

Red Deer Pond Hockey AGM
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2025 6:30pm
Alberta Sports Hall of Fame

Attendance: Corrie Ryder, Jordan Collier, Joel Nelson, Karen Unterschultz, Stephanie Taylor, Kendall Frayn, Sterling Lyon, Michelle Moore, Scott Christianson, John Obleinius

Regrets: Jessica Belter, Richard Davidson, Tara Moore, Kaiden Hunter

Guests; Jessica – City of Red Deer, Seth VanHavere, Cassie Henderson, Rebecca Lyons

Welcome & Introduction by Board President

Review of Agenda – Motion to accept agenda as presented by Stephanie Taylor, Seconded by Kendal Frayn.

Review of 2023-2024 AGM Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept meeting minutes by Kendall Frayn, Seconded by Jordan Collier

Executive Report – 2024-2025 Season 488 players, 120 coach/managers, 37 teams. We hosted 2 goalie camps, skate-a-rama and equipment exchange. Continued to use outlying arenas, especially due to the fact that the Kinsmen arena was down for the first half of the season. It was a good season with very little issues involving disciplinary actions etc. This was our best year ever for Skate-A-Rama, we had 40-50 referees. There was no change in ice fees over the last season due the Kinsmen arena being down, however the City did announce that ice fees would be increasing for next season. This season had the highest rate of players that were new to Pond Hockey, almost 50% of our players this year were new to us.

Treasurer Report – Registration numbers were consistent this year, we planned for an increase in ice fees, but the city postponed those increases due to the Kinsmen arena closure. Fundraising was up due to a successful skate-a-rama and a generous donation. We had a surplus in revenues of \$30,000 as of April, part of this surplus is that our ice fees were less as he had a large credit on account from the previous season as we overpaid. However we are expecting some expenses to come in before year end with the purchase of some new goalie equipment that was previously approved in the budget. City of Red Deer advised there will be an increase in fees of 4% this year then 10-11% over the next 3-4 years.

Due to the increased ice fees a fee increase of \$25 per division is being proposed for the next season. Additional updates to the fee structure is that we are introducing an Early bird discount this year. We will open registration early (July 15th) and if you register before August 1st you will pay last years fees. There was also much discussion surrounding the volunteer bond, we have found that it is always the same individuals who step up to volunteer, and there is a lot of time involved in the refunding and tracking of volunteer hours, as such it was decided that we will run a trial year of having no volunteer bond and coming up with other alternatives to encourage volunteering, whether ti is a large amount towards team parties or things of that nature. Or alternatively, we will enforce mandatory volunteering, and automatically sign people up for roles.

Statement of Earnings
Nine Month Period Ended April 30, 2025

	2025 <i>(9 months)</i>	2024
REVENUE		
Registrations	\$ 110,282	\$ 107,518
Fundraising and sponsorships	41,433	50,687
Interest income	2,109	2,984
Miscellaneous	895	-
	<u>154,719</u>	<u>161,189</u>
EXPENSES		
Ice and facility rental	48,230	63,642
Insurance	27,371	32,253
Referee fees	25,733	26,289
Team parties	6,528	5,448
Interest and bank charges	3,741	5,681
Equipment and jerseys	3,394	9,388
Storage	2,646	2,476
Accounting and legal	2,625	2,625
Photography	1,588	-
Office and supplies	1,173	500
Goalie camp	1,077	1,314
Coaches	814	1,684
	<u>124,920</u>	<u>151,300</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 29,799	\$ 9,889

	2025/2026 Budget
REVENUE	
Registration	130,000
Fundraising and sponsorship	40,000
Interest income	1,200
Miscellaneous income	-
	<u>\$ 171,200</u>
EXPENSES	
Ice and Facility rental	70,000
Referee Fees	30,000
Insurance	30,000
Equipment and jerseys	7,000
Team parties	7,000
Accounting and legal	3,000
Storage	3,000
Office and supplies	2,500
Interest and bank charges	4,000
Photography	1,700
Goalie camp	1,500
Coaches	1,500
	<u>\$ 161,200</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 10,000

The Red Deer Pond Hockey League
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

	2024/2025 Budget	2024/2025 Actual	Difference
REVENUE			
Registration	120,000	110,282	(9,718)
Fundraising and sponsorship	48,000	41,433	(6,567)
Interest income	2,000	2,109	109
Miscellaneous income	-	895	895
	<u>\$ 170,000</u>	<u>\$ 154,719</u>	<u>(15,281)</u>
EXPENSES			
Ice and Facility rental	75,000	48,230	(26,770)
Referee Fees	30,000	25,733	(4,267)
Insurance	36,000	27,371	(8,629)
Equipment and jerseys	7,000	3,394	(3,606)
Team parties	6,000	6,528	528
Accounting and legal	3,000	2,625	(375)
Storage	3,000	2,646	(354)
Office and supplies	3,000	1,173	(1,827)
Interest and bank charges	4,000	3,741	(259)
Goalie camp	1,500	1,077	(423)
Coaches	1,500	814	(686)
Photography	-	1,588	1,588
	<u>\$ 170,000</u>	<u>\$ 124,920</u>	<u>\$ (45,080)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,799</u>	<u>\$ 29,799</u>

Sterling Lyon made a motion for registration fees to increase by \$25 per division for the 2025-2026 season. Seconded by Kendall Frayn – All in favor

Scott Christianson made a motion to dissolve the volunteer bond for the 2025-2026 season on a trial basis. Seconded – Stephanie Taylor - 9 voted in favor; 1 voted against – motion carried.

Jordan Collier Made a motion to accept the 2025-2026 budget as presented, Seconded by Sephanie Taylor – all in favor.

Question following voting from Seth, how much of the volunteer bonds were actually refunded? Jordan confirmed 178 people received a refund. However this number is subjective as only 1 bond per family was charged, so families with multiple players would have only played once. Ok

FIRST ROUND OF NOMINATIONS:

VOTING POSITIONS

- President – Sterling Lyon nominates John Oblienius, Seconded by Scott Christianson. Nomination accepted
- Vice President (1 Year Term) – Michelle Moore nominates Kendall Frayn, seconded by Corrie Ryder. Nomination accepted
- Governance & Policy – John Oblienius nominates Tara Moore, seconded by Corry Ryder, nomination accepted.

NON-VOTING POSITIONS

- Scheduler – Joel Nelson nominates Jamie Nelson, seconded by Corrie Ryder, Nomination accepted
- Sponsorship- Scott Christensen nominated himself, seconded by Sterling Lyon.
- Division Coordinators – incumbent – Karen Unterschultz, Kaiden Hunter, Stephanie Taylor, all agreed to continue their roles as division coordinators, no new nominations at this time.
- Administration Assistant – Michelle Moore nominates Cassie Henderson, seconded by Kendall Frayn. Nomination accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

- Registration fee increase \$25 per division
- 4% ice fee increase for City fo Red Deer for next season, then 10-11% over next 3-4 years. No indications yet from Penhold, or Red Deer Poly regarding any changes to their fees, though we expect an increase will occur.
- Early Bird registration – Registrtaion will open July 15th, and close 2 weeks earlier September 1st to allow team building time.
- Will host a parent meeting again this year as it was extremely well received.
- Will host coached meetings with possible on ice sessions for new coaches
- Will continue to host goalie camps
- Will continue with referees in division 2 for second half of season.
- Will formalize game ice times
- Will continue to hold first 2 weeks as practice time
- Season start date the weekend after Thanksgiving
- Will continue to use outlying arenas (Penhold, RDP, Blackfalds etc)
- Will host the equipment swap again this year
- May consider implementation of delayed team building for division 5 & 6. Will build temporary teams for first 2 ice tiems, allow a couple of games to be played the evaluate players skill level to allow for building more equitable teams. We had a significant number of new to RDPH players last season in Division 5 which meant we had no data and information on players, teams were extremely uneven which resulted in some moves after the first couple of games which was not well received by parents. We are considering making this the team building format to create a more fair team splits.
- Will be creating a more formalized application process for registration involving Jump Start and Kidsport, It will be removed from the registration process and must show proof of application and will be granted on case by case basis.
- Discussion regarding a possible separation from Kinsmen Group for skate-a-rama, they have been an amazing partner however we need to consider alternative options to gain more sponsorship going forward and discussions have gone on with ideas surrounding hosting our own skate-a-rama event to allow us the ability to recognize sponsors. Discussion is ongoing.

Governance Update – Drafting some new policies, to create a more clear outline of the registration process and our procedures.

SECOND ROUND OF NOMINATIONS:

VOTING POSITIONS

- President – Sterling Lyon nominates John Oblienius, Seconded by Scott Christianson. Nomination accepted
- Vice President (1 Year Term) – Michelle Moore nominates Kendall Frayn, seconded by Corrie Ryder. Nomination accepted
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NON-VOTING POSITIONS

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No new nominations.

Motion to appoint John Obleinius as President – all in favor, motion carried

Motion to appoint Kedall Frayn as Vice President – all in favor, motion carried

Motion to appoint Tara Moore as Governance – all in favor, motion carried

Motion to appoint Jaie Nelson as Scheduler – all in favor, motion carried

Motion to appoint Cassie Henderson as Admin Assistant – all in favor, motion carried

Motion to appoint Scott Christensen as Sponsorship – all in favor, motion carried

Division Coordinators by Acclamation – Kaiden Hunter, Karen Unterschultz, Stephanie Taylor. – all in favor, motion carried.

Seth VanHavere & Rebbecca Lyon requested additional information about what the role of division coordinator entails. Information will be sent to them by John.

John Obleinius Motion to change signing authority at Servus Credit Union to remove Corrie Ryder as signor and add Kendall Frayn. Motion seconded by Corie Ryder. All in favor.

Introduction of 24-25 season board members.

Thank you to Corrie Ryder & Randi Dale for their commitment and hard work in their respective roles as Vice President and Scheduler. Red Deer Pond Hockey is grateful for their invaluable service and they will be sorely missed. However we wish them well.

Open floor to Q&A:

Question regarding Team Parties, do many teams participate? Only a portion of teams participated or requested reimbursements. It is split on who uses it and who doesn't. \$200 does not go very far. Confirmed there is regular discussion surrounding Team Parties by the board, if we should just stop it or if we should plan one large Team Party event for all players. This is always a topic we discuss and is being considered as a part of the volunteer bond removal, to offer large contribution to team parties.

Seth inquired about the possibility of holding player skating camps similar to goalie camps as in the younger divisions there is often many brand new skaters and this can take a lot of time for a coach to try and teach. Confirmed we have also had many discussions on this topic as well, however the concern is if we held this camp, everyone would sign up and it would end up just being a large family skate as it would be incredibly expensive to hire a facilitator to provide actual instructions and to break up the groups small enough to be effective would require a significant amount of ice times. We always suggest CanSkate programs for new skaters, but we do often discuss this topic and have even consulted with professional instructors however the cost was incredibly expensive and outside of our fiscal abilities. The same discussions have been held to provide training for coaches as well as we often have new coaches and we don't want to have them feeling overwhelmed or to discourage them to sign up because they don't know how to coach. We also consulted with professionals and their costs are incredibly high. So we discussed the potential of holding on ice coaches clinics to teach some skills and drill etc to help provide a basic foundation. A suggestion that was made was to add a small deck of laminated cards to coaches bags with diagrams of skills and drills. This is used in lacrosse and coaches often refer to it for ideas. A great idea that we will look at implementing next season. We do

include links to Hockey AB site with multiple drills and coaching information for all coaches to access whenever they need.

Some suggestions for helping with player skating development is the Red Deer Vipers are very actively involved in the community and love to come out and do on ice activities with kids. Will reach out to the Vipers to try and make a connection. Perhaps in the first 2 weeks of games.

No additional questions - Meeting adjourned at 7:19PM

President – John Oblienius

Vice President – Corrie Ryder

