



LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex Community Room
LACOMBE, ALBERTA
July 15, 2026

Call to Order.

Attendance: Alyssa Dinter, Curtis Goulet, Stacy Christensen, Erin Fuller, Mark Luymes, Angela Caleo, Kim Somerville Keehn, Brent Talsma, Joel Isaac, Jordi Stewart, Brie Huston, Rhandi Douglas, Nicole Fauria, Tara Worobetz, Kevin Livingstone, Becca Plunket, Priscilla Blokland

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Approval of LMH Operating Committee Meeting from June 17, 2026. [Motion to approve by Angela Caleo , seconded by Mark Luymes. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.](#)

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 2.1 Additions to Unfinished Business.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3.1 Additions to New Business
3.2 Approval of Agenda [motion to approve by Erin Fuller, seconded by JOrdi Stewart. All in favour. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.](#)

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- 4.1 President – Priscilla Blokland
- Executive and Operating Committee positions
 - Treasurer and Special Events are filled - seeking an additional Sponsorship volunteer
 - Division Caps, Waitlist and Team Size
 - All divisions capped except U7, U9, U15. Expect full rosters for all teams.
 - U15-predicting A, B, NBC team
 - U18 - expecting 3 teams and polling members in 2011 age group for interest in U16 team. Checking with CAHL to see who may have U16 teams before email goes out. It's possible we will field a U16 team and 2 U18 teams.
 - Important Dates and Planning
 - Front ice goes in August 1 and back ice goes in for first day to be on ice is September 12 (week earlier than we usually get it)
 - Evaluations - Directors to watch for emails coming out to plan ahead, make plans and contact parents.
 - Used Equipment Sale - still in planning mode
 - Battle of Alberta for Food Bank will be coming again with Priscilla and Curtis.
 - Welcome Back Breakfast - this is hosted by Executive and Operating Committee
- 4.2 Vice-President – Curtis Goulet
- Met with Jeremy to discuss Evals
 - Replacing one drill for U13/U15/U18
 - Meeting in August with Dylan, Tyler G, & Jeremy to formalize the goalie evals to then add to Handbook
 - Wanting to do HC interviews further in advance as possible to have some selection done prior to evaluations starting (e.g. who HC may be regardless of which team they may be on)
 - Meeting with Jason Stephens from RDMH re U15NBC in later July / early August. Also discussing potential of U18NBC
 - Next CAHL meeting in September
 - Cross-Ice will be doing evals for LMHA again - but to save money, do we consider volunteer evaluators for U18??
 - Rationale: More game weighting compared to skills and drills. Feel we have skilled coaches/mentors/contacts who wouldn't have a conflict. Discussion on pros and cons. May receive payment just not through Cross Ice
 - Switching to Skillshark from TeamGenius. Cost is the same but more features available.

- Need 2011 player/family feedback regarding U16 team option
 - Want to provide an opportunity for U16s to still go on the ice for U18s
 - Want to ensure we remain competitive if we can
- To review evaluation schedule with Jeremy and Alison
 - Cognizant of overlap on ice with front and back ice availability
- 4.3 Treasurer & Bookkeeper – VACANT & Stacy Christensen
 - Registration fee total (Rockets, CAS, CAW, Dev)\$ 362K paid \$200K Balance \$122K
 - Payments seem to be come in fast.
 - Bank Balance+/-: \$296K Operating \$73K Savings \$869 Raffle \$16K Casino
 - Looking at registrations we will need to approve or keep an eye on the following line items some more closely than others for jerseys, referees, evaluations as we will have 3 teams in each U15 and U18.
 - Watch items:
 - Ice cost- Likely will be higher than budgeted (\$216K) depending on where ice is secured. Will reassess in January. With 23 teams between CAS, CAW and Rockets- will need to outsource more ice so not sure where that may be and costs associated.
 - Hockey Alberta Fee- Likely higher than budgeted due to increase in registrants
 - Development/ Support session-
 - Getting ready for September- Looking at changing a few financial processes at the team/ tournament level. Anticipating to bring forward at an upcoming meeting
 - FY 2026 has went to MNP to finalize. Spring AGM approve the budget, Fall AGM approves the financials.
- 4.4 Game & Conduct – Nicole Fauria
 - First draft of new Game and Conduct Manual is complete as well as some edits added working with Executive team to fine tune it
 - Working on Permanent release and Parents in Bad Standing policies to make more clear and specific.
 - Started working on organizing VSC's and Declaration for any coaches we have applied to get ahead of the fall rush. Hoping to catch who I can while they are on summer holidays and have time to get into the Police Station
 - Reviewing the HA Minimum Screening Standards that has now come out. The new policy indicates that anybody who is on boards will require it. **Action to review for Stacy and Nicole:** May need a budget increase for future consideration.
- 4.5 Secretary – Alyssa Dinter
 - No updates - ongoing business
- 4.6 Past President – Amy Richter
- 4.7 Administration- Alison Stangeland
 - Hockey Alberta volunteer screening
 - CAHL & Team Linkt- [Digital Game Sheets](#). Alison getting more information. **Future action item:** Information session for parents to provide support.
 - Fall tryout and evaluation plan - refining and will be out in August for all groups.
 - Fall Development - U11 to start development sessions after long weekend, other divisions Sept 12. This also includes the paid development camps that have been offered in August in prior years.
 - Note: CAS tries out and can make cuts, Rockets evaluates (there are no “cuts”).
 - Practice plan - creative with practice slots - Rockets should expect morning practices for U11-U18. Also lost 3 hours/week.
 - Working on game ice [schedule](#). AA ice schedule due end of the month.
 - U15 and U18 teams need to play on front surface for safety purposes due to prior injuries.
 - Team Plan
 - U18 - U18AA, U18A, U18B and one more U18 team
 - U15 - U15AA, U15A, U15B & U15NBC
 - U13 - U13AA, U13A, U13B & U13CAW
 - U11 - U11AA, U11A, U11B & U11CAW
 - U9 - 4 teams
 - U7 - 4 teams
 - Rocket Launchers

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

- 5.1. Intro to Hockey (U5, U7 and Rocket Launchers) – Brandi Hunter, Mark Luymes

- No updates
- 5.2. U9 – Rhandi Douglas
 - Currently at 31 skaters. Anticipating closer to 9-10 players who haven't registered yet.
- 5.3. U11 – Traci Law
 - As of July 14th, we have 39 kids registered for U11
 - 24 registered under LMH
 - 13 registered for both LMH & CAS
 - 1 registered for both LMH & CAW
 - As of July 14th, 6 kids have not yet registered
 - 1 email has come through asking for a release to play in Clive.
 - Email response was given to parent stating releases would not be considered at this time as registration remains active and player capacity for U11 has been reached
- 5.4. U13 – Angela Caleo
 - 5 players who haven't registered. 3 are not returning.
- 5.5. U15 – Jordi Stewart
 - As of July 14th we have 43 kids registered for U15 - 3 goalies (1 trying out for AA), 5 players trying out for AA, 11 kids who prefer non body contact.
 - We have 8 kids who played last year who have not registered, I have sent an email to parents.
 - 4 import players who played last year who have not registered but 1 that has and he is included in the 43.
- 5.6. U18 – Ryan Fauria, Kim Somerville Keehn
 - Almost all kids came back, things going well.
 - Discussions underway on U16
- 5.7. CAW Governor & Female Director/- Michelle McIntyre, Kevin Henderson
 - Meeting coming up; numbers showing for U11 and U13 team
- 5.8. Central Alberta Selects Governor – Brent Talsma, Joel Isaac
 - Evaluation Process
 - Metric Based Skill Testing at each age group to align with Hockey Alberta. Not evaluation scores - its about competition and speed (like time trials) - like a Combine.
 - Individual Evaluators (paid), moving away from Cross Ice
 - Head Coaches
 - Still in the process of looking for a U13AA - so many players trying out for AAA (waiting)
 - Hudl Fees (analytics)
 - AEHL & AFHL membership agreed that each team in the Elite Leagues MUST use one of the three Hudl product tiers, however the choice on which they will use is entirely up to the team/association. Feel fees can be absorbed within current registration fees. U11 are still on their own outside of AEHL. Not in favour of naming players in advance.
 - W/Assist: U13AA (\$1,350), U15AA (\$1,350), U18AA (\$1,508.80)
 - W/Short Shift: U13AA (\$2,400), U15AA (\$2,450), U18AA (\$2,611.30)
 - W/Full Analysis: MORE!!!
 - Registration Numbers:
 - 32 Players at U11 - 27 Players / 5 Goalies
 - 34 Players at U13 - 28 Players / 6 Goalies
 - 42 Players at U15 - 37 Players / 5 Goalies
 - 44 Players at U18 - 37 Players / 7 Goalies

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. Referee in Chief – Mike Luymes
 - No update
- 6.2. Referee Assignor - Jody Blokland
 - No update

- 6.3. Fundraising Convenor – Tara Worobetz
 - Submit AGLC license application. Same approach as last year
 - Jody Blokland and Kim Somerville Keehn to be on a fundraising panel and requested Divisional Directors to provide one parent to participate on a group this upcoming year to explore other options.
- 6.4. Sponsorship Chair – Lorri Guimond
 - Darrin has resigned
- 6.5. Safety Officer - Devon Martin
 - No update
- 6.6. Social Media Coordinator - Samantha Vezina
 - No update - social media has been active and going well. Share anything with her for posting.
- 6.7. Development Director/Lead Coach Mentor- Jeremy Dreise
 - See Curtis' notes.
- 6.8. Tournament Coordinator - Becca Plunkett
 - Went through all division's past templates & tournament information and have attempted to streamline all templates/information for tournament committees (specifically the Chair) going forward. Hoping this makes the task of being the Tournament Chair less daunting.
 - If anybody wants to be a Tournament Chair - let Becca know and in advance.
 - **Action:** Becca to send a descriptor for Directors to share with parents. Needing 2 tournament reps per team
- 6.9. Special Events Coordinator- Erin Fuller
 - Transitioning to Brie
- 6.10. Rockets Give Back Coordinator - Heather Agnew
 - No update
- 6.11. Equipment Manager - Kevin Livingstone
 - Met with Alison
 - Working with Alison and Directors for equipment signout coming up

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1. Tabled to future planning for 2026/27
 - Bylaw update
 - Baseline Concussion Testing
 - Honouraria Position Job Description Review
 - Evaluation Review
 - Sponsorship & Apparel - U7 Jersey Sponsor approach; apparel sponsorship clarification
 - Drive Analytics software

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. Executive Committee - Treasurer Vacancy (Priscilla)
 - Motion to appoint Erin Fuller as Interim Treasurer until the Fall AGM for a 2 year term made by Curtis Goulet, seconded by Angela Caleo. All in favour. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.
- 8.2. Operating Committee - Special Events Coordinator Vacancy (Priscilla)
 - Motion to appoint Brie Huston for Special Events Coordinator for a one year term made by Angela Caleo, seconded by Kim Somerville Keehn. All in favour. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.
- 8.3. Evaluation Software (Curtis)
 - Motion to transition evaluation software from Team Genius to Skill Shark made by Kim Somerville Keehn and seconded by Angela Caleo. All in favour. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.
- 8.4. Evaluation Budget (Stacy)
 - Motion to increase the evaluation budget for an extra up to \$2,000 made by Nicole Fauria, seconded by Jordi Stewart. All in favour. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.
 - Note: currently \$10K evaluators, \$3K software and there is a 10% increase in evaluator cost.
- 8.5. Jersey Budget (Stacy)
 - Motion to add \$2000.00 (currently at \$4K with around \$2100.00 spent) made by Jordi Stewart, seconded by Angela Caleo. All in favour. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion

- carried.
- 8.6. Referee Budget (Stacy)
- Motion to add \$5000.00 to Referee Line item made by Nicole Fauria, seconded by Jordi Stewart. All in favour. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.
 - Rationale: Currently \$46K. Addition of another team higher division for U18 (4-man). Cost to pay game/travel only. May need to be re-evaluated mid season.
- 8.7. Team Formation - U16 potential (Priscilla)
- See notes above
- 8.8. Association Raffle Format & Planning (Stacy/Tara)
- Maintaining status quo.
- 8.9. Banking Review (Priscilla/Stacy)
- Met with ATB and Servus. Reached out to ScotiaBank and didn't hear back.
 - Servus has a new platform coming for dual approvals online and should streamline some of our processes. Can set EMT limits, can't change signors online.
 - We have 41 accounts and would take a long time to switch things over.
 - Recommend staying with Servus for a minimum of another year.
- 8.10. LMHA Handbook Update (Priscilla)
- Any recommended changes to Priscilla and Alyssa. Want to make fewer changes - wanting a new handbook released for fall. **Action:** Any feedback or recommendations by September 1
- 8.11. Player Release and Permanent Departure Policy (Nicole)
- Motion to accept the Player Release and Permanent Departure Policy as presented and update the Handbook made by Kim Somerville Keehn and seconded by Angela. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.
 - **Action:** Include this as an association update email and post on Social Media.
- 8.12. Parent/Guardian/Member in Bad Standing Definition (Nicole)
- Our Bylaws don't currently have a definition of Bad Standing so this policy provides great guidance should a situation arise.
 - Need to ensure we reference and consider conflict management.
 - Not looking to change the Bylaws-this will go into the Handbook.
 - Provides an opportunity to have a conversation during registrations or other feedback opportunities.
 - Tracking and monitoring would be for Game and Conduct to track and monitor.
 - Need to expand from "parent/guardian" to "members as defined by LMHA Bylaws"
 - Should this also include volunteers who don't fulfill commitments?
 - Tabled - feedback to send to Nicole and Priscilla to incorporate changes and fine tune. **August 26 deadline to submit feedback.**

Adjourn 8:50pm. Next meeting date August 31, 2026 Gary Moe Sportsplex