



**JDF Executive Meeting
November 26, 2024 In-Person**

Attendance:

Harold Bloomenthal	Present	John Turcotte	Present
Jared Steingard	Present	Karalee Reade	Present
Ian Taylor	Absent	Darren Jarvie	Present
Sheryl Williamson	Present	Dennis Frenette	Absent
Janine Hughes	Present	Justin Simmons	Present
Brian Kowalko	Present	Sarah Hannay	Present
Galen Brewer	Absent	Jaclyn Lambourne	Present
Corrina Taylor	Absent	Bonnie Osborne	Present
Jeff Eves	Present	Jordan Taylor	Absent
Trevor Won	Present	Laurie Anderson	Present
Ashley Johnson	Present	Jen Glassel	Absent
Kyle Granger	Present	Tom Coyle	Absent
		Matt Erickson	Absent

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 October 15, 2024 – motioned by Bonnie, seconded by Justin

To adopt minutes of the previous meeting – ALL

CARRIED

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Youth Sports agenda (Harold)
- Ice transitions (Jaclyn)

Motion to adopt agenda as presented – motioned by Sarah seconded by John

All in favor - ALL -

CARRIED

Financial report – Trevor

- Bursary Fund is at \$33,979. We still need to make the allocations from the tournament funds to the Bursary Fund.
- Accounts receivable is primarily the tournament advances for teams to be repaid by the end of December.
- Membership fees/dues are the amount collected and do not include members who still need to pay for registration and rep fees. We also still need to allocate revenue to tryout fees as everything has been grouped to registration fees so far.
- We will need to allocate some of the ice costs to assessment costs and referee training, but this does not affect the overall surplus.
- Website includes amounts paid for Spordle and RAMP.
- GIC at 100K
- Cash at about 200K
- Tournament recovery – fees still need to be allocated to bursary fund.
- Expenses are on track – expenses still to be allocated to assessments and ref costs.

Web site – Darren

- RAMP App still dropping attendance of players; adding duplicate games – Darren waiting on reply from RAMP re. issues
- RAMP officiating app had issues which are resolved.
- Question from Darren: Can JDF accept electronic payments when doing fundraising? Darren had talked with Stripe – we can get a free account.
 - Can use any phone with NFC enabled.
 - Get a terminal (cost would be about \$50 per terminal)
- Committee agrees for Darren to pursue cashless option for fundraising.
- Process would be developed to track money; track terminals; dates of fundraising, etc. (square terminal)

Committee Reports

President – Harold

- Scheduling – difficult time getting schedule for rec games because there is a larger number of players therefore more games and ice time is needed.
 - Fulltime administrative position at VIAHA created and candidate hired has a background in sport management. Harold has raised concern about not having the schedule.
 - Delay in the release of the recreation schedule:
 - Some issues are being caused by Spordle
 - Office is having issues entering games in Spordle and when there are issues there is no one at Spordle to assist.
 - South presidents met and are proposing to abandon VIAHA office schedule games and ice allocators and commissioners would do the schedule.
 - Done successfully at representative level to have managing directors and ice allocators do schedule so should model a similar process at rec level.
- U9 program – Homogenize the age division with the goal of standardization in mind.
 - Dec 15 can play full ice games.
 - Commissioner assigned – Arora from Peninsula
 - Draft of game play provided so that it can be shared with the goal of having a clear understanding of how U9 games will run.

- Game play process has been shared with all managers to distribute.

Registrar – Ashley

- RIS Parent – track down last few people to complete.

Head Referee/Ref Allocator – Galen; Tom Coyle (absent)

Ice Coordinator/Ice Committee – Jaclyn

- Working through winter break ice and all ice should be used up.
- Working with Ryan and Corrina on tournament schedules and everything has been done until February.

Gaming – Jen

Gaming Licenses:

- 18 license requests – 15 licenses have been approved (3 still with BC Gaming)

Bottle Drives:

- 21 bottle drives already requested. 17 have already happened.
- 2 bottle drive issues on Nov 2 & 3: One was a complaint around Royal Bay area of a team being rude and disrespectful after a family advised of no bottles. It was posted on Westshore moms and was quickly brought to our attention by multiple people. We were able to determine with relative confidence (thankfully) this was not JDF Team.
- On Nov 3, we had another complaint - this time it came from a JDF family. A team took bags of bottles off their property that was not intended for this group, they came back onto the property 15 minutes after and took more. The family went and spoke to the group as well.
- I have committed to adding reminders about how we represent our association in the emails when requests come in.

Tournaments – Corrina and Jordan (absent, report provided by email)

- All is going well and working with Dennis on U6/7 tournament. Challenges have arising as Peninsula announced that they are holding a U6/7 tournament at the same weekend.

Sponsorship – Kyle

- Association raffle - ran into a dead end trying to get a team prize so in lieu of that we are going to run a spring raffle and what we get is what we get – will begin in January.
- How to get bigger corporate sponsors? Compiling a list/ contact etc. (i.e. Rogers, TELUS, Buckerfields, Thrifty foods), then would assign to a tournament.
- Jersey sponsors – done through connections in the membership. Now need to look for a new round of sponsors. Will need 5 or 6 sponsors per year.
- Can send a mass email to association regarding jersey sponsorship.
- Action plan for more jersey sponsors:
 - Thank you to current teams with new jerseys.
 - List on website of jersey sponsors.
- Tournament sponsors
 - System last year to have a sponsor per tournament but trouble can occur if a team comes with their own sponsor.
 - Is desire of the board to have a sponsor per tournament?
 - How do you get large sponsors for tournaments

Equipment Manager – John T

- All is going fine.

Head Coach – Brian

- Coaching side going well but ice is a challenge for goal tending clinics; have held 5 so far.
- AP process, most coaches have received short list of APs.
 - Will be adding U9s to U11 and will work with coaches.
 - Will send an update bulletin to coaches on how to manage.
- U9 transition to full ice – email sent to coaches. Will have a controlled scrimmage amongst JDF teams.
- January 2 or 5th – will be a coach game
- Working through finalizing all coach requirements
- Looking towards next year with Jaclyn and what our programming will be moving forward based on our ice resources.

Risk Management – Sarah

- Working through epect completions
- Quite a few safeties have not accepted epect invites.
- December 1st is the drop-dead date for safety to be in place and for players to have a profile set up.

VP Admin – Jared

- Photo day went really well, and Fieldhouse was a great location.
- Most pictures are printed and almost ready for pick up.
- No retake date yet but Jared will let me know for booking mid-week in January.
- Banners – Westhill's is still hanging.
- Bonnie will send Jared process for adding names to banner.

VP Operations – Ian (Absent)

Social media – Laurie

- going along smoothly
- lots more traction from teams sending in pictures.
- getting content ready to post for holidays.

Head Manager & Divisional Manager reports

Head Manager – Sheryl

- Spordle continues to be an issue – manual game entry of games; changing times; games being dropped; Spordle has no answer. This is causing issues beyond ice and game times – issues with ref schedules as well.
- Managers are all doing great; complaints about ice keep coming in.
- Discussions regarding reffing outside of JDF. Should be a provincial standard, i.e. four-man system. Outside of our association, reffing is not up to our association standard. Kids are getting hurt. Need to look at a better system. Could VIAHA take over to standardize?
 - Brian curb disrespect on the bench. Training for coaches and start giving out unsportsmanlike penalties. There is a lot of work that could be done that doesn't just focus on referees.

Age Division reports

U7 Dennis (absent)

U9 Karalee – nothing to report.

U11 Justin – teams are doing well; rec teams aren't as competitive as last year but on average doing well. Dev B team not doing well not enough competitive players; A team is doing okay. Parents asking about skill development, and this will need to be done during practice time (put onus on the coach). Lack of tournaments for age division. Could be a market for more than 1 u11 tournament.

For next year - by one pair of good socks per player rather than two pairs of wool socks

Dryland – if a session isn't being well attended can others attend?

Esso medals are applied for by individual teams.

U13 Bonnie – rec teams doing well. Complaint from rep teams - evening dryland then 545am ice slots however the association is constrained by resources available.

U15 Jeff – Tier 1 team is in the middle of the pack and rec teams are doing very well.

U18 Matt – absent

U21 Darren – going okay. Internal tournament between JDFMHA, VMHA and PMHA organized. Will use exhibition and practice slots for games. 14 round robin game and playoffs in February.

Correspondence – N/A

New Business

- Youth Sports agenda (Harold)
 - Harold has been nominated president of recreation committee (all sports represented). Committee's focus is to run worthwhile programming for Westshore kids (about 9000).
 - \$16 million in Langford bank earmarked for recreation.
 - Land set aside for a recreation facility.
 - YMCA membership dropped from 14k to 6k, and rates increased.
 - Westhills group currently own the YMCA and they want to sell.
 - Current item under consideration is that there has been zero consultation with local government who are not really hearing needs of community.
 - Langford review of community needs and understanding is to allocate the \$16 million to purchase of the YMCA. But does this really serve the community needs?
 - Not one organization has enough resources to meet member needs. For JDFMHA more than half of our members are in younger age division and growing and soon we will have an unresolved waitlist.
 - Colliers hired to study the acquisition of the YMCA but not the other facilities.
 - If it is purchased it would be amortized over 5 years to avoid a referendum and the result – no money left for development of any recreation facilities for at least 5 years.
 - Ask:
 - Harold going to council meeting on December 2 to speak on behalf of committee and JDFMHA.
 - Correspondence to members (hint of what can be submitted) to send messages to Langford council and mayor?
 - Need members to write emails explaining importance association is to them and their experience.

- Ice transitions (Jaclyn)
 - Issue at arenas where teams aren't getting off ice in time (occurring with all teams –

PCHA, CRFMHA etc). sometimes ice is getting pushed back and as a result no ice cleaning.

- Need a communication sent – group needs to be off ice 12 mins before (Brian will send to our coaches) but a notice should also go to other user groups.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm – motioned by Jeff– second by Sheryl

Next meeting will be January 21, 2024, at 7:00pm location Highlands Room