



**JDF Executive Meeting
February 20, 2024 In-Person**

Attendance:

Harold Bloomenthal	Present	John Turcotte	Present
Mike Hales	Present	Karalee Reade	Present
Ian Taylor	Absent	Darren Jarvie	Present
Sheryl Williamson	Present	Jared Steingard	Absent
Janine Hughes	Present	Dennis Frenette	Absent
Brian Kowalko	Present	Justin Simmons	Present
Sara Blackstock	Present	Erin Loewen	Absent
Galen Brewer	Present	Jaclyn Lambourne	Present
Candice Heinekey	Absent	Bonnie Osborne	Present
Corrina Taylor	Absent	Jordan Taylor	Absent
Jeff Eves	Present	Laurie Anderson	Present
Trevor Won	Present	Jen Glassel	Absent
Ashley Johnson	Present		

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Harold at 7:04pm

Established a Quorum

Adoption of previous minutes

Motion to adopt previous minutes from January 23, 2024 – motioned by Jaclyn, seconded by Sheryl

To adopt minutes of the previous meeting – ALL

CARRIED

Old Business:

- Go fund me update

New Business:

- N/A

Motion to adopt agenda as presented – motioned by Sheryl seconded by Laurie

All in favor - ALL -

CARRIED

Old Business:

- Fediw family Go fund me update – Goal of \$5000.00 met and exceeded

Financial report – Trevor

- 2024-25 Budget discussion
- Anticipating that registration numbers will be similar to prior year with the following changes to the registration fees:

Division	2023/24 fees	2024/25 fees
U6	\$525.00	\$550.00
U7	\$525.00	\$575.00
U8	\$650.00	\$675.00
U9	\$650.00	\$700.00
U11	\$775.00	\$825.00
U13	\$775.00	\$825.00
U15	\$775.00	\$825.00
U18	\$775.00	\$825.00
U21	\$525.00	\$550.00

- Rep fees and try =out fees remain the same
- Lower sponsorship revenue
- Expected Gaming Grant will be \$100,000.00
- Assessment costs - includes room rental, ice rental, goalie assessments, coaching costs
- Increases for membership dues for BC Hockey and VIAHA
- Ice costs roughly the same as previous season
- Goal is to create a surplus for jersey replacement
- Sheryl – can stipend for ice allocator be increased? Will be reviewed

Motion to accept pro forma budget as is with the understanding that a few items will be reviewed -
Motioned by Harold, seconded John

All in favour of budget – All motion passed

Web site – Darren

- Rolling out new version of RAMP in March and asked for a trial; Darren will make sure that the website works with our scheduling software then will proceed.

Committee Reports

President – Harold

- Had a meeting with MLA Mr. Ravi Parmar who is supportive of youth sports and interested in JDFMHA. Discussed new rink.
- Meetings will be scheduled in the coming weeks with local municipalities (Langford, Colwood, View Royal, etc.) to discuss need for a new rink
 - Justin – have other hockey communities been engaged in the conversation re. need for a new rink? Harold is starting small and working at getting the topic out in the open.

Goal will be to have a symposium to have other user groups share their stories as well.

- BC Hockey office visit to meet VP and programmer for referees (Al McCullough and Jen Alberts)
 - BC Hockey under the assumption that there are enough refs but reality is that there are too many younger referees who are not able to ref higher level games
 - Higher level refs are busy with sports academy teams and BCEHL teams
 - No mandate to develop referees except for within JDFMHA
 - Question: should referee development be at the cost of MHA's? and if so, BC Hockey should be supporting some of the costs
 - Border removal for referees was under discussion as well
- Another discussion re. player share program will be this coming weekend. New formatting looks similar to old formatting

Registrar – Ashley

- Very quiet
- HCR roster requests coming in

Head Referee/Ref Allocator – Galen; Candice (absent)

- EOI for referee allocator to post on website; some ppl have expressed interest but will vet properly. Will review a stipend for the position
- May not be an opportunity to train with Candice but this shouldn't be an problem as we will be moving to a new problem.
- Ref Camp – last week in August. Galen will put together information to send out and for social media posts

Ice Coordinator/Ice Committee – Sara B

- JDF Arena – issue with ice quality following figure skater use
- Rep teams done with ice
- Hosting U15 semis and finals
- Wolves moving forward in playoffs so will lose ice at Q Centre in March
- Jaclyn almost all trained

Gaming – Jen (absent, report submitted by email)

- All GER's up to date with BC Gaming.
- Gaming Policy (not sure best approach if I can't make it tonight, but here is the area of issue)
 - Carried forward a discussion about the current gaming policy. In particular around the 30% revenue sharing for the bursary fund. This has not been happening (I'm not sure when this stopped as I'm fairly new to the role), the request is that we get support to update the gaming policy to reflect current process and remove the 30% claw back.
 - current policy also includes a tournament component that should be updated to reflect the new 15%, unless this is on top of the 15% of tournament fees (could we get clarity, and ensure we specify gross or net)
 - " All JDFMHA tournaments are subject to 30% of the COMPLETE proceeds (meaning after all expenses have been deducted from all revenues) – NOT just gaming revenue. "

Tournaments (Jeff/Darren)

- U11A tournament went well and used raffle nexus. Jeff will work with the tournament committee to see if it is better than Raffle Box. Jeff to feed Jen the data so that she can make a proper

assessment

- Corrina working on Debbie Cooper and filling one spot in U15
- U7/U9 Jamboree on there way to getting finalized
- U9 – Bardown seeking permission to sell apparel to sell merchandise at Jamboree and will give 10% back to the association

Sponsorship – Jared (absent report provided by email)

- Secured a sponsor for the U7/U9 Jamboree and will follow up with the committee.
- Secured 2 more sponsors for jerseys and we are getting close to being able to replace a full division. Once the funds are in, Jared will be in touch with John to get an order going so we are ready for the fall.
- Laurie can do a social media post re. jersey sponsorship
- Darren will send graduating player jersey info to Janine and a communication will go out for jersey order

Equipment Manager – John T

- All Good. Nothing to report.

Head Coach – Brian

- Making sure coach 2 participants are finishing up
- Dev 1 - need field evaluations done
- Meeting held by Bill Morrison and VIAHA re. Goalie training and lack of support from BC hockey/HC
 - Idea is to share resource to build a better program
- Talking to coaches regarding next season

Risk Management – Erin (absent)

- Position will be posted for the AGM

VP Admin – Mike

- Ravens hockey – sending team to Canucks autism tournament and JDF has donated to assist the team
- AGM date will be confirmed once banquet date is set in April
- Jen will be updating gaming policy on website

VP Operations – Ian (absent report provi)

- For next season's Rep Teams - Pre-Assessments - Introducing a Code of Conduct to be signed by parents - at the beginning of Assessments(?)
 - A signed acknowledgement that outlines:
 - Parent conduct and expectations in the stands for the assessment process, post evaluation process, and throughout the season.
 - Rep/Development Team commitment - practices, dryland, and games
 - The expectations regarding ice-times and changing schedules week in and week out
 - The understanding that our ice allocators are at the mercy of VIAHA
 - Who VIAHA is and how they do the tiering, schedule games, and the difference between placement, league, and playoffs

- Code of conduct in the stands - towards other team's parents, the referees, each other, the coaches, etc.
 - Fundraising - accuracy and what the money is used for.
- Rep and Dev Dryland 24/25 Season
 - Shortlisted a new company to host our dryland for next season. I will be meeting the owner of the gym later this week to see the gym and review her proposal. This season we spent approx. \$16K on dryland with Marty Pierce Sports...and I believe it is time to test the market to see if we are getting the right value for our members. I have asked for a quote for 9x Rep Teams for next season. Starting September 23rd, 2023 and ending January 30th, 2025. I have asked for the following times:
 - Monday - Thursday each week
 - A set schedule for each team each week
 - U11 Dev Teams - 45 mins / team (3 teams in total = 2 ¼ hours/week)
 - U13/15/18 Teams - 1 hour / team / week (6 teams in total) = 6 hours/week)
- Ice Contract Review and Discussions with Westhills have begun
 - I have begun to review this past season's ice contracts in preparation for getting our ice requests in for next season.
 - have begun talks with Gerry at Westhills and we both acknowledge the great difficulty we find ourselves in.
 - I did broach the conversation of him asking the men's leagues to start later in the evenings...we went down this road last year, but this year, I've suggested we arrange a meeting with the Westhills' team and the adult hockey league's ice contract folks...to explain the situation that JDF finds ourselves in and ask the adult leagues to consider moving their times back to a later start during the mid-week evening ice availability.
 - I will also be including the 5:45am starts in our ice requests going forward.
- Goals for the upcoming season's ice requests:
 - All tournaments be hosted at Westhills again for the 3rd consecutive season
 - negotiate to keep the amount of ice we currently get from all our supporting facilities (and optimistically increase our weekday evening ice at Westhills)
 - mitigate as much loss as possible with the introduction of new teams at The Q Centre (with the development of the Victoria Grizzlies and their development teams, I am afraid that there will be risk of losing more of our primetime ice)
 - stabilize our ice times at Naden (can we also try for evening weekday ice out there? Say, after 6pm, so that families are able to get home and avoid traffic to get back out to the rink @ Naden for practices)

Social media – Laurie

- Engagement is steady and followers increased
- Share anything with Laurie to post i.e., AGM, banquet, etc.
- Scholarship deadline will be posted

Head Manager & Divisional Manager reports

Head Manager – Sheryl

- Provided a follow up on divisions stats throughout the season

- Confirm with team before a team that bench staff member added to roster
- Association banquet confirmed for April 4th, 2024

Age Division reports

U7 – Dennis (Absent. Report provided by email)

- the U6/U7 division is going well, with teams in full swing of practices, games and tournaments. The U6/U7 Springtime Jamboree committee has been formed and they are well underway planning and organizing the Jamboree. No issues to report.

U9 – Karalee

- tournament committee gung-ho and planning well underway

U11 – Justin

- A and B team have done well
- Rec teams doing very well (top 3 teams are all JDF teams)

U13 – Bonnie

- T1 finished 3rd and T2 finished 5th
- Top in recreation

U15 – Jaclyn

- Rec teams sitting in 3rd through 6th and rep teams have finished game play

U18 – Jordan (absent, no report provided)

U21 – Darren

- Going well
- C2 Sunday is last game
- Will be moving through to playoffs

Correspondences – no updates

New Business - N/A

Meeting Adjourned at 9:01pm

Next meeting will be March 19, 2024 at 7:00pm location Highlands Room