



**JDF Executive Meeting
November 21, 2023 In-Person**

Attendance:

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

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Harold at 7:03pm

Established a Quorum

Adoption of previous minutes

Motion to adopt previous minutes from October 17, 2023 – motioned by Bonnie, seconded by Mike

To adopt minutes of the previous meeting – ALL

CARRIED

Old Business:

- N/A

New Business:

- BC Hockey Questionnaire – tiering

Discussion re. post traumatic incident procedures (Jeff) – Harold to reach out to BC hockey and VIAHA re. resources. Risk Manager to collect links and resources that can be shared when incidents occur. (will not be new business)

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

All in favor - ALL -

CARRIED

Old Business: N/A

Financial report – Trevor

- Circulated financial statement as of September 30, 2023
- We are still working on applying payments to clear the accounts receivable. Cash balance in the bank account at the end of September was \$323K
- Equipment costs include the costs of the boards for the Q Centre
- Higher registration fees this season
- Tournament and Team Revenue line item includes payments made for teams to enter tournaments. These are to be paid back by the end of December. This revenue line item will eventually include recoveries of referee and ice costs from tournament registration fees from visiting teams.
- Jersey replacement fund – set aside cost of one set of jerseys per year

Web site – Darren

- Will be reaching out to RAMP again to confirm launch in April
- Will provide quote from RAMP to Trevor

Committee Reports

President – Harold

President's Meeting

- Discussed and decided up on representative team division placements.
- Discussed BC Hockey and VIAHA process to handle the investigations and suspensions; players will find out term of suspension; social media's negative role in incidents. Leadership needs to get ahead of the negative impact – talk to teams about posting negative comments.
- Discussed how to handle negative situation. Talks included apologies, options for social media posts and review of crisis management response.

Registrar – Ashley (absent)

- Working through deficiencies for RIS Parent

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

Ice Coordinator/Ice Committee – Sara B

- Schedules in until end of December 23 are complete
- Rep schedules done for the season
- Recreation schedules working through to finalize
- There will be ice for teams during first week of January
- Once VIAHA releases game schedule for the remainder of season, practice ice can be schedule
- Sara will be stepping down at end of season so will be looking for a replacement

Gaming – Jen

- Rafflebox, three different contract types, request is to have teams to work with only one person to keep things consistent

- Working through revisions to bottle drive routes

Tournament (Jeff/Darren)

- U13 Rep Memorial Tournament
 - o successful tournament
 - o conducted with minimal hiccups - VIAHA/BC Hockey last minute were able to ensure we had correct sanctioning;
 - o VRC won Tier 1; Whitehorse on Tier 2
- U11 Rec Candy Cane Classic
 - o all tournament spots filled and payments received;
 - o game numbers need to be requested from U11 Commissioner
 - o once I get those game #s, I'll complete the referee requests;
- U11 Dev B - Christmas Classic
 - o only two spots have been confirmed / on paid for;
 - o reached out to other Island Associations to find other teams
 - o unless we can get one more confirmed/paid position as of drop dead of 15 Dec 23
Drop dead date
- U18 Rec Bricklok Cup
 - o all spots filled and payments received
 - o no perceived issues
- U11 Dev A - Family Day Tournament
 - o same as Bricklok Cup
- U7 & U9 Jamboree
 - o would like to send out invites to teams by the end of the week;
 - o would like input from the U7 & U9 teams;
 - o if I don't get it, I'll start to pick from the existing applicants.
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Sponsorship – Jared (Absent)

- Jim Knutsen has approached me about doing another fundraising push for the CFax Santa's Anonymous. Last year we raised just under \$30k. Jim is seeking board approval to do it again. However, this year, he would like to challenge the other local MHAs to participate as well. If the board is supportive, it would be my recommendation and we reach out to the other MHAs privately first to see if they are willing to participate. Jim would then provide the start up info so they can get their managers set up. CTV news would like to do a 'Home town Hero's' piece which would serve as the catalyst. If we want to keep it just JDF, that's fine too. We just need to let Jim know.
 - o Board has no concerns with this
- Working with Jeff and the tournament committees for the 3 upcoming tournaments. 2 have sponsors and I'm working on the 3rd as Thrifty's is not willing to do a monetary sponsorship but will provide food for the U11 B1 tournament. We should have a go/no-go date for that one as there is our JDF B + 2 others at the moment.
- Pursuing other sponsorship leads for jerseys and other expenses. Admittedly this has gone slower than hoped, but I'm optimistic we will be successful in our goal by the end of the season.

Equipment Manager – John T (absent)

- Do we have Timbits goalie gear – Brian chatted with John and he is looking into it.
- U11 jerseys

Head Coach – Brian

- New boards at the Q Centre – had a session with coaches to go through set up (takes 5 mins to set up)
 - o Will chat with WSPR to see about keeping boards in Zamboni bay
 - o Jared has a few ppl for sponsorship
 - o Will need locking system so other user groups don't use boards
- Coaches night a few weeks ago; U9 parent presentation to provide sense of what U11 looks like; U11 pathway; private options and costs; well received; discussion around pressure to be competitive has created an atmosphere of intensity has caused many to get lost in an expectation that is not real
- Should try to offer more educational pieces for parent groups to help simmer the expectations; fun is being lost of playing hockey
- Goaltender mentor program moving along
- Vic Gervais going around to assist with teams

Risk Management – Erin (absent)

- Ian met with Erin, and will be jumping in to assist, getting up to speed on EPACT
- For managers can we put EPACT app on tablet; put app on the phone

VP Admin – Mike

- Picture day went very well; thank you to U18 T1, U15 T2 and Jen.
- Bi-election will be held for Jen, Erin and Ashley's positions
- Hockey day in Canada in Victoria this year 17 to 20 of Jan and JDF has been offered a few spots

VP Operations – Ian

- Discipline has been a lot so far

Social media – Laurie

- Starting to schedule content for Dec. and Jan. (i.e., tournaments info)
- Keep in loop on what is happening with tournaments so that she can post
- Send registration updates to post
- RIS parent has been posted

Head Manager & Divisional Manager reports

Head Manager – Sheryl

- Galen and Sheryl setting up Zoom call that will be open to managers and volunteers who do scoring/timing as a tutorial (Nov 30 at 7pm). Will try to make a regular occurrence
 - o Sheryl will send me info for invitation to share with the association
- Any parent complaints, send through Sheryl

Age Division reports

U7 – Dennis

- Going well; U7 requesting game numbers for New Year
- U6/7 female team for REIGN tournament

U9 – Karalee

- Going well; teams are requesting game numbers
- U8/9 games only at Q and team needs to pay for refs

- Brian has laid out to coaches and managers how things will go after January; every practice can't be turned into game ice. Brian and Karalee will work together and review that the ratios of practices vs. games are correct.

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U11 – Justin (Absent)

- Strong managers that are doing a great job
- AP questions coming in
- U11 B questions re. Xmas tournament
- Parent meetings complete and all talked about code of conduct
- Assessment process for 2nd year U11 meeting

U13 – Bonnie

- Question: can shared ice practices be used for teams to play each other? They need a game number then assign ref; let Sara know so that she can track and notify arena
- Three incidents this past week where other teams' parents yelling and swearing at other parent groups
 - o Bad behaviour needs to be brought to Harold's attention

U15 – Jaclyn

- Having trouble reaching the U15 Rec commissionaire and frustration coming from U15 rec team managers
- Struggle getting names numbers, answers to questions, etc.

U18 – Jordan

- T1 and T2 going well
- Rec teams going well; except for U18 C3 player
- U18 Bricklock tournament planning underway
- Still hunting down the U18 C4 jerseys

U21 – Darren

- Both teams are doing well
- Port Alberni tournament has been cancelled due to 4 teams withdrawing

Correspondences – no updates

New Business

BC Hockey Questionnaire – tiering

- Gather information on how we feel re. current tiering structure. Tier is based on size of organization
- Current tiering structure using historical numbers.
 - o Should threshold numbers be altered?
 - o Tier does not equal division you play in
 - o Action: board members to provide Harold feedback via email

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm

Next meeting will be January 23, 2024 at 7:00pm location TBD