 9.2 SAWHA is asking for volunteers to assist with the game report review of league game sheets.
- 1) Tier 1 – Volunteers will be assigned to a tier at a later date
 - 2) Tier 2 – Danielle Carlson (Flying V's), Sheri Aldag-Levy (Wild)
 - 3) Tier 3 – Erin Lloyd (ANHL), Suzy Sochowski (?????-tier 7)
 - 4) Tier 4 – Joanna Bonneville (Spartan)
 - 5) Tier 5 –
 - 6) Tier 6 –
 - 7) Tier 7 –

10. Unfinished Business/New Business

i. Discussion on why an Admin is needed

Admin Role Update:

- We've mentioned at a previous meeting the need for an admin role for SAWHA to take on the demanding tasks throughout the season. We've determined that as there are many Board tasks that can be passed on to the Admin role. We would like to start small and manageable in order to properly on-board the right individual. We have created a job description and will begin to recruit this summer. We would prefer to recruit from within and ask that all team reps please forward on this information to your teammates before we search externally.
- We've estimated the # of hours required on a monthly basis and are assuming that a total annual requirement would be between 200-250 hours for the 2019/2020 season. With the bulk of hours needed for scheduling during Aug through to Mar.
- What this means for all teams is an increase in fees of about \$100-\$250 per team. We will have actual fees determined in time for the 2019/2020 season.
- The job will be part time and will be posted on our website

ii. Motion to increase the registration fee from \$300 to \$500 per team

MOTION PASSED

11. Next Meeting – Fall 2019

12. Adjournment – 11:26 am