



Southern Alberta Women's Hockey Association Meeting
Indefinite Arts Centre - (Fairview Arena Complex)
Monday November 20, 2017 (7pm)

1. Call to Order **7:05pm**
2. Roll Call of Teams **3 teams did not have a representative**
3. Determination of a Quorum **Determined**
4. Agenda
 - 4.1. Additions/Deletions
 - **Sharon Howland- Spring League registration**
Spring league has 14 teams and runs from April until the 3rd week in June.
Registration deadline in January 15
 - **Rec Tier player substitutions**
Tier 5 players cannot sub for Rec Tier unless they were grandfathered in. When the rec tier was brought in we allowed some players to play on both teams or we would not have had enough players for the rec tier. These players were already playing on both teams when the Rec tier came to SAWHA.
 - 4.2. Approval of Agenda **Approved**
5. Approval of minutes of last Meeting
 - 5.1 Business arising from the minutes **None**
6. Executive Reports
 - 6.1. President – Katie McGillivray Elgie**
 - We wanted to thank the Ice Pack for their willingness to move up when the AX team requested to come down to tier 5. The Ice Pack's willingness to move up to tier 5 made it significantly easier to accommodate AX request to move down as we did not need to redo the whole schedule. Thank you to Carissa and LAK for their work on the schedule to make this move happen.
 - We wanted to take a minute to remind teams that they need to review the code of conduct. We have had a number of incidents this season that warrant this reminder. Under no circumstances are discrimination of any form acceptable on the ice. SAWHA needs to be a safe place for all to play. Teams need to remember that they need to respect their self, others and follow personal maturity and constant vigilance with respect to safety, as well as personal, team, and league character and integrity.
 - There have been some communications to the Board about the level of competition including a wide range of teams in tiers and some lopsided games in the tiers this season. One of SAWHA's objectives is to create a space where teams enjoy the game of hockey and to keep the game at a fun yet competitive level. The board has discussed going back to doing seeding rounds every year but we recognize that this doesn't necessarily solve the problem and creates a lot of work. We've also discussed tier re-alignment creating an additional tier to help accommodate

the differences in abilities in tiers. However, this also doesn't necessarily change the problem because teams change over the years and throughout the season. As such, if anyone has any suggestions or thoughts on tier structure and competition within the tier please let us know (via email.)

- A number of positions on the board have become very large jobs and we are taking up many hours of our board members lives. We are fortunate that we have a dedicated team of volunteers on the board; however, we are in the process of re-examining the board positions and distribution of work to try and redistribute the work that we have so that we are more effective. As we move forward we will update you on any changes. On that note, we also need to remind our members that the board is made up of volunteers. There are times when we are not able to respond to a request immediately. Please continue to communicate with the board in a respectful manner and be mindful of their time.
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6.2. Vice President – Alyshia Pretulac

- SAWHA casino dates are Monday May 7 and Tuesday May 8 at Calgary Casino. Details to follow.
- Rocky Ridge YMCA waiver to be filled out and signed by ALL players before February opening. Players missing a waiver will not be able to step on the ice. The waiver was emailed out to team reps today. You can mail them to Fairview or drop them in the SAWHA mailbox in the lobby of Fairview when complete. Please have them addressed to VP SAWHA.
- All Waivers are due by Jan. 6

6.3. Director - Referee Co-ordinator – Mandy Runcie

- Thank you to all teams that have submitted evaluations. 2 referees have been removed from officiating in SAWHA based on the evaluations that I have received. So, keep filling out the evaluations, good and bad
- It's important to do the good evaluations so we can request the good refs for playoffs.

6.4. Director of Scheduling & Officiating – Carissa Ottenbreit

- It is very difficult to find ice times for game cancellations. Please use the sub system to get enough players so we don't have to cancel games for lack of players.

6.5. Director of Discipline & Game Reports – Susan Beirnes

- Please stop abusing the refs.
- We have handed out 11 suspensions so far this year. There were 19 total suspensions all of last year.
- Please remember to put team names and dates on all game sheets so we don't have to look them up. It is very time consuming.

6.6. Director of Finance – Joanne Powell

- December payments are due by the 15th of Dec.

6.7. Director of Administration & Registration – Kelly Matthews

- Thank you to everyone for continuing to send in their updated rosters.
- We are looking into purchasing a new league and team management platform called The Players Bench
 - Has a built-in scheduling system which would save hours of manual work for our Scheduler.
 - You can use it to make payments to the league
 - Each player has their own Player's Bench account and players are associated to a team.
 - You can only view your own team.
 - **Central access point for information**
 - Online registration
 - Secured online payments
 - Schedule, Stats, Standings, and more
 - Attendance Tracker and Line-Ups
 - League and Team Messaging
 - Could possible act as our new website and save teams the money of using Team Snap.
 - Cost is \$1500 for the SalesForce License (League cover cost?) and then it is \$7 per player to register.
- We would like to have some neutral people test this so it is not just a board decision.

6.8. Director of Fairview – Leslie Ann Kalman

- Not much to report from Fairview today. You may have noticed that we have installed soap and paper towel dispensers in the dressing room washrooms. Please dispose of paper towels in the dressing room garbage cans. The toilets and urinals are not the right place!

6.9. Director of Communications & Advertising – Jillian Szoke

- Tickets were passed out for the SAWHA Social, which takes place on Jan. 14
- Each team will receive 30 tickets
- There will be a food drive at the game. Each Tier will have a bin and we will have a contest to see who can fill their bin the fullest.
- We will be doing a 50/50 draw at the game so there is a volunteer opportunity here. We need 8 volunteers.

6.10. Director of League Development – Cheryl Setchell

- There will be a Skill Development Survey sent out in the near future to determine if there is interest in in SAWHA hosting some development sessions
- Is there any interest in a Master's Tier for 2018-2019? (+45)
- Volunteering for the Inferno- The Calgary Inferno are always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of duties. Kristin Hagg is the contact if you are interested. More information can be found at: <http://calgary.thecwhl.com/team/job-opportunities>

7. Unfinished Business/New Business

8. Next Meeting – Monday Jan. 29, 7pm at IDAS

9. Adjournment 7:47pm