

**Coaldale Minor Hockey Association
Coaldale Community Center
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2024
7:00 pm**



1. Call to Order
 - a. 7:04pm by Jessica
2. Additions/ Deletions and Approval of the Agenda

Jessica motions to approve AGM Agenda as presented. Darren 2nds. Carried.
3. Minutes from 2023 AGM
 - a. Brandon motions to approve 2023 AGM Meeting Minutes as presented. Ryan 2nds. Carried.
4. Annual awards
 - a. Parent Volunteer Award – Bobbi Jo & Ryan Di Loreto
 - i. Helped with 3 tournaments, managed a U9 team, coached dryland training for U11 & U13
 - b. Referee of the Year –
 - i. Senior referee – Rob McNeill
 1. He always stepped up when a calm/authoritative ref was needed, and was available when needed
 - ii. Junior referee – Kashtyn Magyes
 1. Was respectful, attentive, enthusiastic, loves the game.
 - c. Coach of the Year –Sean Bryan
 - i. Has coached U7 consistently for many years, and always available to help out.
5. Financial Overview Presentation
 - a. Cash balance is down a bit, spent the restricted Casino dollars
 - b. Investments comparable to last year
 - c. Inventory went way down from previous year

- d. \$200,000 assets in organization
 - e. Expenses went up, but still had a surplus for the year.
 - f. **Chad motions to approve the 2022 Financial Report as presented by AVAIL.**
Sean 2nds. Carried.
6. 2023 - 2024 Season Overview
- a. Successes
 - i. Record Bottle Drive Profits – over \$800/team (3rd year in a row)
 - ii. Cobras night at the copperheads (2nd year in a row)
 - iii. Golf Tournament in August
 - iv. Halloween Cabaret
 - v. Spring 50/50 Rafflebox
 - vi. Kona Ice Fundraiser at U7 Tournament
 - b. CMHA Team Review
 - i. 12 teams – 166 players
 - ii. U5 – 9 new
 - iii. U7 – 39
 - iv. U9 – 27
 - v. U11 – 37
 - vi. U13 – 18
 - vii. U15 – 15
 - viii. U18 – 20
 - ix. 8 to AA/AAA
 - x. 10 to female hokey
 - xi. 9 to mustangs
 - xii. Imported kids for U15 and U18
 - xiii. Creation of U5 division
 - xiv. Hosted tournaments for all divisions
 - c. Playoffs
 - i. All teams U11 and up competed in playoffs.
 - d. Community Involvement
 - i. Celebrate Main – Hotdog fundraiser / parade

- ii. Halloween Cabaret Fundraiser
- iii. U18 - Soup Kitchen
- iv. U11 White – adopted family for Christmas
- v. Other teams sponsored families also

e. Challenges

- i. Challenges in Team Selection for U9 and U11
- ii. 2 B Teams in U11
 - 1. Was done because the C team in our division would have struggled
- iii. Oversize teams in U13 and U18
- iv. Ice Availability – continuing problem
- v. CAHL Playoff scheduling
 - 1. Look into moving U7 tournament out of March to not interfere with playoffs
- vi. Coaches were hard on the refs this year (both home and visiting team coaches)

f. Surveys – 85 responses

- i. More discussion on team split when 3 teams in a division (A/B/C vs A/B/B)
- ii. Second sheet of ice wanted
- iii. Independent Evaluator for tryouts in U11

g. Thank you to our Sponsors!

7. 2024 - 2025 Season Priorities

a. Team Size Estimates

- i. U5 – 10
- ii. U7 – 35
- iii. U9 – 35
- iv. U11 – 34
- v. U13 – 25
- vi. U15 – 18
- vii. U18 – 21

- viii. Total estimated at 178 players
 - b. Evaluate Tournament Dates
 - i. U9 and U7 both will be moved again
 - c. Fundraising Policy / clarity
 - i. CMHA Sponsorship (look into making it more equal)
 - d. Referee Recruitment
 - e. Jersey Replacement Sponsorship
 - f. LiveBarn in Coaldale – working with the town
 - g. Registration will be open June 1st – Fees will be set in May
 - h. Hosting Golf Tournament again – Date TBD
8. Open floor for questions from membership
- a. Can we bump some kids from U11 to U13 to even out divisions? New board to make decision on player movement between divisions
 - b. Should the Bylaws be re-evaluated since the current ones are from 2018. [Bylaws were filed, and need to be finalized within an AGM and take a long time. Our guidelines however, do change a lot]. They were compared our bylaws to similar communities, and it's suggested we look at setting up something similar.
 - c. Independent Evaluators for U11 -shouldn't we look at it for all divisions? Yes – we would look at it for across the association.
 - i. Parents did like the lottery system for U7 and U9
 - d. Too far to travel for the C team for U11? There wasn't anything further than what we had in Tier 5, was that a benefit?
 - e. How soon would coaches know about them being coaches?
 - i. Would independent evaluators push coach decisions back too far?
 - f. Comment: U9 full ice games was amazing for prep to U11
 - g. Thanks to Pat Davey for the shooting clinic, it was very successful. Can we do more, and sooner in the season?
 - h. Can U7 and U9 practices run group practices better, when they're sharing the ice

- i. Adds that the practice was tiered, so each group got pushed and helped even out the teams (similar to United). Put aside egos and work together.
- i. Refresh back to U7 tournament time – is the end of March a good idea? What about the fees, how do we spend our funds? Have they checked out by end of March? What if we float the U7 funds for each year
- j. What about kid helpers on the ice?
 - i. What about taking the Activity in Leadership course?
- k. We could Raise Tournament Fees for our tournament, and give some money to the tournament coordinators to work with, right off the hop.
- l. Suggestion to start a tournament committee that works with all tournaments and makes a gameplan for the season for all tournaments, at the start of the season
- m. Would the board look at someone coming in to help with Coach Development? Ie, 2 years ago Wade Klippenstein came in and did a coach mentorship. This year did the coaches site subscription instead. But it would be helpful to have coach development.
- n. Is there a mission statement? There is so much discrepancy between the different teams, even within the same division
- o. U18 raised a lot of extra money, but was realistic about it, and donated back to CMHA. Should we consider sponsorship to not be used for apparel?
- p. Should we increase registration, and have the division buy apparel items instead?
 - i. Lots of ideas for fundraising too, like the skate slides
- q. Suggested we find a way to better promote with the town of Coaldale to ensure more knowledge around upcoming fundraisers
- r. Is there a concern about second year U9 kids leaving to go play full-ice in other associations (ie, Mustangs).
- s. Why do we stay in CAHL? Taber, Vauxhall etc?

9. Board of Directors Election – 7 positions available, 11 interested. Came to a vote, these people were voted in for the 7 available positions:

- a. Sean
- b. Jessica
- c. Tracey
- d. Pat
- e. Jamie
- f. Jeremey
- g. Kevin
- h. **Ryan motions to accept all directors as elected. TJ 2nds. Carried.**

10. 50/50 Raffle Box Draw

- a. Kim Hoytos winner of \$235!

11. Free Registration Draw

- a. Jessica Hoffman winner of Free Registration!

12. Adjourn

- a. Jessica at 8:40pm